

March 1871.

Sunday 26th The day has passed quietly, nothing in light. have spent the day reading, and doing a little writing, a few things to send home.

Monday 27th Have finished my Sam. Math. and closed it. 5th but was back clock. The moon was cloudy with occasional showers. The afternoon was very pleasant.

Tuesday 28th The last day of the month has arrived. I can hardly realize that the month will not be done. it has passed very rapidly. I have washed today, but this is the first time for many years. a large quantity of clothes and what they are all day long and folded ready to iron tomorrow. I feel very tired since washing have been washing clothes for Lou and Gracie. West the Cook washed yesterday. The man at West lead has just sent out sail to. I suppose it is a merchantman as we are right in the track of those to St. Helena in from here to the South East on course N. by E.

Wednesday 29th Have ironed the clothes I washed yesterday and mended them all. have since read two parts of a letter to Susan Baker. Officers 18. 2 and men have been painting, getting ready to go into dock at an anchor we were 100 miles from St. Helena.

Thursday 30th Made the land this morning, and concluded to go in and anchor instead of laying off and on. as the weather was not very good dropped anchor at 4 past five, immediately searched by the Customs House Officer and Mr. Smith. found the Whaler's Boat Lacina in just also the Gazelle, anchored about the time we did. Capt. Lippert came on board, has gone on shore but we shall not go tonight as letters were sent off to him. I had but one Surge here. Mr. Holmes not here. he asked for his baggage soon after we anchored. Lou told him he

could have it whenever he wished. afterwards he thought better of it and asked Capt. Smith to keep him saying he thought it better for him to remain he came in to the after Cabin and sat some time with us and was very pleasant indeed. if we were any at all the time how happy we could be. My letter from Henrietta Coffin informed me my father was married last week but what her other name is I do not know. think it was some one. I feel very much at first to think of any one occupying my dear mother's place yet. I know it will make no difference to her and my father. I hope will be happy. I was greatly disappointed at not getting more letters but the mail is also the first of the month and we hope to have a large number then will be a great plenty. I know the more feeling my sick and have determined to finish the day I did not mean to come on shore until tomorrow but George came on shore first they were expecting us to come and so I was for Jack up and get on shore yet some a few minutes before dinner time. I feel very well. The Captain's boy has kept for some time the housekeeper.

Friday 31st George & I were sitting and give him a pair of slippers which some time since. I have been feeling quite well all day this afternoon Lou has been to the doctor and got some medicine for me. I hope to be better soon. The Doctor, Pickenset arrived yesterday. Capt. B. is an intimate friend of Uncle Sam's family and having heard them speak of him as frequently I felt acquainted with my all time. I saw him until this morning. I shall send a letter to each of them by him. he expects to leave for next Wednesday. Lou had a rather exhausted day. it has been troubling him lately. he came home