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19th

Have had a very comfortable day. The sky has overcast, and a strong breeze from S.E. Last night another transport steamer loaded with troops, came to anchor in the harbor in American gun boat. In attempting to come up the South passage got aground and remained so until the afternoon when she also anchored in the harbor. The troops came ashore from the transport, and marched through the streets. This eve we hear the druffing of rockets, and martial music. But have not been out. I am getting along finely with my tick. It looks very pretty. We took a short walk at Mr. Linsaggs about one o'clock. Mailed five letters today, one for Father, Sam, John, Mrs. Linsaggs and Mrs. Holmes. I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of the mails and get almost desponding their arrival. Feared the ship not being the way letters. George expects to go to the ship tomorrow and will have to remain one night. Mrs. Linsaggs has invited me to stop there during his absence. This morn we went shopping. Purchased a pair of Calabasses price 12 millins. Equal to seven and a half cents federal money.

Thurs 21st

Yesterday morn Capt. went up to the ship. Started about half past six. I felt very lonely to have him go and leave me. Immediately after breakfast I went to Mr. Linsaggs. Five officers from the Sanborn called there. It seemed very pleasant to meet some one who could speak the English language. They invited us to visit the boat this morn and would send a boat where for us. We made preparations for the excursion but before the appointed time it was a hard rain storm so we were obliged to remain at home. The steamer due the 22nd has not yet arrived. Capt. Smith returned tonight. Very good as it has been a hard storm all day. I remained at Mr. Linsaggs until he arrived. We took tea there and then after returned to our room at the Hotel de Comercio. Jessie has just gone

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to sleep. His Musquito Stings are getting better. One found on his arrival at the ship that join the men had asserted. Sent men to search for them but did not succeed in finding any of them but hope to before we leave port.

Friday 22nd

Have had a rough stormy day. With the wind from S.E. This morn went along street and purchased a pair of cloth boots for Jessie. I have finished my tidy and feel much pleased with it. Think I see pretty. Mrs. Linsaggs and her niece Miss Webb dined with us. This morn Mrs. Webb sent me a magnificent Bazaar. That now stands on my table. as one supply always makes another want. George bought a mug to hold it. He had to pay the enormous sum of 68¢ cts. At home it costs have cost ten or perhaps fifteen cts. Jessie, Bob, here of Williams - \$2.50. United States money. George has shifted three men to take the place of those of the deserters. We heard last night of the death of Mrs. Cathcart. The fact we suffered with at Santa Cruz the first time we came here. Her mother is also very sick. The disease is said to be yellow fever, but cannot ascertain the truth of the report. It is supposed to be in the place where children are reported as having died with it this morn. and another child of the same family and the mother are said to be just alive. I hope we may be able to leave just without the disease. The Lord grant it. In morn. it was nearly eight P.M. we shall not have tea until about nine. We breakfast at ten. dine at three or half past, and tea at nine.

Sat. 23rd

This morn Capt. Deady of Bark Isaac. came up to enter his ship. That he anchored at Santa Cruz. Night before last. He took breakfast and dinner with us. He has gone back to Santa Cruz tonight. He has taken 270 Bbls of flour this season. 500 Bbls of all other. Eighteen months out. I have a seven solid. Capt. has shifted another man. I have finished a pair of lamp pants commenced on board the ship. Steamer have not arrived.