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Tuesday December 12th 1854
Wind strong from the S.W. by E. steering S.W. by S.
under double reefed topsails. We could carry more
sail but she is so fond of throwing water we refused
to keep the deck dry so as to make it more agreeable by
work repairing sails. I have worked all day fitting
the frames to my picture boxes and have not finished
them yet - feel as tired as if I had cooped all day.
Our Brethren Gentlemen are suffering very much
Travelling the way of the transatlantic is hard.

Wednesday December 13th
About the same kind of weather steering the same
course and the men driving at the same kind of
work and my business is so urging I have to work
by lamplight. I expect my wife would scold a little if
she knew it but I am working for her or I could not
do so now but it is pleasing to do so. 31 years today

Thursday December 14th
The S.W. trade still carries us to the S.W. under
double reefed topsails and the mate still carries
off the repairing sails. The Carpenter making furniture
and the cooper ^{finished} gear wheels for the picture box
It has taken me two days. I go slow and sure.

Friday December 15th
Our Sailors have finished repairing sails for this
and have gone into the rigging at a fearful rate.
It is not known where they will make a finish of
it before the end of the voyage I think. Saw fin back.

Saturday December 16th
This has been a remarkable heavy day and if it had been
a half an hour shorter we should not have been able to have
finished. It is surprising to me that there should
be so much work for so many men. Breakfast
water from the after hatch between decks and landed
in on deck up to knee ship and added 3 rods oil
casks all have been empty filled with salt water and
it is not known that we shall get anything better to fill
them with. Saw whales and wore ship for them but
they proved to be humpbacks. Steering S.W. by E.

Sunday December 17th 1854
One hundred and five seabatter have passed
since I left my much loved home with all its pleasures
and dearest privileges. It is not to think of it and it is
difficult still to think that about 100 miles must be more out
in the same way before we can see our loved ones at home.
I hear from them every six months and as long as I live
that they are well and happy I can be contented and long for
if this hope of seeing is kept bright by constant exercises and
fair prospects I shall be glad. The Lord is their protector and that they
may grow up in his love is my chief desire. There is but
little likeness of brotherly loving kindness amongst the Captains
Officers and crew at present which makes the time pass
slow more slowly and makes me think more of home.
I might have better times if men had better hearts.
I long to be in better company where the Sabbath shall be properly
respected and where I can have some one to set me a better
example - where I can visit the Lord's people frequently then
catch me here again if you can. I am not sick of the sea
but am sick of the sinful manner of men. I want to
love them all but I have seen I wish I see so much of my
violation of God's laws - see them thus wickedly and
trampled under foot. It is too bad as Gomer says and to
be trampled under foot.

Monday December 18th
Present weather with the exception of a few squalls of rain.
To some time they don't hold in the middle watch which
tended to disturb my dreaming but I managed to get some
and saw my wife and a little baby and was permitted to receive
love from my wife as it was so young and I had been gone
so long but of course I layed it to my own stupidity for I
knew it could be no other else. Old father Greenstein was
with us and had just returned from the store with dates
and other things in a basket that I did not see. My older
children did not appear in the group. I went in to Mr
Howlands and he had the little ones in his lap and since
there was but a fine difference in their ages I had to laugh
when I heard that for I could not exactly tell how much
difference that could be but thought they were all born at the
same time. I shall enquire when I get home for it is all true
no doubt. Ended the day in the usual way.