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Jan 7th Since last Tuesday we have had a severe storm. For one night I scarcely slept at all. Some part of the time I was afraid we should be wrecked.

Lat 42° 08' but our kind "Barney" Walker has watched over us, and
 Lon 68° 11' parted us. He holds another beautiful Sabbath. His day abundant. Thursday night it was a very rough day, one which we took and George's chest. John helped over although he thought there perfectly correct. My work campers made me feel our change was not without much difficulty. Water chest, two several bottles, one of Rum, one of brandy and a box of tobacco. On Saturday getting was broken. Sunday night again through the night we were all well except Mr. Walker. who is quite sick again. I expect he will have for some time of sickness. George is feeling somewhat better. We have taken the more oil. but I am hoping we will soon be home. During the week have been making at odd jobs and have kind a pair of trousers for George.

Jan 10th This morning dawned on us pleasantly, but there is some strong breeze, and the barometer is going down.
 Lat 42° 30' I hope we shall not have another gale. This
 Lon 65° 22' About eleven o'clock saw a sail and we fired a spark fire to get attention on board. It was an English ship, Marchmont. We exchanged signals but were not near enough to talk or to know where she was bound. She seemed so unwilling to stop a moment to speak to us we did not think it best to trouble her. I had the letter read to Captain Marchmont. I have been writing a letter to Labuille today and succeeded in getting it very much, and have stitched the same with by machine. Mr. Walker is some better today but still off. Night, nothing in sight tonight. Steering N.E.

Lat 42° 38' We have had more rough weather, yesterday was
 Lon 64° 21' pleasant and I washed. Towards night the wind abated some. We have been pleasant today but a heavy swell and a bit of rain. Machine and have felt quite sick today. Since last meeting a very distance from us. We are now passing New York & hope to find Walter there. I have finished my chest. Mr. Walker is still sick. We are steering N.E.

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Jan 15th Four years this morning since Elliott first saw the light, four long weary years. How many changes since then. Little did I then think that four years from that day would find us on the wide ocean. Lat so it is. We know not what a day Lat 42° 25' may bring forth. We have a beautiful day. The coast of Patagonia in sight about eight miles distant. Mr. Holmes with his boat crew have gone on shore fishing and gunning. George has just killed a bird from this deck. Some of the foreman's hands have cleaned it and cook is now roasting it for them. I opened a can of Plain Cake this afternoon. It had moulded on the outside but the centre is good. The weather today is very warm for this Lat. The warmest day for a long time. Mr. Walker is some better today. I have been getting pieces on Elliott's Blain pants, to make them large enough for him. He has learned fourteen letters. I am now going to write to Lucia Ann.

Jan 16th The Sabbath dawned bright and beautiful and has continued so during the day. It has not seemed much like Sunday. About noon there was a large school of Porpoise came round the ship and played around for several hours. We caught eight. Last night after tea there were the most wild scenes around the ship that I ever saw. There were thousands of them. The water was covered as far as the eye could reach. Mr. Holmes and crew killed one Penguin and two Gulls when they were off. I opened by other cans of cake it tastes nicely now. But does not appear as if it would keep long. We had some fir tea. One sail in sight. Bound South. Have seen several Shinkacks.

Jan 17th Have had a very pleasant day with very little wind. The
 Lat 42° 4' From this several odd jobs. This afternoon commenced a
 Lon 62° 29' Cotton Pick. I have taken the Sun twice today. Made the Lat the same as George. and Longitude within two miles. and George says that is as near as he can get. We usually get the altitudes. We are steering N.E. by E.