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Jan 1st New Years day. The old year has passed and the new one has dawned upon us. Shall we live to see its close? Who can tell?

Lat 52.50 Long 66.53 Like as is always a cat, me to me, I look back on the year that has just passed and think of the many changes and then think how many the New Year will bring to me. I can but feel sad. Yet I will still trust in God who has kindly watched over us since we in life's journey and if we will still love and trust Him He will not forsake us. Certainly I was quite sick all day felt some better today but do not feel well. We are now just the St. of Bagellin and having the St. of Le Vau. We think he will go through them on Wednesday of pleasant unless we see Whales. Tomorrow we have seen several "limbicks" today. Our New Years dinner consists of a "White Pig" stuffed and roasted. Potatoes, Bread and Butter, and Pumpkin Pie.

Lat 52nd Have had a rough squally day. This morn a few seal float around the ship for some time but would not come near enough to Long 65.35th action. There has been a sail in sight half all day. I have been working on the slippers.

Lat 53rd Today we have passed through the Straits of Le Maire and made a good passage through an English Merchant Bark (Jasper) through Lat 53.10th with us and there are four more sails Long 65.21st action coming towards the Straits. We have just going to send a boat on board the boat when a small came and drove then we were had a great breeze and he did not get to give the time to leave a boat. I have been on deck most of the day looking at the boat and on sea very finely. Many flocks of birds. It is a rough looking water. Large waves off and all night looking out for the ship as we were to see. The boat I left but after three hours I got into my ship. I wrote a few lines to John and got my little bag to send to the bank.

Thurs 4th Have had a squally day this morn then have seven vessels in sight one bound East the other six going the same way we are. all Merchantmen. This afternoon Mr. Brightman went on board the vessel we exchanged signals with yesterday. It was the Bark Satalitta Capt Jones of Casuarina Wales. from Montevideo for Callao. I sent letters to John and Sam. They got six several quite nice English Japs. I have just been watching the acct of the fire in Chicago Oct 10th. The scene what you can describe. I have finished my slippers and cut out a suit of linen for Annie.

Friday 5th Have had a rough day. This morn there were five vessels in sight kept com as usual. I have Lat 56.44 been working. Annie suit has finished the front Long 67.15 of jacket. There just been on deck to look at the vessel com see Hermit Island and in the distance Cape Horn. we seen two vessels today bound East but they did not pass near us.

Sat 6th Have had a beautiful day with a fair wind. This morn could see Cape Decit Cape Horn and Hermit Island. Tonight we are near Diego Ramirez Island. There are five vessels in sight tonight. I have finished Annie's jacket except the buttonholes and buttons. Another week is closing. the first part of the New Year. I suppose it has been shared throughout the United States as a mark of joy, and you that the world may be good. That the cause of Religion may be greatly advanced, and may produce souls declared in answer to the prayers that have ascended to the throne of Grace.

Sunday 7th Have had a boat wind with occasional showers. I stuffed on deck last eve until ten Lat 57.7 about. Last slippers with eleven to take care of the Long 68.73 ship until we were just Diego Ramirez. had just come below and darkness was getting in. Just when he knew of the seals that something was wrong he came on deck without stopping. I was just there had a couple come sailing and the ship caught a back after getting some food in and