

Park Ball Feb 12th 1857

Am 13 A beautiful morning not a cloud to be seen the wind has shifted and blows from just the course that we should steer so that we can make our latitude & are doing as well as we can running up our longitude. This afternoon I continued climbing up and it has been raining in perfect storms accompanied by very heavy gusts of wind. I shall go off by noon get out of the Squall. Latitude steering close to the wind making headway about 10 knots should be steering N by E. Continued painting ship on the outside a little this morning. But the appearance of clouds from South the job for the present.

Feb 14 One of the finest wash days we have had for a wash day. I washed up most of my bed & bedding & food strong breeze heading N by E.

Feb 15 I have been busy working out problems in Longitude. I can take the long & flatter myself correctly. Fine breeze - close to the wind making about N by E.

Feb 16 Commenced working on the rigging. Starboard Amstel at the main & Mizzen Mast rigging aboard at Mizzen & Jib.

The trade winds are coming down on us pretty fresh. We are now out of the lat. of Brazil. Sprits & Main Squares. Heading same as yesterday.

Feb 17 Making and lifts for the Port Mast yard. Splicing the Fore and Main ropes sizing and letting some of the Main Ropes spun yarn. The H.D. Masts & Ropes very much shoddy at work in various matters. But we have had patch & patch so far so that we have no reason to complain. Heading same

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Am 18 The Captain has had a part of our patch this morning. Telling him to cut the line a small rope under the cabin, to be used for anything down there. Brought on Deck a Ball of smoked Herring. He took out one for his own use and then carefully hid it, set up again. Our Potatoes are rotting out. For Breakfast & Supper we are living on Bread & Butter. I have sent up with meat & mixed with this mess. The nautical term is "Dunderfumat." It would make a dinner make some more if they could eat it. I have been very miserable. Ship had Portogallant sail swinging up over the rigging on the outside. Any one to see he was asked it was set round the mast in front of a Pilot. For Deep Blue is the colour of the rigging & that is the colour set at the mast head when in front of a Pilot before entering any Port.

Feb 19 Getting up Portogallant - Yacht stays this is a difficult job generally but we finished this time in one week. Hooray! Still continued blowing fresh. Beautiful weather. Heading same.

Feb 20 We had considerable sport in our morning watch. We found out at 10 as usual (when our gun was on deck) all except one of our watch who says he did not hear the H.D. cap. It is the H.D. cap. one of us do not hear the watch delay to let him say. I'm a short time from of us comes down in the Forecastle with a large rope having my end on Deck. Any one with the other end they made fast to the yellow log on foot that is in the ship's in. This rope then all hands to Deck have with pole then might. In dangerous life, and sink - but for comes of his bank. A huge - but if he does not get up of any thing they are very apt to have him in Deck. He following body murder.