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Monday February 12th 1854

It has been raining all day and the wind has been strong from the W. steering S. W. by W. Our Lady had been below all day as all lodges ^{are} in unpleasant weather. We have spent a good time thinking and talking of home and laying plans for the future and hope we shall not be disappointed, if we are there is funnier thinking of it. If this breeze lasts we shall be in a week from next Sunday where I hope to spend my last Sabbath at church and hear from my wife. Will she be well, will my little be all be living. There are questions that very much interest me and the Lord only knows their condition.

Monday February 13th

Continued to rain till nearly midnight. A fair breeze from the E. and a heavy swell a running which is very unfortunate for our Lady inasmuch as it makes her seasick and she cannot favour us with her company. We do not love her over much still female company is agreeable though she does not speak to any of us except the Captain. I think she would if she had a good chance but it is not fashionable here so we do not expect it or blame her for this seeming impoliteness.

Tuesday February 14th

Wind strong from the E. & W. and a heavy sea running. In the morning watch the fact of the fore top sail parted but it was secured before the sail was injured much. Did not conclude to set the fore top mast studding sail again. Probably to favour our Lady the ship would not labor so hard. Made a fancy article for the Capt. it is ^{and} for Ladies use for measuring and brightening needles. Rugged weather for such work. Our Lady has been on deck try her sea legs the makes up well considering her experience. Longitude 140.00 W. Lat.

Wednesday February 15th

Wind continues very strong with some rain and the sea runs high as not the ship is running over the ground at the rate of 10 miles an hour for the last 24. This is the way we want to go when we are heading towards home if that time ever comes. I dreamed of being at home but night all well. Convinced for sure and certain but Captain said Harriet would be moved if I should mention the dream of home. The did not like her at all. Just finished writing a letter to my wife.

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Thursday February 16th 1854

Continued the same. Steering W. H. W. walking through the water at a quick rate and not without rolling too much for our Lady though we do not carry a studding sail on account of making the ship easy. I have been scrimshandering all day making a few fancy articles for the lovely ones at home. Averaged over 9 knots the last 24 hours. Longitude 147.21 W.

Friday February 17th

Wind more moderate and more pleasant. Set the fore top mast studding sail. Painted the four sails overhead while I had nothing to do but scrimshand. Finished 5 little plait things for the ladies I do not know what to call them they contain a tape or cord long for measuring and an emery cushion. Captain likes them so well he thinks I had better keep on making them the days they will be so good to give away. Well it is a good job this weather. Our Lady has been on deck a short time today.

Saturday February 18th

We have been very busy today preparing for port. Dressed the lines and stowed them away cleaned the craft and stowed that away also. Hauled the starboard chain up and bent it and finished the way by washing off deck for Sunday. Very fine weather. Been turning ivory all day.

Sunday February 19th

At 6 in the morning saw the land towering high above the clouds. The wind aft and pleasant weather. Old John the Pilot came on board about 8 o'clock and at 7 dropped anchor in 5 fathoms water after towing about an hour and was glad to get in. The ship Montserrat and the Bark Isabella of N. B. had just arrived. Before we had finished furling the sails I was called to let the Captain on shore and was not glad to go, yes for I was a going to get letters from my wife and I could hardly wait. I was anxious. We landed and hurried up to Mr. Pittman and he overhauled and found but 2 letters of which was for Mr. Worth who we expect is at home long ago. So here I am disappointed. Again. Have my friends forgotten me. Walked an hour with our friend Henry and returned at 10 in the evening and found all hands in the greatest suspense for letters and I had rather given a dollar than to have said no when they asked for letters. But so it is and how can you help it. Shall I ask for letters. But so it is and how can you help it. Shall I ask for letters.