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thought that our Captain wished to know the rate of seaman's wages aboard his ship. The answer served as a standing joke for some time afterwards - ~~Our Captain~~ ^{Our man} ~~only~~ ^{wishes to} ~~know in what latitudes~~ ^{in which} the trade winds left him.

Tuesday 21 Oct 1886

Fine weather, winds light, heading most of the time about SW by W. Pin back whale seen from masthead. Large ship seen.

Yesterday to the all ha
Hogs ~~or butts~~ of molasses were given to every two men in the forecabin.

The allowance is one gallon per month to each man. The ~~butts~~ ^{keg} hold 2 gallons each.

I should think this a liberal supply but will be better able to tell when our month shall begin to draw toward its close. It will be worth noting whose ~~will be~~ ^{is} first allowance is the first to give out.

My chum ~~or~~ in the molasses concern ~~is~~ ^{I believe a} good fellow and I think we shall ~~get~~ ^{not} quarrel. If we do it shall not be my fault as it is my maxim to submit to a considerable amount

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of injustice in such matters rather than to have it said that I quarrel about food. When I quarrel as I do not wish to do with ~~any~~ man it shall certainly not be about "grub".

The 22nd of November is fast approaching and the great contest for the seat of possession of the White House will soon have been fought and the details of the battle be known North, South, East and West.

But some one says perhaps, "Tell us about whaling, we can hear all this ashore." Well friend the fact is I ~~yet~~ ^{know} as little of whaling as yourself. I have seen the tools but so far I know little or nothing of their use. However all that will come I hope in good time.

