

36 The wind was blowing with great violence, rain falling in torrents and the ship rolling at a terrible rate. We were soon sent below again however and I had quite a nap before 11.00.

We were then awakened by some of the other watches who came below with dismal accounts of things on deck.

~~But~~ ^{on our waterproofs} we sprang ~~on deck~~ and went aft to the poop deck as we were ordered to do by the ~~second mate~~ who heads our watch.

Soon after we turned out the gale lulled very much suddenly: at ~~one time~~ the wind seemed to have died at once and the tremendous sea caused the little bark to roll dreadfully: it ~~was~~ ^{seemed} as though the ship would throw herself aboard. ~~report came that that the~~ ^{mincing machine} was adrift and had turned over; but the case was not so bad, and that at first supposed the machine which ~~it~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{seemed} firmly lashed to the foremast.

It was necessary to keep a sharp lookout for everything movable.

The most important matter was the waist boat. ~~our second mate heads this boat and it is~~ ^{has been hanging from davits over the larboard side of the waist} ~~to take it down before landing Cape Horn.~~ ^{in the Gulf stream it was struck by} ~~blow~~ but the oars having been taken out and the boat firmly lashed it was considered

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37 Our second mate heads this boat and ~~at~~ ^{it is} the best boat in the ship. ~~he was~~ ^{he was} ~~quite~~ ^{very} ~~anxious~~ ^{anxious} for its safety: extra lashings had been put on it before dark but these did not seem sufficient; and a strong tackle was ~~therefore~~ ^{made fast} round the bows of the boat and passed to the rail on the other side the ship.

It was done at the right moment: two minutes after the rope was made fast, a most tremendous sea came ~~up~~ ^{over} the bulwarks filling the ship with water up to her rail, smashing the crane which supported the bottom of the boat and lifting the boat itself: but for the tackle which ~~the~~ ^{had} just been put on it is likely she would have been carried away.

as I have said, it was the middle watch of the night: ~~about 12.00~~ ^{from 11.00 to 3.00} the wind lulled and soon began to shift round ~~it was~~ ^{at} this time we felt a warm current of air from the southwest I suppose the land breeze ~~and soon it became icy cold~~ ^{about one or a most terrible downeasterly gale} ~~lashed~~ ^{the ocean till the waves seemed to rise as high as} our maintop: in fact we could hardly see the sky except by looking straight overhead. ~~a cold rain~~ ^{fell in sheets} accompanied by the most vivid flashes of lightning I ever saw with now and then a long rattling peal of thunder: we tacked ship and stood East by North ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~close reefed main topsail~~ ^{main spencer and}