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fine breeze again & then my Amiable servant  
went down in the forecabin with a rope  
& after a great deal of trouble finally  
succeeded in getting it made fast around  
one of the posts & then went carefully on  
deck where the other end of the rope was  
& 6 of us got hold of it & gave poor  
Magg what I call saw after hand. to use  
his own words however he did not stand  
up until he felt himself strike the deck  
right plump on his bottom - in trying  
to haul him up through the rigging he  
got fast in the steps & then for the  
first time commenced to sing out bloody murder  
After he got on his legs & came on deck  
I commenced congratulating him & he said it to  
very little use but I said this makes five times  
I have got on him & I am the last person  
to suspect of doing such deeds  
Kept a thick fog all the early part of  
the day this afternoon a change set in & a  
light breeze sprung up. set in thick fog  
again just at dark. Steaming on the  
main as we have still had wind

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The fog still continues with no wind. I think  
if possible a thick fog is worse than a  
rain storm. For the water is all the while  
dripping off of the sails & rigging & before  
a day's weather match is over you get wet  
& chilled through & if you may know they are  
sure to get wet through. When we have a rain  
storm we go under the house & keep dry  
If I catch out facts round again I have  
made my mind up (if nothing else turns up)  
they think of business & shall follow & I  
think by being terminal & prudent I  
can make a comfortable livelihood without  
coming in another whaling voyage  
Good bye come North

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Here 9<sup>th</sup> strong breeze, steering by the wind making course  
about N by E. and are now bound for Bristol  
Bay & the eastern coast of Kamtschatka where we  
will all of our whales last season. The men are  
eager to get a share of Duff. (the most valuable  
article a sailor has). that we have a whale in  
the forecabin room in less than ten days. The old  
man looked me the life of Doctor Stranolin to  
say which I have commenced reading.  
I have had 3 scholars five years fellow scholars  
an opportunity occurred of teaching them to read  
write & cipher & they are progressing rapidly. One  
of them who did not learn it from a Bible school  
Cork on left. Was Bradford was and told you  
where any city mountain or river is & in most cases  
their latitude longitude & population. I am quite  
proud of my abilities as a teacher. I presume  
you think dear mother I spell & write admirably  
I am for a teacher. Facts are not at all particu-  
lar. I had nearly forgotten to mention  
a very important matter & that is we raised  
a sail this morning just after daylight  
about 1/2 past two. The strong match came on  
deck as usual at 3. The old man has been  
suffering very much for two days past  
with the toothache. he was up packing the deck  
could not lay in his bunk. The ship was  
about eight miles off on the lee beam  
the old man told the second mate (Mr Puchter)  
to keep the ship off & he would go down  
& speak the stranger & see why it was  
it proved to be the clipper ship Dan's account  
9 months out from France with 400 bbls  
of oil. we ascertained that they had  
a doctor on board. my second away  
the starboard boat & the old man  
went on board & had his teeth drawn  
the boys said she was a splendid  
ship (inside 700 tons burden) but not a  
man that could speak English