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Thursday January 16th 1865
We have now got to the isle for that we make a fair
wind for the Leape and we all feel very cleaver ab
it. ~~Two~~ Men had worked on the large gun all
day with files. This makes two days they have
filed it I think it is ^{is} ready for mounting as
they wrapped it up carefully with canvas cloth
They Men make great sport over the work

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Woolsey January 1st
Braking the best of our way toward Cape St. Lucas
with a fair wind from the N.W. & steering E by S.
Brought aboard new paint, tarpaulin and put in new stow-
age bunks ready for banding when needed.
Writing a little to my wife I wish I could see her and
tell her so. I expect she has written to me before
this time. I want to hear from my Dick ones.

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Thursday January 18th
Another pleasant day has passed and we are all well
and hearty with a plenty to eat. Had a beautiful
Prime pie for supper which tasted real and fresh.
Like the Steward makes first rate prime pies
and we have them often lately and we eat hearty and
give the ship a good name. Everything goes very
smooth lately on all the board. Lat 25.20 and Long 118.32

768 Friday January 19th
I now take my seat to write the particulars of another day that has passed on board the Serapunga but it is a little difficult to find anything of importance to write about as every day is about alike that is a plenty of small business and peaceable times this would have been a miracle the first for then we were strange to peace. We get along nicely this season enough

Thursday January 30th
Here comes the end of another year week. Here fast
the time goes and still how slow it goes when cal-
culated in connection with our getting home.
Have a steamer steering toward Pennerma if
we had been a little nearer or 10 miles nearer we
could have put our letters on board for home
starting to-morrow. Mr. Lat. 25.6 Lat. 11.3, 15%

Tuesday January 26th 1854
 This has been a beautifully warm and a pleasant day
 and I have felt as if I should like to be on the other
 side of the Atlantic and Continent which is in sight
 today from the dock. It is nearly a year since we left the
 coast and many have been our blessings since that time
 and as we have been safely protected the last year we have
 good reasons to hope that the same protection will be

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 originally careful of us in all coming time and thus will
 be the greatest debtors to a Saviour ~~for~~ ever living love
 & hope we think since gratitude may be expressed in the
 acceptable manner for blessings received
 it is with a ~~little~~ knowledge that my little family is getting on
 well in the world, that they were making the most of the
 gifts of Heaven and had all got beyond "Dunking, Cattle
 & a Year" all will have to encounter many trying difficulties
 but the more we another and overcome the greater will be our
 rejoices & we have much to encourage us now
 The deer has just gone below a hill of water and they
 at home witnessed the fight a great many times for it has
 many battles and that when I saw it but so pretty
 that I never would have seen me a child

Monday January 22nd
Early calm. Lumbermen Main³ fore topsails
and repaired them. The weather warm and
very pleasant. The Canal and a boat in sight.
A few words about a few filthy habits that have
been thrown into David Jones, Locker
Lincoln, Shorty, Farmer and Flash
Burns in the forecabin have left off chewing tobacco
and in the stowage one had left off chewing and two
had left off smoking and the same two have left off
drinking tea and coffee beside the bay so there
are only four that drink them in stowage. This is
truly wonderful and I begin to see that my talk-
ing has done much good and I hope it will be say-
ing. The Leapt came to me today and said he was not
much disgusted with tobacco and expressed a wish
to drink the same it off but thinks it will be hard work
as he has used it so long. I wish he would do so.