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So he tied his hands to the rigging. He remained very quietly until the Major Wicket was called, about an hour and a half, then wanted to be released, but was not allowed to in about half an hour. He was stricken with the cry lower away. The Boat man overboard. He rushed on deck. Mr Holmes went down and in a few minutes picked him up. He had slipped his hands out and jumped overboard. Capt then told him he should just him in iron. and they were got out, and when they were putting them on the cruet, said he was sorry he had refused duty, and would never do it again but would obey every officer in future. So he was forgiven and sent forward. I was frightened. When he was in the water for I feared he would drown. The excitement has made me almost sick. I am glad that he was released, as it is his first offence, and I hope will be his last. We have always considered him one of our best men. I expect he will try to run away when we get to St Catharines as his ship's bill is quite heavy. He will like to get clear. This was the whale was but not aware he has been very busy for a long time and Capt thought as it was a new cabin man it could be done before the wind's project at it. It has improved it wonderfully. So it does not make any more now Mr Holmes got off and because he thought the Cooper took his place, and after the tonight he commenced repairs the Capt. and they got again excited. and finally Capt told him that he did not need me. He replied that he had. and they came down into the cabin to me and we had some very plain talk, and he said I had not understood well. We talked until we felt satisfied, and then shook hands and forgot each other, and agreed to try not to interfere with each other. Mr Holmes acknowledged that he was very foolish and had imagined a great many things.

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Lat 29° 27' These had a pleasant day. The Boat 'Hare' is still in sight. Last night the men caught six Albatross around the fore. I saw several. They were much finer than those the Holmes brought from the 'Hare', at least a few. I saw one of the finest, and one American named Frank. Two of the finest boats got quarrelling about clearing out the Houcastle and then got the worst of it so I complained to the Capt. He was rather deficient of their watch below this afternoon and put into the to get to clear them. Frank has always seemed to be a good natured fellow, and would not probably have commenced a quarrel, but the Lieut. kicked the dirt into his face, so he began his case. I have commenced making Fredric a suit of clothes out of an old pair of pants of his father.

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We have had a very rough stormy day, and this afternoon had quite a tempest, one clap of thunder was very loud. I have felt quite sick all day. So I have done but little work. The 'Hare' is still in sight.

Lat 22° 2' The sun was clear and pleasant, and soon after breakfast Mr Thapso sung out from Masthead the 'Hare' had got her boat down for 'Whale'. She was to windward and we worked that way as fast as possible, and when quite near ahead but did not succeed in taking any. Capt Briggs got clear from the whale he was just to and lost both his lines. He came on board and stopped awhile then Capt called our boats on board, and walked towards them but they were going very fast. So we parted with Capt Briggs and together worked five boats, and if it had not been so near night they should probably have got on a score, but darkness overtaken us, and the boats have come on board. Capt Briggs is here too. They are just eating. The whales were very large. Saw five in all.