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J. has lost his dinner, I have washed his feet and he has turned in. I stand it well yet but don't feel so good an apetite for supper as did for dinner.

Nov. 13. The wind died away last night ~~and~~ became almost a perfect calm and remained so till about ten o'clock this morning, so that we ~~have~~ made but

about twelve nots in as many hours.
Since ten we have been under
a pretty stiff breze and are going
off on a course south by east, at
the rate of five nots.
Altho' the brig rocked much during
the night I got a good night's sleep.
I, Messrs. H. are the only sick passen-
gers on board with the exception of
the Frenchman who is as near dead
as any thing.

Nov. 14 Had a fresh breze last night
and Maria bore us off at the rate
of seven or eight nots.
The wind still blows fresh and
probably one hundred and twenty five
miles will not tell the distance we
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so few as some would think. Were it not for the sickness of some of us we should be the most happy lot of passengers that ever traveled. About three we made a sail, which the capt. said was an English barque bound from Europe to N. York. She crossed our wake about ~~two~~ five miles astern.

Nov. 15 We must have made great way south last night, for yesterday I wore my thick coat and jacket, but to day have been quite as comfortable ~~as~~ with neither. A strong breeze from the north has blown all day and Maria scuds ~~on~~ over the foaming billows at the rate of about ten knots. O this is pleasant as heart could wish; and scarcely if ever have I taken more comfort in reading, than I took this afternoon as I lay upon the quarter deck close under the rail to avoid the raging of the wind.

Besides we enjoyed the laying of a pretty good laugh at the expense of some unfortunate passengers who chanced to stroll "mid ships" while the Maria was being boarded by a sea. But this night again; and what can excide the beauty of the picture which I now contemplate? ~~The~~ From the clear blue sky ten thousand sparkling worlds look down upon us, and seem at our good fortune, as pleased as we. From time to time a light cloud driven by the gale passes like a spirit over us. White caps of foam float on the ocean's troubled bosom, and in the midle of the picture rides the Maria under full sail, plunging and rolling in the waves driven by a living gale, till one grand mass of foam encircles her for rods around.

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Nov. 17 The breeze has not been quite so favorable to day; gradually falling into the East till our course has been changed from S. E. by E. to S. Besides it blows but very sparingly. We had no little sport this afternoon, firing buck shot and balls at a whale that followed in our wake for a few hours. Had a little rice and molasses for dinner, boiled beef and cabbage for supper! On making complaint to the steward for such arrangements he came ~~down~~ out with a volume of curses on the cook but from the Galley comes the same sad complaint with this exception;

what the steward applies to the cook the cook applies to the "d-d stove". But now I must turn in hoping my Dinner will set well, and I have an easy passage thro' the organs of digestion.

Nov. 18 This is the first ~~sabbath~~ sabbath I ever spent on the sea. The weather is fair, but how very different is such a day spent on the waters from a bright sabbath on the land. I spent the most of the forenoon in shingling the heads of the passengers &c. The wind has hauled in to the S. E. and we close the day running in a course E. N. E.

Nov. 19 Wind holds in the same quarter as yesterday, was rough last night, and has been growing more so all day. John was sick this morning but having been on deck all day is better and I hope he has seen the worst of it.

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We ride close hauled on the wind under double reefed main sail, close reefed topsail, fore sail and fore top mast stay sail.

Nov. 20 This morning at four the fore sail was furled; the wind still increasing. Last night was the severest we have experienced since we came out. We had a severe shower today and while the winds blew and the rains fell we, dressed in our oil suits were engaged on decks in washing our cloths. There has been an ugly sea on all day, and in order to keep my position by the table I have to entwine my legs with its own; and hold the ink stand and book with one hand while I write with the other. This heavy sea has brought on I's sickness again.

Nov. 21 The wind has varied to day

from S.E. S. S. by W. has blown high, while we have ~~laid~~ lain close haul upon it making but very little headway, under a close reefed top sail, forezail, fore top mast stay sail, and double reefed main sail.

Nov. 22 The wind had so far hauled to the west this morning that it was thought advisable to make sail. Accordingly the reef was dropped from the main sail, the top sail, the top gallant sail was unfurled, the main stay sail and flying gib were sheeted home. This afternoon the gaff top sail unfurled and spread to the wind, and now again we are doing pretty well, and the passengers by their merry laughs and glad songs, as they lay about the decks, tell how deeply they feel the change.

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Just before twelve was aroused by the mate rushing from the cabin to the deck, I slipped on my boots and followed, found one of the passengers at the wheel, the captain, mate and all hands shortening sail; and the Maria was soon brought under close reef. And this counts another of our stormy days.

Nov. 24 Opposing winds and rain are still our fate. This morning had no appetite for food so stayed up on deck while those who wished (which number by the way was small) took breakfast in the cabin.

Nov. 25 This day is the sabath, and to me a more gloomy day never dawned; and judging from appearances no one of our number feels more

comfortable than I. For the whole morning it has rained, and blown fresh from the south west. We have lain close hauls on the wind, making but very little head way, much lee. 'Tis twelve o'clock and the captain is called to dinner; but before eating looks at the barometer and hurries on deck. The increased rushing of the winds explains to all, the cause of his haste. Fifteen minutes passed, during which time every man was engaged in shortening sail; fifteen minutes, and our brig is 'laying to' with lashed helm under double reefed main sail, and fore top mast stay sail: yes 'laying to' and that in higher latitude than we were more than seven days ago! But dont let that consideration take away our appetite for the 'duff' which stands ready on the table. At four this evening they begin to make

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Nov. 26 Signs of fair weather I hastened this morning to greet; got up a four o'clock, went on deck and walked an hour alone mightily pleased with the fair wind and millions of stars that sparkled in the blue expance above. When daylight came we found with pleasure that instead of a head ~~wind~~ sea with our newly favoring winds a heavy sea from the N.W. driving us directly on our course which makes us suppose that a strong N.W. wind has been blowing for several days at the north of ~~but~~ has just got down to us. We are again making rapid progress towards that land of promise whose streets are paved with gold. The waves run

higher to day than at any time since we came out. And this morning as I was combing my hair, sitting upon some sail amidships, a sea boarded us, flowed directly around and buried me up to my armpits, and retreated carrying away with it my pocket book out of which I had just taken my comb, and which yet contained my knife and the key to my trunk; many is the wave that has boarded us to day but that one was the most successful.

Nov. 27 This morning commences another pleasant day; the wind blowing a sixknot breeze from the N. E. Latitude to day 33° 45' course S. E. half S. This evening the moon shines very brightly and on the whole it is what we should call at home a superlatively beau-

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upon this grand expedition; a path in ~~to~~ following whose windings alone ~~will always be a pleasure to my mind.~~ my mind tells me I can enjoy life.

Nov. 29. Our course has been various to day: this morning S. S.W. till about nine ~~in the~~ when tacked ship and for a few hours headed about N. N.E. but at the present head S. E. by S. Lat. 30° 45'. "G-d this never will do" says the captain, "bout ship." And now we head again about N. N. E. half E.

But to day is Thanks giving at home, and in order that we might in a measure celebrate the day & the better sympethize, tho' at a distance, with our revelling friends at home, the kind hearted cook instead of giving us a common apple duff for dinner brought on one of rather uncommonly large size stuffed with raisins. As for the

other articles of food of which our mid day meal was made up, viz. potatoes, hard bread and beef, I have nothing to say; but the duff afore said was so nice that as I ate I scarcely thought of that huge chicken pie; cakes and puddings, with which according to custom this day undoubtedly loads my father's table. But the moon is shining to pleasantly to stay below, so I will join the number of those who seek to cheat away the lingering hours by engaging in the merry dance.

Nov. 30. Still stand on a N. E. course: Lat. 31° 18'. Weather very pleasant and all hands healthy and lively. This afternoon spend the bag of nuts we bought in Batti; spent an hour or two cracking and eating upon them, and have enough left to last a week.

Dec. 1 Our course N. E. nearly till about four this afternoon, when tacked ship and head S. by W. half W. I have found no time to read to day, having been pretty closely engaged in jumping rope, running decks, playing cards and Backgammon, cracking nuts and eating apples.

Dec. 2 Sunday comes round again, have a little rain in the morning, but as the sun advances the clouds disappear. The wind light and varying. By standing close hauls on the wind make course S. — But now the big is brought about on the other tack and heads N. E. This evening a sail was seen off our starboard bow but it soon disappeared. Lat. to day 32° 1'

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Dec. 4 This morning brought us some very fine showers. G. and I caught water enough to do a fortnight's washing. And as it cleared up bright had a fine time to wash and dry our clothes. Breze very light making a little; course S. E. Lat. 31° 26', Lon. 34° 9'. A sail has been visable all the after noon off our starboard bow, which we conclude is the barque we have seen several times before. ~~Captain says he saw the same~~

Dec. 5 The sail seen off our starboard bow yesterday appeared this morning off the larboard quarter. Since 12 o'clock last night have been making about three and a half knots, S. E. course. Lat. 30° 59'

Dec. 6 This morning was nearly a perfect calm, but the wind breeze up a little toward noon, but very light all day. Lon. 32° 39' Lat. 30° 56'. Just after dinner spoke the ~~[illegible]~~ Kate Heath a brig bound to California, fourteen days from Boston.

Dec. 7 Wind S. and very light, during the four part of the day but is a little stronger this evening. Lat. 30° 46 Lon. 32° 8'.

Dec. 8 The wind continues fresh, but too far S. to carry us along very fast. For the last twenty four hours have made about seventy eight miles on a course E. by N. half N. Lat. 31° 9' Lon. 31° 25'.

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Dec. 10 Pleasant, wind Westerly and
fresh, sea more uneven than for
the last ten days. course S. E.
by S. Lat. 30° 18'. Lon. 28° 34'.

Dec 11 This day is remarkable
for a strong west wind which
has wafted us on a course S. and
S. by W. at the rate of six or eight
nots per hour. This evening remark-
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captain from that awful state of sol-

emnity in which he has passed the last two days. Lat. 28° 54'.

Dec. 12, Wind W. S. W. to N. light and irregular. course S. by W. Lat. 27° 7'. This morning a sail was visable off the lee bow; before noon an other one appeared in about the same direction. One of them passed under our bows this evening, but not so near as to be spoken.

Dec. 13 Wind from S. by E. to S. E.; headed the forenoon S. W., this evening, S. by W. close hauls on the wind; sailing at the rate of six knots. Lat. 26° 13' Lon. 27°. 6'. To think that we have been 31 days at sea, and yet are sailing in Lat. 26° N. is not very flattering, at least, but let us hope fortune has returned to smile again on us, after so long delay.

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Dec. 14. Fresh breze all day, but varying from S. S. E. to S. E. by E. Course S. by W. Sea rather disturbed and rough, so that some of the passengers loose their appetite, while others of us seem disposed to take our share of what few goods things this life affords, blow high or blow low.) A sail was seen this morning off our starboard quarter standing the same way we do. Lat. 23° 43'.

Dec. 15. Pleasant day, winds fresh and free, course S. W. by S. half S. Lat. 21° 1' Sea has run so heavy to day that we have been frequently boarded by the sprays, but without receiving any injury.

Dec. 16. We did hope to be favored with a breeze so strong that we might make Cape D'Verdes islands before dark, but

when the mate told us, at noon, that there were sixty four miles yet to make, tho' there was no grounds to hope for a sight of the desired land before evening, many an anxious gaze was sent thitherward. A ship that hove in sight, on our starboard quarter, withdrew our attention for a while from the long delaying object in view, and helped relieve the tedium of expectation. Evening came, and supper over all hands were on lookout for the land which the captain assured us was not far away; and just before nine o'clock it hesitatingly appeared ~~past~~ off our starboard bow; hesitating between the reality and pillars of dark clouds, which it was supposed might be rising up through the fog, but a few moments dispelled all doubt, and right glad were we, thirty four days at sea, to but look upon ~~at~~ terra ferma, tho' at such a distance as to enable us to perceive

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And at this juncture the wind which for three hours had blown remarkably strong, lulled, having not a breath to fill our sails.
Alength, tired of gazing one by one we have found our way below and twelve o'clock finds all carefully placed away and as sweetly sleeping as tho' terra ferma were their foundation
Thus has passed off the fifth sabbath since we left home.

Dec. 17 Wind continued very light for

the whole night, untill four in the morning when the breeze freshened and the main sail was set which had been lowered during the calm, and we sailed off with a fair wind at good speed for a few miles, when the wind hauled around the high land and headed us off. – Tacked ship, headed N. E. holding the land on our starboard bow. In a few minutes the wind hauled to the East ward and blew what they call a 'schrecher'. Ship again tacked, and sail shortened, we bore away on our course again over the waves, which had been lashed into considerable commotion by the conflicting winds.

Instead of, as we hoped, the fog's clearing a way at the appearing of the sun, ~~and at noon~~ and thus giving the land naked to our view, as he arose, a still thicker mist veiled the land, and in a short time it was altogether shut from our view, and we turned again to our several amusements. Lat. at noon 16°15'

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Dec. 18 Wind E. blowing a moderate breeze, course S. S. E. Lat. 14° 30'. Air foggy and damp, but warm, the thermometer standing at 80,

Dec. 19 Weather fine; tho' a little damp and foggy in the morning, the glorious sun as it rose cleared up the mist and shone brightly during the day, and ended its cloudless course in the ocean, leaving the yet new moon to light up, for a while, the broad and peaceful waters. Wind E. N. E. blows a fine brisk breeze. Course S. by E. half E. Lat. 12° 21'. Since the morning we lost sight of isl. St. Anthony, a light red dust has been collecting on the rigging, mats and other objects presenting an uneven surface upon which it might lodge. This dust having become dry and rubbed upon one's clothes cannot be distinguished from common red brick dust. So plenty was this in the air that several persons of delicate

nerves, suffered an inconvenience, either real or immagining, from breathing it. However this may be I could perceive nothing uncommon.
To day there appears to be nothing unusual in the air and what has collected on the rigging is gradually disappearing.

Dec. 20 Fair winds, and fair weather still hold us. Heart can't wish for a situation more comfortable, nor were twenty five men, in a brood, more happy. This evening quite a company collected on deck to spend an hour of social amusement in the open air; and there for the first time I joined in the dance. Lat. 10° 20'

Dec. 21 Fair winds and pleazant weather. Course S. by E. half E. Lat. 8° 6'

Dec. 22 About half past one o'clock this morning was aroused from sleep

by Peck informing the captain that a gale was there coming on. The capt. was on deck in a twinkling, "all hands" called, and such of the passengers as understand any thing of seamanship, were soon prepared to engage in shortening sail. As for myself being some what indisposed I declined the opportunity for getting drenched by the rain which now began to fall in torrents, lay in my berth sufficiantly amused with listening to the rumbling of the thunder and ~~the vivid~~ gazing from my window at the vivid ~~flashes~~ lightning as it from time to time flashed through the otherwise impenetrable darkness. But the tempest over, morning arose as brightly as if nothing had happened, and then did I regret that I could not walk forth ~~to~~ in the meadows and listen to the sweet notes of the feathered tribes as they come forth from their shady nests to hail the rising sun, and in-

hale the sweet perfume of the opening flowers, and the drops of sparkling water from the green grass. But this is too fair a picture for California emegrants to contemplate; so to attract the attention, not at that time feeling inclined to read, engaged with some of the passengers to play cards and thus spent a good part of the forenoon.

In the afternoon read some, and the rest of the time was passed in witnessing the exploits of some of the passengers who for want of better imployment were going through the various manoeuvres of lifting 'at stiff heel', jumping, shouldering flour barrels and the like.

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have seen Joe as he appeared, and
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before Neptune, who asked him
if he had any passport; "No" was
Joe's answer. "Have you any liquor?"
asked Neptune. "No" says Joe, "but there
is a man aboard, that I can get some
of if you will wait a minute." And
off Joe goes in search of Asa. But
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cruel for sport to witness the terror that shook the limbs of poor Joe as he ran through the cabin and around the house, ~~and~~ seeking in vain to procure liquor from other sources. "Bear a hand Joseph," again thundered Neptune; and poor Joe, as for an instant his true situation flashed across his mind, leaped (he says ten feet, but he lied,) right up from the deck, and again turned towards Neptune; while the tears flowed down his cheeks like rain; and the whole ships company, ~~save one~~ with aching sides and bursting waist bands stood in the back ground, awaiting the decision of Joe's fate. Again Neptune demanded the liquor, again Joe refused; and a new fountain of tears seemed to open. Such weeping so wrought upon the feelings of the old man of the sea, that he was altogether turned from his usu-

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al severity, and having asked Joe a few questions, such as; "Have you ever gambled any, have you left a girl behind" &c., to all of which he answered with the utmost honesty and promptness, he was suffered to depart. Asa was next called up, and presented his brandy bottle in the shape of a pasport, which was satisfactory to old Neptune, who, much to Joe's surprise, bad us good night and left, observing that there were many other vessels around which he must board to night, otherwise he should not go so soon. Joe says "Neptune was nine feet high!" Perhaps he was; but before we dressed him in disguise he was only six! He says, "the trumpet he carried was four feet long!" But before it was wound with a white cloth 'twas only two!

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Dec. 23 Sunday passes with next to no

wind at all. Frequent showers: an uncomfortable, head beat sea.

Dec. 24 Calm, heavy rolling sea. Weather very pleasant. Lat. 4° 27'

Dec. 25 Christmas, we have instead of our regular rice, a plum duff for dinner. Thermometer 86° Lat. 4° 1'

Dec. 26 A strong breeze S. by E. steering "full and by." Lat. 3° 9'.

Dec. 27 Wind fresh, but rather too far South. Lat. 1° 52'.

Dec. 28 Wind S., Course "full and by." Lat. 0° 42'. North.

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on an boat a part of the day, scraping off the old paint, and putting strips of canvas along each side of the keel to guard against leakage. Lat. 0° 48' South.

Dec. 30 A very beautiful morning introduces the seventh sabbath since we left port. And, when we had washed and made clean the out side, it really seemed that we ought to go to Church some where; but a second thought brings to mind, that we are imprisoned here and have left home and freedom behind.

Have spent most of the day in reading, which on the whole, with me at least, has passed off very pleasantly. Lat. 2°20'

Dec. 31 Strong breezes, S. S. E., course S. W. Lat. 4° 15'.

January 1, 1850.

Time with its never ceasing motion rolls on: yesterday closed up the old, to day brings in the new year. This morning's sun begins to count the moments of the last half of the nineteenth Century! How natural on such an occasion, for the mind to turn to the past; to reflect on the past history of the world and mankind. And then the many thoughts, that crowd up for utterance, repent me that my language so utterly fails to tell, what the soul would wish to say. We view with astonishment the captivating in which passion has, in olden times, held men of the strongest minds. The strong infatuation, that led men to sacrifice every human feeling, to trample upon every principle which virtue and truth hold so sacred; and all this for the hateful lust for rule! To save men from the awful consequences of such misguided

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judgement, Christ left the regions of bliss, and taking upon himself humanity, presented the world with a living example of a perfect man. An example, which, if it were heeded, the best of man would cease to heave with rage, jealousy would no longer inflame the heart of man, but each one would recognise in the other, a brother, a member of the same family, an offspring of the same father; then should we all contemplate God, as our common parent and equally jealous of the freedom and happiness of all his children. But alas what a different picture the world present, still, among the wisest and most enlightened people on earth, we hear the clanking of the chains that bind in bondage man to man. Still the air is loaded with the scent of battle; our ears are saluted with the cannon's roar, ~~and~~ the war horse's impatient neigh; and

Nature's brightest prospects and greenest fields are stained by the envy heated blood of Earth's noblest sons and rulers! Even now I seem to see the Saviour sitting on a throne of love, and as he looks down from thence to earth, with what bitterness, after eighteen hundred and fifty years have passed away, does he repeat those words, "How long shall I be with you, how long shall I suffer you?"

Jan. 2. Wind S. & E. and blowing fresh: course S. W. by S. half S.
Lat. 8° 41'

Jan. 3. Wind S. E. course S. W. by S.
Lat. 11° 7'

Jan. 4 A strong breeze in the morning but the heat of the sun in the middle of the day destroys the wind, but it breezes up again when the sun turns, and this evening we are ploughing through

the waters at a rapid rate. Lat. 13°35'.

Jan. 5 Course S. W. by S. Cool breeze, and comfortable in the morning, but the wind going down in the middle of the day leaves the atmosphere so hot and oppressive that all we can do is to lay back in the most comfortable place and wish for evening. Lat. 15° 48'.

Sunday Jan. 6. All day a sail in sight off the starboard quarter.
Lat. 18° 7'

Jan. 7. This morning, the sail seen yesterday, appeared off the larboard quarter, where it remained visable for an hour or two when it disappeared, standing out to sea farther than we, altho' probably we are all bound to the same Land, but while we call in to St Catherine's, they, intending to make no port this side of the Horn, stand off to avoid the Brazilian

banks. About ten o'clock this morning the wind changed from S. E., where it had been for several days, to N. N. E. Course S. W. by S. Lat. 20° 18'.

Jan. 8. Spent a few hours this morning, which was very hot, in reading Davis, which I very much enjoyed, ~~to~~ as I lay in the shade of the house, altho' my softest bed was a hemlock plank. About eight, this morning 'Ris a sail,' six or eight miles ahead. She threw her sails back and waited for us to come up with her. Was an English brig, Sion her name, bound the thick ~~tongued~~ tongued, blunder head of a captain couldn't make us understand whither bound, and not much to be wondered at for we were hardly within hailing distance, his Lon. being 35°, course 38° 20'. Soon after we passed said brig the wind hauled

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a little more to the N. and during the operation of tacking ship I assisted the men some in hauling ropes and then crept under the boats where out of the way of the burning rays of the sun I might continue my reading. And as the blazing sun arose to its zenith; shall I say it was sport to hear the complaints of those who had been less fortunate than I in securing a retreat from the almost insufferable heat of its vertical rays? ~~[illegible]~~ I was amused — On the after noon, to cheat away a few hours of oppressive heat, played a few games of "Whist."

Lat. 22° 23'.

Jan. 9 Pleasant weather, strong and favoring wind with a strong sea running with us, bear us rapidly on. Course S. W. by W.

Lat. 22° 2'. Right glad are we all to bid adieu to the Torrid Zone, and be making from the sun. We are under

its torrid rays a certain languor ~~this~~ possesses mind and body, altogether unnerving man for any ~~exertion~~ exertion, so that I venture to say ~~that~~ the most spirited among us would confess that he would be no exception to the general character of the inhabitants of this Zone, were he bound to dwell among them!

Jan. 10 Wind fresh and fair during the fore part of the day, but soon after noon died away to almost a perfect calm, and until night came to relieve us it was very hot and uncomfortable. Lat. 26° 30'.

Jan. 11 This morning was calm and pleasant. One of the passengers caught a Dolphin, about "seven bells." Shortly after breakfast a Shark was hauled on board, some of his skin was saved for sand-paper, a part of his meat fried for supper and the remainder, with

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taken of sufficient size to afford the whole ship's company, two good ~~soup~~ soups. This is certainly an eventful day — After dinner the idea of going on board a schooner, which stood eight or ten miles to the N. E. of us, was broached and four men were soon found who were willing to engage as oars men, so in a few minutes these lusty fellows were seen sendding their swift boat over the calm surface of the ocean, the captain was seated in the stern as helmsman. Two hours brought them to the stranger vessel. Ida is her name, she is loaded with hides, bound from Rio Grande to Cottenburg, Sweden.

In the course of the afternoon a light breeze sprang up which together with the current sent us along about two nots, increasing the distance between us and the schooner the boat had gone to visit, that the mate was obliged tack ship and stand towards her. Picked the boat and crew up about

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six o'clock. Ship tacked and standing again on our course (W. by S.) towards S. St. Catherine we all go below to partake of our waiting supper. The evening was spent in listenning to the 'benders' of the adventurers, which were got up, no doubt, to stave off the laugh we had at their expense excited by the idea of their having taken so great pains for so little pay.
The fruit not being ripe at Rio Grand when the schooner left, so not having a supply she could not afford our boats crew that which they had labored so hard to procure. The breeze freshens.
Lat. 27° ~~[illegible]~~ Lon. 44°.

Jan. 12 Wind N. by ~~[illegible]~~ W. light breezes. Course W. by S.

Jan. 13 Wind variable, course "full and by." Lat. 27° 56'.
Towards evening land was indistinctly seen far ahead (to the West.) The

after noon rainy. The evening, strong winds. So another week has passed and an other Sabbath.

Jan. 14 Went on deck this morning, about fifteen minutes ~~to~~ before four. It was the mates watch on deck and, altho' the wind was 'piping' strong, he was carrying all sail, while the brig was literally leapping from one sea to another, and from time to time the sprays made a clean breech over her decks. Notwithstanding the danger of getting wet within an hour nearly every passenger was on deck, eager to catch the first glimps of land, the rays of the approaching sun might reveal. When land appeared, (about five o'clock) we were heading directly for it, with the wind S. by W. ~~Wanting to~~

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Jan. 15. Got under way this morning about eight; had a fair wind in to the harbor which brought us up near the fort about nine when anchor was dropped again. Presently the Brazilian officer, from the fort, came along side, and took our ship papers, and demanded a "clean bill of health," signed by the Brazilian consul; but there was none on board so the old fellow told us we must ride

at anchor here six days before we can go up to town to get ~~our~~ supplies. and worse still we are not allowed to go ashore. This made us feel rather down for a while, but in a short time a boat load of fruit came along side of us and after we had ~~gotten~~ pretty freely we concluded to take things by the smooth handle and live as fast as possible. Three other vessels came into this port in company with us; misery likes company, and that the above are caught in the same trap ~~——~~ with ourselves is no little source of consolation.

Jan. 16. This morning our capt. went up to the fort to see if he could be permitted to go on shore after water. Which privilege being granted, he went to see the American Consul, who told him, among other things, that when he sent a boat after water two or three of the pas-

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sengers might go on shore if they liked, and stop while the water was collected. This liberty was very soon abused so that the governor of the fort noticed it and has forbidden any more going on shore after water or any thing else.

Jan. 17. This day has been spent much the same as the two days preceding ~~the~~ since we cast anchor in this harbor — This morning three negros came along side with a quarter of a bullock which they said was presented to the captain by the consul. But when the captain saw the con. in the afternoon, the latter said to the former "the beef you red. this morning comes to you at six cents per lb."

Jan. 18. This morning again we are told the governor of the fort gives liberty for one half of us to go on shore at a time. The forenoon we respected the restriction, and but half went on shore, but in the afternoon those of us that had

ben off in the forenoon were just as anxious to go again, so away we went all together, and a fine race we had over the hills and plains, while the sun poured its rays down upon us so hot that the sweat literally streamed down our sides. I fain would say some thing of those things which have so much interested me today; but so much has been ~~said~~ spoken and written upon the richness of the vegitation and the great variety of scenery which the Torrid Zone ever presents to the delighted traveler, that all that I might say would amount to but less than a repetition of what any one (who would take the pains to read a journal) already knows.

Jan. 19 Having full liberty to go where we please, this morning a boat load of us started off to visit a small Dutch town which lay all in sight, just across a sort of an arm of the harbor that makes up into the main land, and about six miles

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still increasing; the waves almost continually breaking over our boat, so that we who were near the bows were completely drenched thereby. Here we gave up the idea of beating any further so run in shore furled the sails and bent the oars for the rest of the distance. Got on board about five o'clock, with a good appetite for supper.

Jan. 20 This morning went on shore to wash ourselves and some clothes in a small stream of fresh water that winds its way down from among the mountains and empties itself into Santa Cruz harbor, near where we lie at anchor. Of all the beauties with which Nature has clothed this place, that little brook is by far the most dear to me. For how pleasant, when ~~one~~ I am almost exhausted with fatigue and his blood seems boiling with heat to stretch one's self on the green and shady banks of a murmuring brook, and drink and bathe the brow in its liquid flood, while the vapors from the pebble fretted wave arise ~~and~~ to cool the air we breath. Staged on board the

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after noon, until after tea; when our boat started off with a small company to visit a Fandango which they said was to come off this evening. After the boat had been gone about half an hour, I formed one of another company to take the boys boat and follow. Having gone about half the distance to the shore we met the other boat returning, we pulled on and landed just in front of the Fandango-room. A young man came down to the back to help us haul our boat up out of the water, and altho' he confessed he did not know us, he asked us to walk right in and make ourselves at home. From the smell of the chap's breath I began to suspect, and as we drew nearer the house and met the loud invitations, given from the windows and door, to come in and drink, my suspicions were strengthened; and when I had looked in at the open door and seen several persons in different parts of the room already drunk, and others standing by a table loaded with liquors striving to make themselves so, we were all fully

persuaded that a drunken revel had taken the place of the Fandango: so we retreated, and following the example of the other boat put back to the brig. But as we did so we discovered a bright light over on the island, (four or five miles distant,) where, we had been informed, there would be a regular Fandango, in honor of St. Anthony. As we had set out to visit a Fandango, did not like to let the opportunity pass ~~without~~ unimproved without making every due effort: so having made fast the brig's boat we stepped into the other, spread the sails to a fair wind and in a short time had passed over half the distance. But we had lost sight of the light and hardly knew which ~~way to~~ part of the island it was on, so some of the leaders among us proposed to go to the nearest shore and get some one of the natives to go with us as guide. But, when we had traveled about a mile and a half to find a settlement, altho' the natives could with considerable ease understand whatever else we wanted, they either could not or would not understand when

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we asked them to let one of their young men ~~go~~ lead us to the Fandango. So having got a good cup of coffee for each of us, and wasted a great deal of time we went back to our boat, and were quite ready to set our faces towards the brig again. We had gone but a small part of the distance when the wind died away, and the only alterative left us was to take the oars and pull home with all possible haste to escape a shower of rain which seemed every moment about to burst upon our unsheltered heads. But once more we are all safe on board the Maria, and ready to turn into our long expecting berths, and the watch tell us 'tis past mid-night.

Jan. 21 Before I turned out this morning, the mate came below and told the cap. the old gov. had been along side and told him he might set sail and go up to town. We were all very glad to hear that and ready to lend a hand in weighing anchor

About nine o'clock got under way. A fair breeze filled our sails; and about eleven dropped anchor in front of the town, Desaguadero, situated on the Western shore of the island, St. Catherine. This town is small, but there is quartered here an army of 1000 regular soldiers. As soon as dinner was over we all started to go on shore, and altho' the sun was intensely hot we traveled all the after noon as tho' we had not an other day to live. First went into the church which is the best building in the place. The interior presented many curiosities to some of us, but these were nothing more than may be seen in almost every Catholic church in New England. It appears that the people of this place are all Catholics, and worship around one alter. As we walked around the streets, at every corner ~~stood~~ we could see soldiers standing on duty. But I won't say anything more of this place which presented, to me at least, nothing pleasing, but many things disgusting.

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Jan. 22 This forenoon went on shore with as many as the boat would carry. While the rest of the party walked about town, Peck and I seperated ourselves from them and went out back in search of some thing new, thinking perhaps that we might fall in with a generous master of a vineyard and get a few grapes. As we traveled on, saw many things to admire in the works of nature, but very little in art. The first garden we entered, found but one negro slave, neither could we understand him nor he us, so we were bound to go as far, see and get as much we could consistently. But when we came to the grapes vines, the African so clamorous forbad us to touch them, that we could not misunderstand! So we looked, mighty innocent, and looked on still further, determined not to give it up so, and soon came to the other side of the house where the children of the owner were at play in the shade they looked at us with much curiosity and

pleased with all, they left their sports and cautiously approached us — we met them with smiles, and particularly noticed one of them who was whiter and fairer than the rest, this was observed with pleasure by the mother who was then seated by, and looking out at an open window; (for what mother does not take pleasure in seeing her children praised) She immediately left the window, but returned soon bringing another child, of about two years growth and the fairest one of the whole brood. We then went up to the window, and Peck took the child out and kissed it. As we were about to take our leave, the woman raised a knife to the negro and told him to gather for us a bunch of grapes!
After wandering a little further we returned to town but found the boat had gone off to the brig, and we must wait till she came back. While wandering about ~~to kill~~ town in search of some thing to attract the attention, fell in with an Italian gentleman, who, altho' possessing but a

limited knowledge of the English language was a very smart and well educated man. In conversation with this gent. two hours passed away very pleasantly and we again went on board, and, all on board, the necessary papers procured, anchor was weighed, sail ~~set~~ and an attempt made to beat down to Santa Cruz. But this was very soon impracticable, and anchor was droped for the night.

Jan. 23. The wind changed last night, and this morning with a fair wind came down from town and now ride at anchor near the same place where we lay six days before. The wind blows so hard this afternoon that the boat cant go on shore to bring off wood and water, much of which yet remained to be got before we can go to sea.

Jan. 24 This morning all hands ~~had~~ lent aid in caging off. For yesterday, while the mate was ashore, the Capt. (being sick from his

intemperate indulgences up to town) let the brig drag her anchor and go ashore. Our letters were sent on board the Whaler, bound to the States, this forenoon. But the greater part of the day has been spent in getting on fruit to carry to sea with us. Fruit is held rather high here on account of the many American vessels that are coming in and going out every week—

Jan. 25. The day for going to sea again, has at length arrived. With light heart lend a hand in weighing anchor and working ship. This morning the venders of fruit, as if to bid us farewell, and drain the last Dumps from our pockets, swarmed around us as thick as locusts in Egypt. As we were coming out, passed a square rigged brig from Barnstable Mass., having a company of 44 men, all told, bound to C. As we had then but a light breeze two boats' crews, from said brig, (among whome was their cap.) came on board and stopped with us an hour and a half.

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These were lively boys - association of congenial spirits begets more zeal in each - after the exchange of a thousand good wishes for success on both sides, and, as the boats put off, nine loud cheers, we were alone again, alone to take our farewell gaze at ~~the~~ St. Catherine's rugged, but verdure covered hills. As the wind was a head, going out of the harbor, had time to gaze our fill; and when four o'clock P.M., we 'weathered' Pt. Rasa the Northern extremity of the island, our hearts leaped with joy, once more to behold our noble brig careering on her course towards the Stormy cape. But 'tis evening - and the cloudless sun in splendor sinks behind the hills of South America for on the other hand the well rounded moon rises from a watery bed, and shoots its silvery beams athwart the ocean blue, ~~and~~ beautifully lighting up the face of things. The scene is beautiful - but as I contemplate it, my mind is prone to wander to my native land, and there delighted fancy

roams through those paths, in reality, so often trod. And the heart saddens, as the last view of home and friends recurs to my mind. The gray hairs and stooping form of a kind father; the declining age of a beloved mother; ~~dear~~ sisters left ~~behind~~ behind, all bring feelings to the mind more easily conceived of than described.

Jan. 26. Wind northerly; strong breeze; pleasant weather. Lat. 29° 36'. Lon. 48° 19'.

Jan. 27. Pleasant weather; strong breezes and favorable. Lat. 32° 23'. Thermometer 80°.

Jan. 28. Wind very strong this forenoon, with heavy rains. About eight o'clock A.M. the tack of the lower studding sail parted and let the sail down. From that time, they he gan to shorten sail, and in a short time were under close reef topsail. No observation.

Jan. 29. Fair and calm, but there being

a head beat sea, the ~~wind~~ brig makes head-way backwards. Just at noon, light clouds were passing over the sun, so that there was no observation to day again.

Jan. 30. Turned out this morning about five o'clock, for I could with difficulty lie in my berth. Found more difficulty in getting on my clothes, for the brig was literally leaping the waves. Went on deck and found the second mate carrying full sail with ~~on~~ the top mast studding sail. Presently the capt. came up and shortly, began to shorten sail. The clouds grew black, and the winds increased to an alarming extent. The brig was brought under close reef and the way the wind and waves rock and roll ~~the brig~~ her about, is by no means pleasant; and while it is impossible to maintain any position without bracing our feet and holding on with the hands many countenances assume rather a gloomy appearance. Six o'clock, the wheel is lashed - all the sail spread is a

two reef main sail, and a fore top mast stay sail.

Jan. 31. The gale continues unabated, but whereas yesterday we were sad, to day when one is thrown from his seat to the deck, we only laugh loud and keep on with our play. It cleared away towards evening, and the wind lulled. At six the well is manned, and sail spread. So again with a fair breeze we are climbing the waves on our course towards the stormy cape. Since the gale commenced, it is calculated, we have drifted to the East ward not less than one deg. and a half.

Feb. 1, Weather fair; a good breeze, but rather rough sea, Course S.W. by S. Lat. 39° 18'

Feb. 2, Weather fine so that we can again exercise about decks with out danger of falling over board. Good breeze; course the same as yesterday. Lat. 41° 53'.

Feb. 3. The first sabbath in the month, distinguished from other days, only by a total abstinance from all games. ~~&~~ ~~on~~ Lat. 43° 22'.

'Tis evening: a heavy cloud is suspended above us, and darkness, impenetrable darkness hangs over the waters: Now a sheet of vivid lightning ~~in blazes the~~ shoots from the overhanging gloom, and all ether seems to blaze; while, as far as the eye can reach, caps of sparkling foam bestud the ocean's bosom like so blue; Straight 'tis dark again, and louder than a thousand guns, thunder rolls along the sky. What a pity so many eyes are closed and will not behold this grand exhibition of nature's beauty and sublimity! O, what is more to be admired than Nature; what, more to be adored than Nature's God? For he has all power and his name is Love!

Feb. ~~X~~ 4. Fine breeze N. N. W. till ten o'clock, when it changed to W. and we stood "sharp on the wind", and

on account of the roughness of the sea the sprays were continually flying across decks. Lat. 45°36'. Lon. 51°48'

Feb. 5. Lat. 47°58'.

Feb. 6. Lat. 49°59'.

'Twas thought that we were near the Falkland islands about eight o'clock, and the cap. choosing to sail by them in the day time as he was not acquainted tacked ship and stood the other way till twelve when came about again and stood his course. Stand watch for one of the sailors, to night, who is afflicted with boils.

Feb. 7. The wind, which was but light last night veers with the sun and blows a pretty stiff breze. But the Falkland islands were not gained sight of till two o'clock P. M. This forenoon a sail was seen off the larboard quarter, but has not been seen since noon. Another sail was seen in towards the land. As the day wears away we approach each other; she

proves to be a 'fore and after schooner', and a better sailor on the wind than our brig; so, altho' at first all thought we should overtake her, now, when she tries, we are bound to believe that she can walk right away from us. Lat. 51° 18'. Lon. 57° 13'.

Feb. 8. Favorable and strong breeze in the morning, but the wind hauls into the S.W. and heads us off. Lat. 53°

Feb. 9. The wind is a little more favorable in the morning, but hauls ahead in the after part of the day. Lat. 55° 31'.

Feb. 10, Sunday; a cold and uncomfortable day, with head winds and a rough sea. This afternoon a spray broke over the house and quarter deck, and wet the capt's new coat! Have progressed every way but the right, since yesterday. Lat. 57° 8'.

Feb. 11. Head winds is still our lot, tho' a part of the day have been on our course, S.W., but then the wind was so light that did not make much advancement, on account of the strong cur-

rent flowing from the S. W. It has been a very pleasant day, and as a natural consequence we have all been happy and cheerful. But many a anxious gaze has been turned ~~down~~ towards the long pursued and still flying Cape. I've spent, with much satisfaction, a large portion of the day in reading Davis's Revelations.

Feb. 12. This morning while standing N. sighted Staten island: which bore W. N. W., about 25 miles distant. Tacked ship before noon. Then our course varied from S. S. W. to S. W. as the wind was ~~to~~ more or less favorable. But had to stand so near the wind, that made but little headway. At three o'clock spoke an English barque, Australia, bound to London. Said he had spoken an hundred vessels bound to Cal., but he lied, I guess. About half past four, tack ship again; Since that time it has been squally, and promises a bad night. As I have frequently done, for exercise, go to night

have been helping the men put the ship under clear reef. Now Staten island is in sight again. and from the direction it bears, I should think we have made considerable western today. Lon. P.M. 63° 7'.

~~was indeed a severe one~~ Feb. 13. Last night was indeed a severe one, it being rather cold with frequent gales accompanied with rain and hail. Such weather is bad for the sailors, but it matters but little with us who are at liberty to turn into our warm berths and out when we choose. During the last twenty four hours have lost two miles of Lon Lat. 55° 49'. This evening a heavy dew is discoverable on deck, which gives rise to hope that we are to have a northerly wind. Have now almost a perfect calm.

Feb. 14. About one o'clock this morning a pretty strong breeze sprung up from the north, and for about twelve hours had a very good run. But about three, P.M. it blew so fresh, all hands were called to shorten sail. Since then, the wind has been increasing

till now (10 o'clock evening.) it blows a living gale — The wheel is lashed, and brig hove to, under two reefed main sail, fore spreet, and fore topmast stay sail. This wind has blown up a heavy sea, and the vessel rolls badly, but my berth being on the lee side, I shall be able to sleep without fear of being thrown out!

Feb. 15 The wind continues to blow very hard, and the vessel is often thrown so far over as to take in water enough to put out the cook's fire; hence dinner is rather late, to day. On account of the frequent breaches the seas make over our decks, we have been obliged to stay below to day, and for want of better exercise, we 'boys' have tumbled on another about the cabin without feeling a pity, and I fear too, to the disturbance of some of our elders, who manifest great affection for their berths and perfect quiet. Oh! I feel for the poor but wicked souls that have been so unfortunate as to take passage on board

this vessel! Lat. 57° 36'.

Feb. 16. The wind lulled last evening, the fore spencer was furled - a close reefed top sail, and main stay sail were spread - but on account of the roughness of the sea, made but very little head way during the night. The weather is fair, and the decks have been a scene of their usual life and spirit. Have light breezes from the N. W. Lat. 58° 12' Lon. 65° 19'. This evening have finished reading "Nature's Divine Revelations," by A. J. Davis.

Feb. 17. Fair weather light breezes and favorable. Yards square; course W. N. W. Pass by the "Horn" about 6 o'clock P. M. Lat. 57° 12'

Feb. 18. Have a good breeze until about noon, when the wind dies away and leaves us to thrash and roll about in a perfect calm. Mr. Hannon 2d, captured a large bird this morning which they called a Gony. His wings, when extended, measured ten feet.

We made fast to his neck, a small phial, in which we had reported the brig, and dismissed him.
Lat. 58°37' Lon. 69°-

Feb. 19. Weather fair; little better than a perfect calm.
Lat. 58°1'-

Feb. 20 Fair weather and a strong breeze from the S.E. Course N.W. Lat 57°13'. Lon. 75°. About nine in the morning, made a sail off our larboard quarter which appeared to gain on us. But a reef was shaken out of the main sail, and the gaff top sail set, and we have kept clear.

Feb 21 Fair wind and pleasant weather. Lat. 55° 20'. Lon. 77°.

Feb. 22. Head winds thick and rainy.

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Sunday, Feb. 24. Last night about twelve, the gale subsided and from that time to twelve to day, they carried fore sail and close reefed top sail. Since noon it has been but a regular succession of squalls of hail and rain. Lat. 55° 1'

Feb. 25. Gale continues. We have before encountered no blows so severe as those of last night. Since noon althoi the wind has not blown very hard the waves run so high that they dare not carry sail. Lon. 81° 41'

Feb. 26 Last night carried the fore sail, close reefed top sail and close reefed main sail. This morning turned out ~~the~~ a reef in the top sail and one in the main sail. In the morning a ship was seen off our starboard quarter; she gained ahead of us for a while, then began to work to the windward. Our jibs is set, and while the ship works to the windward of us, we gain ahead of her: and this evening she stands off our larboard quarter. Have had a strong breze from the W. S. W. all day, and blows unabated still; altho' there is a very bad sea on, the officers seem determined to make up what we lost in the late gale, when we had to lay to on the other tack and be content with drifting to the Southward. The brig makes some desperate leaps and plunges: from the almost constant working of the pumps I judge she leaks badly. The men in the fore castle complain that the water

runs in so freely round her bows, that they can't keep themselves dry even in their berths; and any one can see that he who walks forward of the main mast is in danger of being washed overboard by the sheet of water almost continually passing across the deck.

Feb. 27. The wind gradually increased during the night. Four o'clock, this morning the jib was hauled down. Half past seven the watch was called up to take in more sail. At eleven, the brig was again hove to on the other tack, since then we have been drifting off S. S. W. as fast as wind and wave can carry us. Altho' a head wind is anything but agreeable to our minds, impatient of confinement, yet, in the mighty rolling billows and the roaring of the fierce wind there is a certain sublime, inexpressible beauty which no mind can witness without emotions of pleasure

delight. On account of the ship's pitching about so wantonly this afternoon the steward says he could not mix up the bread; and if he could, it had been all the same, for the waves have so frequently inundated the galley and put out the Cooks fire, that it was impossible to bake it, had it been prepared! So to night our supper consists of dried-hard bread and beef and pork, including butter and a little apple sauce.

Feb 28.

The violence of the gale passed off early last evening, but no sail was made until twelve, when the had become more calm. Until eight o'clock, morning, with a light breeze from the W. N. W. made a course S. W. by W. then tacked ship and stood N. by E. About nine fell in with an Irish ship standing to the Southward. She passed just clear of our jib boom. There was much gazing on board both

vessels, but not a word was spoken! This over with, four of us went below took the cards and played away what little wind we had left! Then I went to readding and the vessel went to rolling. I grew tired and long since changed the exercise, but she seems quite satisfied to spend the day doing one thing over and over again!

March 1 For the regular succession of seasons, Spring appears. But how different the emotions at the commencement of that lovely season while floating about here in the Pacific Ocean, from those we are wont to feel in New England. We have not experienced the severity of her winter, nor can we hope to witness the enchanting loveliness of her Spring. Have had a fair wind to day from the S.E. Breezes light, but cloudy cold and raing.

'Turned in' last night at eleven o'clock. Altho' this was later than I have been

accustomed to sit up, yet I could not shut my eyes to sleep. My mind was strangely prone to reflect! It first enquired ~~then and~~ for what I was subjecting my self to the tedium and perhaps danger of a voyage round Cape Horn - leaving the pursuit of that object which I prized above all else, and upon whose shrine I had sacrificed so much time and money. What could I answer! Gold? No: for 'tis not my object. The imagination alone hath conceived of it - but never has or shall the tongue speak of it, until 'tis surely gained or forever lost.

Next came up before the mind the many days, weeks and even months that have passed since I came on board the vessel - then came the self reproach for the many hours that I squandered away and the many days that have passed unimproved. In short so perfectly did my better judgement gain the ascendancy, that among other good

resolutions, I agreed with myself to abstain from card-playing and all other games, at least to the end of the voyage!

March 2. The wind since last evening has blown from almost every point of the compass. In the forenoon it varied from W. by N. to N. W. At twelve it hauled S. W. Has blown strong all the afternoon; but now has hauled into the S. and blows a gale; the brig running N. W. by N. carries a two reefed main sail, main stay sail, close reefed top sail, single reefed fore sail and fore top mast stay sail. This is the first gale of wind we have had blowing us right on our course, since we left Batt; and in spite of the water that is shooting over the house and across the quarter decks all are glad to see it. — But hark! That was a blundering sea which boarded her then and through

it came against the side of the house like a battering Ram, it pours down the companion way and floats about the cabin here like its own self! But these wave come along so much faster than I can write, if I attempt to notice them all I shall lose my nap, which I consider of, by no means, little importance.

Sunday March 3.

Fair wind, strong breeze. pleasant weather to that some of us, who take no interest in any thing but in every mile gained on our course, and who generally lie in and court sleep while we have rainy weather or head winds, have seemed to enjoy a considerable degree of comfort on deck, to day. and turn in to night happy in the assurance that we have gained a Sabbath day's journey towards the land of Promise. Lat. 48° 29'

March 4.

Head winds all day in the forenoon made about W. course. At noon

tack ship - from that time have made about N. N. E.

To day began to read the eighth Od. of Homer, which is the first Greek I've read since I left home. Old employment brings up old associations - and some times while I study it really seems as tho' I were at home again - but I'm too often disturbed to enjoy that delusion for a great length of time.

March 5.

Wind from W. to W. N. W. Have made about N. course - tho' for a short time with free wind run N. by W. Lat. 47° 12'.

March 6.

Pleasant weather and fair wind - but no studding sails were set until six o'clock P. M. Lat. 44° 8'

March 7.

An other pleasant day, with favorable winds. Lat. 4[illegible]° 26'.

March 8.

Last evening a heavy swell began to heave in from the south east, which has been increasing all day. wind still fair. The lower and t'gallant studding sails were set this morning.
Lat. 38° 21'

March 9.

A little cloudy this morning - but about ten A.M. the clouds broke away and the sun shone out as bright and pleasant as ever. Still a strong breeze from the S. E. together with a very heavy sea heaving in from the same quarter bears us rapidly on. Lat. 36° 5'

Sunday March 10.

Wind holds fair and blows with increased force. Somewhat cloudy, and from time to time rain; a mere smith.

March 11.

Fair wind, strong breezes, occasional squalls but gentle - Course N. W. by N. half N.
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March 13.
A brighter morning never dawned upon the waters, the blue and peaceful waves of this Peaceful ocean never played with more winning beauty about a vessels sides, which glistened with the reflected rays of the approaching King of day. I was early on deck, and after musing a while on the beauties of the rising morn, seated myself on the quarter, and as I read, hardly wished for a more pleasant situation. The passengers are all happy and gay. Breakfast being over, four of us who had agreed to go to the mines together concluded to improve upon this opportunity to make our tent. About ten o'clock as we were on the house cutting out the same loud and unusual talk was heard proceeding from the fore castle deck - all eyes were turned in the direction whence the sound proceeded. Nothing was to be seen which

could give us any hint to the cause of the disturbance. But in a moment we were relieved from suspense, but not from anxiety. by the appearance of the cap. rising up from between the foremast and the boats, and draging along aft with him Jack, the English sailor.

Says Jack, "I can come along without draging." "Damn you" says the cap. "I can drag you." And so he did drag him along ~~to the~~ baft the house, and there began, with calling on God to damn his soul, to heap threats and curses upon him, assuring him that he never knew of one of his country men's being on board a vessel, with out creating disturbance. "And" continued the cap. "if you were not so d-d old, I'd shake your head off your shoulders."

Jack meekly replies, "I can't help that sir!"

Says the cap. "Now will you go aloft, help send down that broken yard and do your duty like a man?"

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to night? and now I dont consider it my duty to go aloft, this fore noon, and if you do, I will go in irons like a man, but to go aloft I never will." A new flood of curses ~~[illegible]~~ and threats burst from the cap. lips but all in vain. Jack remained firm and was after a while sent forward to take his watch below as a reward of his obstinacy, while the rest of the watch stoped on deck.

The cap's. rage is almost insupportable he goes below and after looking over his chart orders the brig to be kept off one point so that he may set Jack ashore on Grey's island.

As he came up and passed by the house where we were at work, he exclaimed, "If it wan't for the damned passengers all would be well, but they put the devil into the men!" The truth is, our cap. is calculated to gain nothing but the ill will of his men. Jack is an Old

man, ~~and~~ well understands a sailor's duty, and is ever ready and willing to do his part. A few days ago Jack was sick but said he would stand his watch on deck and do what he could. The capt. sent him aloft to loose the gaff top sail. He went up but had not strength to loose the sail. The capt. flew into a passion and called him down, and told him he was no sailor. This was too severe a blow upon the old tar's pride to be forgotten soon.
And this morning when the capt. ordered him a loft, he was in no mood to grant the favor, even if it were requested in a much milder tone than our capt. is wont to speak. So he positively refused.
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At about six P.M. Jack was called aft and threatened close confinement in irons for the next act of disobedience to any lawful order given either by himself or the mate. Jack replied that he couldnt help it, and went forward.

Lat. 26° 24' Course N. W. by W.

March 14.

Wind light but favorable, sea smooth and weather fair. Lat: 25° 17' Lon. 93° 20'
The idea of making Grey's island, on which to set Jack ashore, I think is abandoned - And the whole affair is droped.

March 15.

Beautiful weather - wind as yesterday - course N.W. Lat. 23° 55'.

March 16.

Wind N.N.E. Breezes strong. Lat. 22° 33'

Sunday March 17

Spent most of the forenoon in clipping the hair of my ship mates. The afternoon in lounging about decks, conversing upon various subjects. When evening comes, we regret that the superstitious veneration hanging over this day prevents us from taking our wonted dance on deck - which altho engaged in, on my part, with very rude feet, yet is not the less diverting and beneficial. Lat. 20° 29'

March 18.

Weather very fine - but too warm to feel real smart - So in stead of reading most of the time, as I was accostomed to do in the cooler latitudes - spend most of the time in discussing, with different persons, (but mostly with Farnham) the merits and demerits of historical characters - the practicability and impracticability of certain theories & principles wheather ~~[illegible]~~ long established or but lately conceived of - ~~Lat. 16°55' Lon. 104°~~ -

March 19.

Weather fair. Wind N.E. Course as for the last several days - Day spent much as usual - Lat. 16°55' Lon. 104°.

March 20. Lat. 15°18'

March 21. Wind S.S.E. strong breezes - Lat. 13° 30' Our water is very bad, so that some are made sick by drinking the same - No one drinks so long as he can do without - But when insupportable thirst drives him to it, in sorrow he pumps up what

he thinks is necessary, shuts his eyes holdes his breath and turns it down his throat, never wishing, like the glutton 'we read of' that it was as long as a crane's — This evening, that we might have one more good draught, I produced some lemons, which I brought from St. C. the steward provided sugar and we prepared a drink which was very pallatable.

March 22.

Wind S. E. Weather fair and warm. Lat. 11°57'.

March 23.

Wind freshened and hauled a little to the Eastward. Lat. 16°7'.

March 24.

Strong breezes, smooth sea, Thermom. 84°. A very pleasant Sabbath, and very pleasantly passed, and in truth, no day brings any thing but pleasure to me. The body being perfectly at ease the mind is left free to concell, and associate our ideas with those of the many

authors whose ~~the~~ valuable productions are at ~~my~~ the pleasure any person who is disposed to give attention to the same.

Lat. 5° 6′

March 25.

Good breezes, Course, N. W. half N.
Lat. 6° 19′.

March 26

Course, wind and weather, as yesterday. Last evening Mr. Harmon 2d. and myself entered into a discussion of the ~~bible~~ merits of the Bible, and the consequent claims it has to our credence. The conversation continued about an hour. when H. retired for the night, but not until he had promised that he would be ready to recontinue the conversation in the morning. Mr. H. is one of those whose love for the Bible amounts to idolatry, and whose belief in the very letter thereof, seems to have become a principal and coexistant with his natural senses!

Morning came and we seated ourselves

in the shade and commenced the conversation, which H. would not have called an argument, for he "don't believe in argument." I had before told ~~the~~ H. that I did not believe the Bible. He said he had never before talked with a person of my belief - and now I proposed to lay before him the considerations which shook my ~~be~~ faith. He thinking I had arrived at my conclusions by a wrong course of reasoning was in hopes to correct my errors and set me right. Noon came and went and still we kept on, and not till 3 o'clock did we come to the conclusion that it was no use for us to talk. Then the conversation ended. Lat. 4° 12'

March 27.

Wind S.E. Strong breezes Course N.W. by N.
Lat. 1° 57'.

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and are once more on our own heavenly sphere. The weather is very clear in these latitudes - the days are splendid almost to insufferable brightness the evening with its well rounded moon sheds a milder beauty over the waters that inspires love and pleasure in the minds of all; so that it is not unusual for, from six to eight persons, to be seen on deck engaged in singing and pleasant conversation, until twelve or one o'clock. And some times I am not ready to turn in until after two o'clock in the morning. Lat. 0° 10'

March 29.

Wind light to day but we are still progressing. Lat. 1° 48' Ther. 88½.

March 30.

Strong breeze from the S. Course N. by W. Lat. 4°.

The spirit of argument and conversation seems to be every day increasing, and the interest with which these conversa-

tion are listened to keeps pace with the spirit of argument. On nearly all subjects Farnham and I disagree; and after long talk, I generally have the satisfaction to find myself at the head of much the smallest party!

This morning I advanced an idea peculiarly new and quite as unpopular as new. The controversy arose on the subject of 'belief': after some talk Farnham asked me whether I believed there is such a place as London.

This question he calculated would put an end to the dispute. And so it did as far as he was concerned; for when I answered plainly, No! he thought I was biaide myself, and nothing I could say would induce him to go any further. But Mr. Harmon made a few remarks, which, altho' they created a great laugh at my expence, I think I proved to some minds, were more witty than wise!

soon put an end to ~~the~~ a controversy, which, altho' I labored hard, I am forced to believe gained but few converts to my faith! But the poet very wisely remarks:-
"We must learn to labor and to wait."

Sunday March 31

Wind as yesterday. Course N. half W.
Again we throw the sun behind us.
Lat. 5°57' Lon. 119°
Altho the day has been very warm and clear. the evening has kept us in constant expectation of a shower, & with three or four others have been waiting to catch some fresh water to wash our clothes in.
But 'tis half past one, and I shall turn in trusting to luck for the water.
Wind this evening light and varying.

April 1.

Found a tub full of water saved for me on deck this morning. In the forenoon washed and hung out the

clothes. This morning 'Old Notus' very effectually played the 'fool' upon us, by sending a fine breeze from the S.E., which, when it had fairly filled our minds with pleasant anticipations of a continuation good fortune, died away and left us with ~~with~~ scarce a a breath to fill our sails.
Lat. unknown -

April 2.

Light and varying winds - Made about N. W. Course - Lat. 7° 8'.
Occasional rains during the day.

April 3.

Strong northerly winds. and therefore more comfortably cool than it has been for several days past.
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Wind strong but too far to the N. Steering by the wind to day make about N. N. W. course - Lat. 9° 4'.

April 5 -

Breezes light, Wind as yesterday. Course as yesterday - Lat. 11° 11'.
Finish Macaulay's History of England reading which, I have passed many pleasant hours -

April 6 -

Spent the forenoon very pleasantly in the fore top - with friend Peck, reading Headley's "letters from Europe"
In the afternoon was reading Mrs. Child's letters from New York" -
Wind strong and northerly - Make on the wind about N. W. course Lat. 12° 34' Lon. 126° -

Sunday April 7.

Strong breezes. Course about as yesterday - Lat. 14° 15'

Many are in hopes that two weeks more will bring us to our place of destination. As I have about used up what books there are onboard, (the perusal of which has enabled me to spend pleasantly so many, otherwise, tedious hours) I'm quite willing their predictions may prove true.

For a few days past, have spent some time in teaching the Frenchman to read and spell, and in return learn from him to speak some French.

April 8 -

Wind more favorable - Course nearly N. N. W. Lat. 15° 58'

Our capt. has been guilty of many things altogether below his situation, until the feelings of every person onboard have become estranged, and at length, when every one who has addressed him, has been answered in

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This evening when all were on deck he called John into the cabin to talk over matters and things - He said, "Perhaps, thro' his ignorance of the manner in which pass - ought to be treated, he had done some things that were not right - but he hoped there would be no feeling, for he certainly wished to have every thing go along pleasantly."

John says, altho' this is a death-bed repentance he's bound to forgive him as any man who comes and asks his pardon.

April 9.

Strong breezes. Course N. N. W. Lat. 18°13'

April 10.

Strong breezes. Course as yesterday.
Lat. 20° 16' Lon. 132° Therm. 77.

April 11.

Course about N. W. by N. Strong breezes
pleasant weather. Lat. 21° 49'

April 12

Wind more favorable. Make about
N. by W. Course. Lat. 23° 55'.

April 13.

Wind and course about as yesterday.
Lat. 25° 18'. This afternoon finish
ing mining belt. to which is attached
my hatchet, knife and spoon.
Also made a block to stretch and
press our hats upon.

April 14.

About nine o'clock this morning
made a vessel off our starboard bow.
We hauled our fore sail, and the fore
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along side and the Capt. came on board, brought us two newspapers, and told us many things of the gold-diggings which have given an unusual cheer to the almost drooping spirits of many of our crew.
On the whole this has been a day, a Sabbath-day, of considerable interest
Lat. 29° 12' Lon. 137° 18'

April 15.
The wind obstinately continues to blow from the same quarter - and with increased strength.
There is a pretty heavy sea on and at 6 o'clock P.M. for the first time for more than forty days the t'gallant sail is furled and a reef put in the top sail. Rainy - Damn stockings.

April 16.
To day the wind hauls a little freer, make a course about N. half E.
Lat. 31° 10'.

April 17.
Wind heads us off again to day.

course no better than N. by W.
Lat. 33° 21'. Spent the day in reading an old Tribune. Lon. 139°

April 18.

All are much pleased this morning to find the wind changed into the S.E. and the ship heading up direct for port.

But after breakfast an occurance took place which sadly damped our spirits. About half past 8 A.M. was on deck hearing Louis Pellot read when all eyes were attracted forward by a sudden out burst of loud and threatening language. The scene that met our eyes, was the Capt. on the t'gallant fore castle setting Tom to scrubbing off the bow sprit. Tom was on the bow sprit, but making haste to retreat, and notwithstanding the Capt's. oft repeated commands to the contrary. soon gained the deck, swearing that he would not work in his forenoon watch below. Then followed a flood of

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mutual threats and curses, which, if they would not sink a small vessell, would at any rate fill up my book, if given in full -

For a short time however the tempest ceased from very exhaustion and all was calm again.

Tom neither went below nor did he work - The cause of the trouble was; the cap. found Tom asleep on deck last night, and for a punishment set him to work in his watch below - he at first turned to, but with no good will - the cap. followed him up, and vexed till till he repented and rocked off! Course N. E. by E. Lat. 34° 34'

April 19

A fine day - wind S. E. - strong breeze - Course N. E. by E. half E. Lat. 35° 49'

A sail was raised early this morning directly ahead - About 9 o'clock another was raised, off our larboard quarter, by some passengers, from aloft, and an-

other soon after, directly a storm, by the same persons. Only one of the last mentioned sails has been seen from the deck.

Shortly after dinner I became possessed with strangely lofty aspirations and climbed to the t'gallant yard, where standing up, for a long time I gazed with great delight upon the boundless ocean, with its so suddenly increased dimension.

How impressively grand and beautiful to behold. broad ocean, undisturbed in its never ceasing ebb and flow, extending its peaceful bosom far, far away on every hand, till the sky, reflecting its own deep hue, seems bent down to set limits to its otherwise endless expanse.

April. 20

Wind about S.E. strong breezes.
Course N. N. E. Lat. 37°. 9'

Sunday Apr. 21

Wind varying from E.S.E. to N.E. by E. Tack ship at 9 o'clock A.M. Stand S.E. by S. till eleven, then the wind headed us off and we tacked ship again. Stake about N.E. course, till 6 o'clock P.M. when the wind hauled to the Northward, and again tack ship. Heading now E.S.E. Lat. 38° 6'.

Four vessels have been seen today - Two (a barque, and a morfidite brig) were not far off. All seem bound to the same port.

April 22.

Turned out this morning at 6 o'clock It was a beautiful morning - the wind had hauled into the N.N.E. and we were making E. course.

All these things combined seemed to make it one of peculiar interest

to all, and the decks ~~were~~ presented a scene of unusual cheerfulness and gayety.

As the day commenced so it ends, very pleasantly. Steady about on E. course until 6 P.M. when the wind hauls still to the Noward and we heading E. by N. half N. Lat. 37° 45' Distance from S. F. at 4 o'clock P.M. 390 miles.

This afternoon two gents got out their pistols to rub them up and try their skill in shooting at a target. Several made trial and with various success. Altho' I am nonresistant in principal, had no compunctions of conciense in discharging a pistol at a plank! Came off on the whole, second best.

April 23

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over the waters. Breezes rather light during the day, but now, at midnight, the wind begins to prick on and blow pretty fresh.

April 24 -
Wind still more from S. but given this morning. True course about E. by S.

Some interest was aroused on board this forenoon by the tracks of three trees we passed in succession, and which must have been adrift from shore by the current setting therefrom. Distance from S. V. at 4 o'clock calculated at 125 miles.

As we approach nearer the place of destination, anxiety increases and tonight as the sinking sun shot its last rays across the dark ocean many a longing gaze was turned towards, and perhaps hoping to catch a glimpse of the long desired land.

But it is late at night and

all is stillness below; and on deck nothing is heard save the monotonous tread of the officer, who seems in haste to wear away the dreary hours of a 'middle watch'. I have been unusually engaged in reading to-night. perhaps from a consciousness that in a few more days at most I shall be so engaged in something else, as to have no time to indulge in such things. I several times have been on deck to get a little exercise and perhaps looked out to see if any thing strange appeared ahead!

A good breeze is wafting us directly on our course - the full moon looks down with enchanting effect upon the blue waves - in short, a more beautiful night never cheered the sailor's bold heart!

April 25 -

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jeered me for my laziness and
asked if I did not know "the
land" was all in plain sight!
Well, well said I, I expected it.
He left me and I fell to sleeping
again; was soon aroused, and being
left alone was as soon asleep again
being a third time aroused, turned
out and went on deck.

"Land was all in plain sight," but
we were several miles North of the
harbor and in a flat calm.

There were the thousand birds
some what resembling, in appearance,
our common wild duck, flying
round the ship in every direction,
and some times alighting in im-
mense droves upon the water.

A boat is lowered and manned with
by nine half dozen passengers who are

going forth with their fireloks to pick up some of these birds to have cooked for dinner. At about noon they return with light sacks.

At twelve o'clock the wind begins to breze up and we make head towards the entrance of the bay, which in a few hours we went thro' with fair winds and strong.

Sir P.M. directly in front of San. Francisca amid the thousand other vessels that rear their tall masts to the skies our anchor droped, and right glad were we!

A boat load was soon ready to go ashore and away they went. I stop aboard.

The boat's crew soon returns.

Lumber won't sell for enough to pay the freight! A laborer can get from $5 to $12 per day. Reports from the gold diggings are rather flattering.

April 26.

This morning all prepared for an early start on shore. First went to the P.O. where it takes just an hour and a half to get a hearing, without gouging.

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I expected no letters, and was not disappointed. The four nooy was spent in traveling round through the dirty streets, seeing and hearing whatever we could.

I thought to find the Merrills here but soon came to the conclusion that this place can't hold them, and gave up the search. Yankeys are scarce here, all are gone to the diggings. There are a plenty of foreigners. Gambling is the principal business. Stand at the corner of the principal streets, and within a stone's throw, there are more than a score of gaming-houses - open day and night, and generally well filled.

April 27.

This morning we all were astir by times, to fit out a boats crew for up the Sacramento. I intended and got ready to go in the boat but gave up my chance

to one of the men, who otherwise had no means of getting up. About half past 8 A.M. our brave little boat, with seven men, a week's provision and all their baggage on board, shook out ~~their~~ her sails to the breeze and shot away across the bay direct towards the mouth of the above river. All feel a good deal of anxiety about the fate of this little boat; so great is the distance across the bay before it reaches the mouth of the river.

If she should happen to meet with a squall and is not very well managed, her chance will be a hard one indeed!

I watched her with a glass until she had gone nearly half the distance, the wind was increasing and as the small waves struck against her side, the spray broke over her from time to time but still she rode bravely on, and we are quite satisfied that she will ride safely out of all danger.

Sunday April 28.

To day we are packing what cloths we must carry to the diggings in as small compass

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July 7. 1850

Today we Jackies Delaver Pete, John L. & Geo. W. Bartlett have found ourselves ~~[illegible]~~ into a corner, for the working ~~[illegible]~~ our against claims on the Black Bar settle for the provisions brought into the com. by individuals.

Expences of Lard Company, commencing July 7.

July 7. Provisions brought in by individuals --- $64.00

July 9. Quick silver Machine with all appertenances. $162.50

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" 14 Provisions etc. at Sacramento. $370.52

" 21 Quick Silver --- $16.50

" 28 Ten days' labor --- $70,00

" " Quick Silver --- $33,50

" 31 Diff. between machines -- $77,50

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Expences of said company, commencing July 7.

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" 28 Ten days' labor --- $70,00

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" 31 Diff. between machines -- $97,50

" " Quick Silver $15.00

Aug 2 Pick and handle $8,00

" " Meal $ 37½

Expences of Company -

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| August | 2. | One days labor | $10,00 |
| " | 3 | 3½ days labor | $33,00 |
| " | 4 | 6 days labor | $48,00 |
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| " | 8 | 2½ days labor | $25,00 |
| " | 10 | 5½ " " | $55,00 |
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| " | " | 2 lbs butter | $ 2,50 |
| " | 11 | 4 lbs. beef | $1,00 |
| " | " | 5 lbs. potatoes | $1,00 |
| " | 15 | 4 lbs " | $1,00 |
| " | 20 | 2½ " | $1,50 |
| " | 22 | 1½ lbs beef | $ ,36 |
| " | 25 | 2½ lbs " | $1,50 |
| " | " | one pound | $ ,40 |
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" " one sick day $1.00

" 8 2½ days labor $2.50

" 10 [illegible] $3.00

" " [illegible] $4.00

" " 2 lbs butter $2.50

" 11 4 lbs [illegible] $1.00

" " [illegible] $1.00

" 12 [illegible] $1.00

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" 25 2½ lbs [illegible] $1.50

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| | Gold taken out by com. first week | $30.00 |
| Taken out by com. | second week | $395.00 |
| " | third " | $606.00 |
| | for provisions sold to Hall | $13.00 |
| Taken out by com. | ~~third~~ 4th week | $417.00 |
| | for potatoes | $2.00 |
| " out by com. | fifth week | $320.00 |
| " " " | sixth " | $171.00 |
| | for wine | $1.50 |
| | for use of wheelbarrow | $1.50 |
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| " for potatoes " — — | $2.00 |
| " out by com. fifth week | $374.00 |
| " " " " sixth " | $191.00 |
| " for wine — | $1.50 |
| " for use of wheel-barrow - | $1.50 |
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J. C. Bartlett Dr. to Com. for money loaned $4,00

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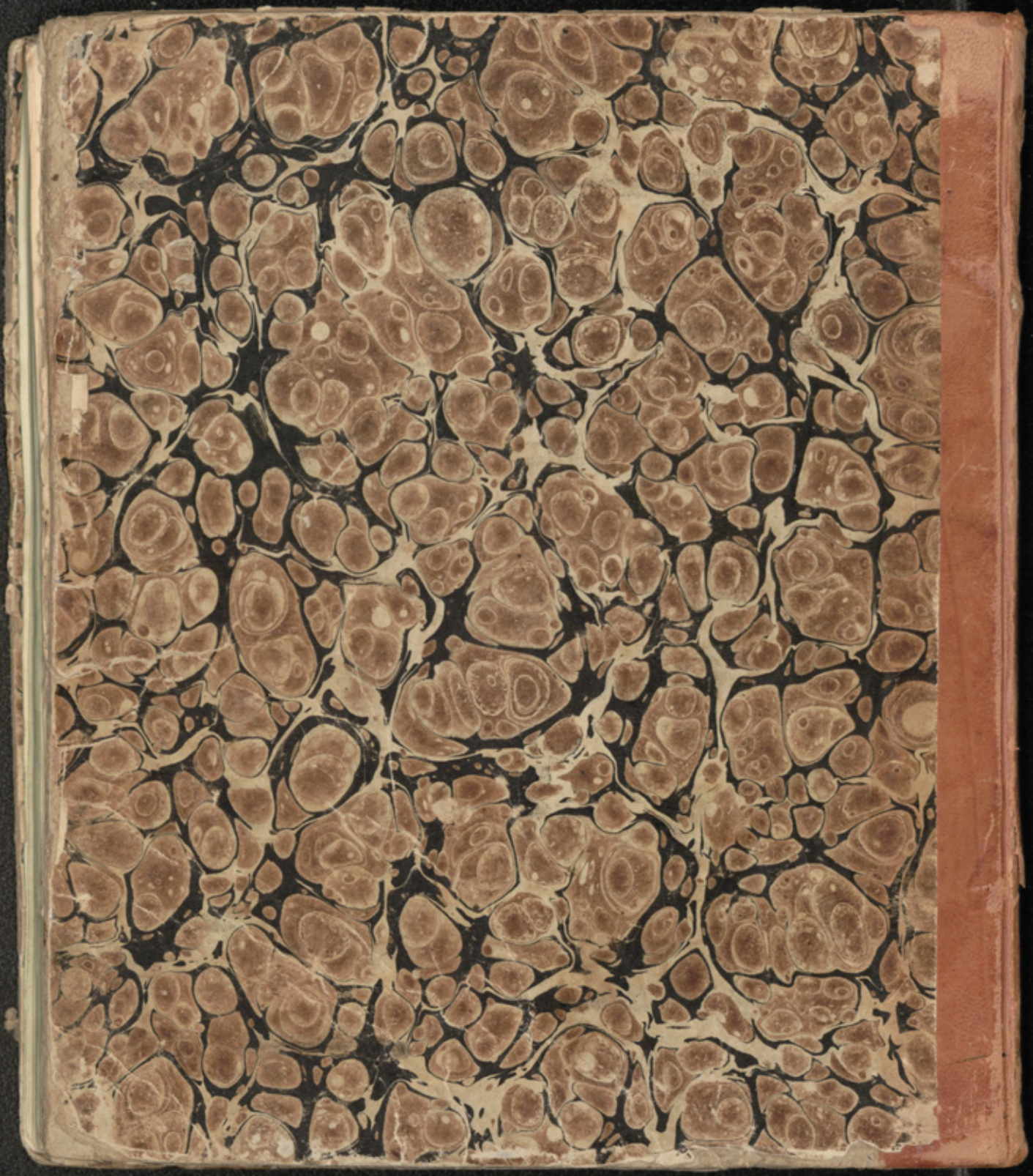
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