

in two pieces and while my berth was a small onion bed with here and there a brick or a tin pan.

To add to the horrors of the scene, it was announced that the officers were about coming to the fore-castle which had the effect of causing everyone to be in springing to their bunks in order to appear as innocent as possible.

The report was happily false. Of course nobody did it as is always the case in such matters but the next day two of our watch were kept on deck with orders not to take a watch below in the daytime without express permission. It is supposed that there was a traitor in the camp and dire threats of vengeance were made.

Sunday 19 Oct 1856 10⁰⁰ am
Lovely weather - Going briskly before the glorious old trade wind which has been blowing so in these latitudes I suppose since the creation.

Though I confess to a partiality for warm weather yet we have had none so far that I should call hot; that is to say on board ship, of course on the pavements of New York or Boston it would be another

matter.

Though no one who has known me since I have been aboard the Wave will deny that I have had some rubs to encounter yet after all, my experience of

"a Life on the ocean Wave,"
And a home on the bounding deep!
has been so far a very pleasant one, in fact I have almost said the happiest of my whole life.

Old Ocean has been kind to me from the first - Not one moment of that sea-sickness that terror to most landmen has been caused me to suffer and in exchange for the legends of blue devils which filled my brain on shore he has given me the spirits of a child's paradise far best of spirits, a tremendous and according to every one who sees me eat a terrific appetite and altogether blessed me with the most perfect health that of my heart could wish.

The only drawback to my being perfectly happy is the news I heard shortly before leaving New Bedford of my mother's death from health and spirit; I trust in God however that she was not as much grieved as was by the news of my leaving of my having gone to sea and that we shall both live to meet again in health & happiness -