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Sunday - March 1st 1863

85 days from NY.

Latitude South Longitude West.

During the night - there was but very little wind. - About 5 Am. I awoke out of a sound sleep - to find by the motion of the ship that she was apparently running with a fair wind. Looking out of the window in my room - saw that the yards were square - and heading west. - I awoke Comd and told him of the good news - which however was to good to last long - for before 12 - we were close hauled - on the Starboard tack - and the wind heading us off. - The Whalermen had 4 nets during the night - but for ahead were a sail - and two others - in different places. Came on the Cabin - read some and talked over the prospects - of getting into Valparaiso - Some were almost dis-journey - of ever getting there - Got two observations - one by George - the other by the Capt. - Although the wind was light - did not make sail - more than set the jib - and stowed a reef out of the main topsail - - At 12. the Capt. got the sun - and found that we had gone one mile east - of where we were yesterday. Although we had been running west - a greater part of the time - going 5 or 6 miles from home. - This was caused by the current setting against us - at the rate of 4 miles from home - after a very heavy gale of wind. - Lost Chantal for dinner - - About 2 P.M. went around on the Starboard tack - we had come into with two of the sail - which were ship at the same time of ourselves. - The vessel to us - was a Barque - with Stump Foretopmast - and no Mizzen topmast. She had all sail set - She also had a white Monkey sail - and looked like an Englishman's - As we had but very little sail on the Bark - some drove ahead of us - and the wind - heading us off - brought us between the Ship and Bark - The Ship was the "Gaspie" - which we saw some time ago - and which the Capt. knew - The Capt. main was "Andrews" - from Rhode Island. Sent before dawn we were very close together and with the glass could distinguish what was going on deck. - Squalls of rain coming on - we soon drove ahead and left the Barque and ship astern. Leaving them to pursue their way - all heading - Sky W. - we in the Cabin - sat again around the stove - and to wonder when the wind would again spring from. The Capt. told us of Valparaiso - and its surroundings - and we spent a very pleasant Evening - talking of home - &c - about 9 1/2 - when I had some Cracking of Churn - before going to bed -

- So - Ends -

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Monday - March 2nd 1863

86 days from NY

Latitude - South Longitude West

No wind during the night - but braced up on the Larboard tack - at 5 am from my window could see - a new ship - about 4 miles off. - I watched her making sail - and from close reef soon was under full sail - Fore main - Mizzen - Mizen - After - Rouse - sent down the main topsail - and bent another. - Are to, mind the main and send it up to the fore - in place of the old one we now have - which we dare not set! - ~~Spent~~ Spent all the forenoon washing out my room -! Curd Mary - and all the Ladies - in the Cabin talking about dinner -! which keeps them busy - The Children are very troublesome - and - if a little more - judicious - Jockers - were appointed - I would - help - Mrs. Marys little girl is - very - hard to manage and - does not mind - and makes trouble - among the other children -! But it is (all talk and no cider) - The ship - that we saw in the morning - is now far ahead - Saw some Black Tuck - this P.M. - which were near the ship - This P.M. there is scarcely any wind - Had a nap and read some - - We are now farther west - to day the current not running so strong. No sails in sight -! Except the "Gaspie" - which is the one ahead as we have been changing our sails - She has gone far ahead of us -

10 P.M. - Have been playing - in the Cabin - - Colors - - and are but just through - Gains - were - given - and Mr. Mann - instructed the owners what to do - in order to redeem them - - Scraping Carrels - was on - Rather nice - and going down in the well - was among them most laughable. - Are now on the Larboard Tack but no wind - all about sailing - "The Capt. says he cannot see what I have so interesting to work about - and thinks when I get to Valparaiso I will have to come on board - to sit in my room - as I do now we will see what we will do - when we get there -!"

Mum -!! Laying in my Berth - 10 o'clock - A Fresh breeze has sprung up - and we are going - WNW - by W - and are going - about 8 knots -

So Ends this day