

Remarks on Board Ship Minerva.
Tuesday, Dec. 16th 1844

This day commenced with strong winds from the E.N.E. Steering S. by N. watch finished rattling down fore rigging and commenced breaking out for meat and water. Later part commenced on the main rigging. at 8 P.M. squalls of rain and wind from N.W. W. bared the yards and hauled in the deling sails. at 10 cleared away wind hauling to the N.E. Squared in and cleared S. by N. watch commenced rattling down the main rigging so ends there 24 hours
Lat. 25 S. L.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th 1844

This day commenced with strong winds and fine weather. From N. Steaming 1/2 M. at 2 A.M. wind hauled to N.N.W. braced the yards and sent the studding sails out on starboard side. Match got through, rattling down the main rigging, and at 6 P.M. match commenced breaking out for butter. at 7 commenced rattling down misen rigging and making spun yarn 1000. Cigars bounty to the man that raises 50 lbs Spun Yarn. The sail is light so ends these 24 hours.

Thursday. Dec. 18th. 1844.

This day commenced with fine weather and strong winds from N. N. W. Stearing S. by W. match finished rattling down misen rigging and commenced rattling down the topmast rigging at 9 P.M. came on foggy and thick with heavy squalls of rain, raised a sail in the fog, braced the yard and found her to be the *Copia*. Captain taken 26 months out. \$200. with 200 Spm. gained with her and bid adieu at 12 M. So ends these 24 hours.

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Friday Dec. 19th 1844

This day commenced with rainy weather and a thick fog. at 1 A. M. cleared away with a calm and a heavy swell. at 6 A. M. the ship was in sight to the leeward ship riding heavily in the swell. Cleared up tops gallant sails & and let go top sail hal' way. at 7 A. M. came on a breeze from the E. S. E. Steering S. M. by N. mind freshing. Cleared up fore and main top gallant sails. Hauled up mainsail and clewed up mizen top sail and furl'd them. we then ceewed down the fore and Main top sails and double reefed the fore and close reefed the mizen. Hauled down the Lib and furl'd it. Stearing S. M. by N. under double reefed fore. and close reefed main top sail and foresail. Wind increasing to a gale. Clewed up fore top sail and furl'd it and buffed to the wind. So ends the twenty four hours. Sp at 31. 8" S.

Saturday Dec. 20th 1844.

This day commenced with the wind blowing
a gale from the E. & E. north. employed making
mats aft under the house. at 7 A.M. wind
abated. shot a reef out main topsail sent
top gallant and the dory sail booms down and
move the fore topmast and dory tack and
halyards. at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 lowered the fore and
mizen topsails. at 6 P.M. shot a reef out
our main topsail and set main top gall
ant sail over single reefed topsail at 11
P.M. set Lib and fore top gallant over a
single reefed topsail. watch employed in
rattling down the main and mizen topmast
rigging. Marble let a stool bucket fall from
aloft. It ended these 24 hours Jan. 31. 12. P.