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He reached the destined port in fine spirits for the prospect of advancement in this perilous (perilous), profession still (deeply) the mark of a young man of only twenty summer. It was the sickly season, & the plague was raging with unusual malignity. One day our friend had, unwittingly by accident into the most infected part of the city & discovered a little cafe to get some refreshments. Here he supposed the fever caught him for the next morning he was laid low & by noon was removed & with his trifling efforts to a hospital - where he remained battling with disease for many weeks. On (his) recovery, he found the vessel had sailed & himself cast adrift on a man with a broken constitution & shattered hopes - Soon as prudence would allow he shipped for home, his strength returned rapidly but his frame was still sensitive to the smallest exposure when one ~~the~~ sitting night off Cape St Augustine he fell asleep on deck out of pure exhaustion, with no protection against the heavy dew & the dampened air. The result was that a quagmire seized him, & he reached



Boston on the sick list -

Wholly unable to fulfil a man's duties & only at intervals enjoying any tolerable degree of health, he with a sinking heart shipped on board, for Rio de Janeiro on board the same vessel that had carried him to the ruinous pestilence of N. D. - <sup>crushing</sup> Yes with a faint hope that in a better climate his malady might be crushed. - Yes, this poor fellow has a long account to bring against the Franklin - By her have his brightest dreams been poisoned & the remainder of his days (days, Iarkent) for the <sup>most</sup> careless eye can see that the boy had not long to live -

"And now", he said in finishing his short but unhappy tale - "I can only hope Capt. K won't think hardly of me for coming aboard in this wretched state - but I had no choice - starvation there or a chance of finding health here -" I assured him as far as I was able that the Capt pitied him & always spoke kindly of him. & begged him to keep up a good heart for all would come right one of these days. - Miserable consolation to a man holding his position, for I could not conceal from myself the fact that little or

From on the brick lot -  
Worthy member to fulfill a matter of  
a very old interest regarding my father  
the paper of health, he writes a letter  
back through the board, for his father  
has heard the same news that had come  
him to the general publication of N. O.  
I write a faint note that in a letter  
concerning his mother's health he would  
be this year father has a long account  
to bring against the Treasurer - 1874  
there his respecter seems very kind  
a the remainder of his days (days) and  
for the <sup>same</sup> paper can see that the boy  
has not long to live -  
"but now" he said in finishing his story  
but unhappy tale - I can only hope  
to wish think happy of me for writing  
above in this wonderful state - but I  
had no choice - I was there as a  
member of finishing the line - "I assume  
him as far as I was able that the last  
part of his story always spoke kindly  
I offered him to keep up a good track for  
the world come right one of these days  
there is no consolation to a man holding  
his position, for I would not wonder  
from myself the fact that both in

no sympathy is felt for a lick sailor.  
His messmates call him a "koger" &  
curse him for slipping his work in to their  
hands, while the officers, themselves  
sailors, consider him not much better  
than a cheat for embarking at all  
under the circumstances. - Friendless,  
nevertheless (his vigor had long since died -  
some days he could hardly drag one foot  
after another) avoided by those who should  
have been his companions, & neglected by  
those who should have had a kindly care  
over him - John was evidently going down  
the hill to sleep in some green valley  
of Brazil - I never saw such pallor  
on any other cheek. He was <sup>in spite of it</sup> a handsome  
fellow, & when in robust health  
must have been a spark in the eyes of  
many a maiden. His features were  
classically fine - deep dark eyes, seldom  
bright now, but once <sup>always</sup> as brilliant  
enough, a <sup>lips</sup> delicately turned as a woman's,  
with a smile that goes straight to my heart.  
& long wavy black, glossy hair waving round  
that wan oval kind of cheek that shows  
no other mark of decay, but remains quite  
round & full to the last moment.  
Melancholy is the permanent expression

Richardson is the permanent exhibition  
and a paper to the last movement.  
and other marks of being, but genuine part  
that was not kind of sense that there  
a deep horror back. They have waving and  
with a build that had stripes to my ears  
enough. A <sup>tip</sup> liberty of turned as a woman  
bright new look over as best, the hand  
classically fair. Deep dark eyes, red  
many a vision. The penitents were  
most have been a stark in the eyes of  
father were men, a man in about half  
for any other case. The will a hand  
for Basil. I never saw such further  
the site to step in some form of day  
over him - from will evidently of my hand  
them he should have had a really can  
have been his companions, a report by  
a in another) avoided by them who said  
some days he could hardly keep on for  
occasions (his eyes had long since left  
under the circumstances - Timbers.  
than a cheat for an <sup>un</sup>locking of an  
Richardson, whether the friend, the  
under him for slipping his work in to the  
his movements with him a "paper" -  
an exhibition is felt for a rich world.

of the sufferer's countenance, giving  
him that thoughtful, intellectual ap-  
pearance - that first struck me - the  
resembles a scholar who is wearing  
slowly away over his books & with  
every hour struck by <sup>over</sup> the bell loses a  
beat of his heart -

There is a disease which prudence, patience  
& skill can <sup>only</sup> hope to <sup>dissipate</sup> alleviate, cast  
adrift on the wide ocean to be neglected,  
accelerated by restless longings, & at length  
to be confirmed by the pride which will  
not suffer needless exposure - A quiet, hap-  
py, healthy home might work a cure on  
this young man in the few weeks which  
are likely to close over his grave - But a  
sailor is no son of the soil, & is not  
privileged to reap the comforts & share the  
blessings of the humblest husbandman -  
Death comes to him in the storm, or  
when after long years of wearing hardship  
he is thrust ashore to gasp thro' a few months  
of misery, The hand that has once grasped  
the wheel - & coiled a rope is seldom after-  
wards turned to a different occupation -  
John's story was finished, & my chest  
having been unmaaged in the mean  
time to the very bottom, I had no longer



an excuse for interrupting his work  
with what might be called idle talk. I  
left him with a kindly charge to take care  
of himself. Determined <sup>in my own mind</sup> to show him  
by every means in <sup>my</sup> (his) power that he  
had at least one friend in the ship -

"(On) Saturday evening Nov 7 - was ex-  
ceedingly beautiful. A <sup>waning</sup> moon was  
lighting us on our way - the gentle wind blew  
just enough to fill every sail from voyals  
down to (bow-sails -) for we were moving  
nearly in the same direction with the  
current <sup>in a rapid way</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>currents</sup> <sup>there</sup> <sup>could</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>seen</sup>. - Every thing &  
every body stood prepared for the coming  
day of rest. The sailors were gathered  
in a knot on the fore-castle listening  
to the songs of (Ned - or Tom), who by luck  
had at that a plaintive chord. I was  
carolling undisguised sentiment about  
Sweethearts & wives - I was <sup>half buried</sup> ~~buried~~  
in a bundle of <sup>old</sup> canvass on the house-  
top & the Captain & I were stationed by  
the taffrail - Never had the witchery  
of the sea so deeply impressed me as on  
that evening - It seemed impossible that  
the clear sky had ever been darkened by  
clouds or the still waves <sup>carried</sup> <sup>into</sup>  
mountains of foam by wind which now



<sup>now</sup> lulled to the tone of the low music poured,  
played so softly over my ears. My  
revere might have lasted forever under  
the same influences - had I not been start-  
led by the captain's halloo (to me). Hastening  
to the spot I saw, a little way <sup>where I supposed</sup> astern, a  
round ball of flame floating in our  
wake. "What's all that?" my eyes half  
shutting <sup>while</sup> as I spoke, as if returning to  
their late heavy state, believing this  
the <sup>first</sup> appearance of fire to be an opti-  
cal delusion. The wonder however  
was soon explained - half an  
old tar barrel had been filled with <sup>ink</sup> and  
seizing a other combustible matter,  
then <sup>then</sup> lighted & lowered into the water  
to a <sup>trip</sup> to bewilder the little hemaph-  
roditic flying Dutchman heading on  
our heels - We watched it burning  
for an hour, imagining the sole am-  
usement of Myrskor Vandreek  
& his keeping off from the naughty  
<sup>unaccountable</sup> phantom -

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> A fine day - very little  
wind from no particular quarter - the  
brig still in sight - Rained <sup>just</sup> at night fall  
with bright lightning but no thunder.  
We have had a great deal of lightning



During the last fortnight, but not a single peal of thunder - which is remarkable or not as the case may be. I don't know the customs of the elements on this <sup>backy bone</sup> central part of the globe - & so cannot judge of their conduct.

Monday - A very rainy day - Southerly wind - There is nothing more <sup>at present</sup> turbulent than a quiet storm - The men stand in statures upon in the waist - Seated out in oilskins & tarpaulins, Southwesterly. The cabin is close & damp - You feel lazy neither wanting to read, talk sleep or keep awake - It far surpassed a land storm in its ability to make an iller pawn & just a furrow from meal to meal & long into the night - One of the porters - quick caught a large owl in the rigging - How he got there was a <sup>momentary</sup> question. We have made a good deal of easting <sup>to the sun</sup> & are in the vicinity of the cape he verbs . so that the air <sup>probably</sup> <sup>may have</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>blown</sup> from thence on the coast of Africa - Too weak to fly away or make much resistance the bird <sup>once</sup> descried a loft was easily captured - I will venture to say he could not have perched on any less hospitable crag over the whole ocean - And thing for a -



mudiment in this weather - So Mademoiselle cat was thrown at Monsieur owl who stood, <sup>or</sup> tied by one leg, in dignified stupidity peering <sup>at</sup> on novelties with pained unhappy eyes - But the creatures would not show fight - They both were too frightened, astonished, & dumbfounded to know well what to do, & moreover they seemed inclined to hide themselves, from a sense of shame too delicate for <sup>inhuman</sup> ~~our~~ comprehension - At length they were thrown into a barrel together & poked into a barrel - a state of excitement - Their glances the eyes of peach like coals of fire - then squallied grimacing when torn with the <sup>sharp</sup> fierce talons of her opponent - It was neck or nothing now - there was no separating them now - Sermon undersermon they fought for dear life with a courage worthy a better cause than ministering to man's servilish, thirst for slaughter -

The bird was finally killed & thrown overboard - & the cat somewhat mangled was crunched down below to regain her wonted vigour by reposing on an old green base jacket of the <sup>shanty</sup> carpenter's -

Could I have foreseen the cruel death which



awaited the poor outcast on my announcement that something like a bird <sup>had taken possession</sup> was perched  
of our royal yard - I would not have opened  
my lips & he might have rustled & plumed his  
wing & then flown back to his old nest if  
he choose & if he could - & not have been  
been sunk fathoms deep in the sea or <sup>have</sup> become  
a prey to the <sup>ravenous</sup> shark or ~~beasts~~ -

One might as well rebuke the wind for raging  
as a sailor for engaging in (any) amusements  
that please his fancy, such as this torturing  
& murdering of a miserable owl - The sim-  
ple, generous tar becomes a blood-thirsty pi-  
rate before any capture in the shape of a shark  
or cut or a bird - & he, whose <sup>merciful</sup> tenderness &  
heart prompts to a rescue, stands a chance  
of being rebuked for his pains - I indeed  
made an attempt to save the victim - but  
the reply being "let him alone - he would  
die at any rate, & it's a mercy to despatch  
him -" so <sup>swallowing</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>my</sup> futile indignation  
& determination to have revenge on the  
cut whether or no - She will do penance  
in the ~~stewage~~ <sup>stewage</sup> before many days, if I can  
find a <sup>thin</sup> <sup>rod</sup> <sup>or</sup> <sup>pin</sup> to tie to her tail - or how'd  
run from you & up will spoil her <sup>best</sup> appetite  
(for owls) for the future - & the wails of  
the famished (wangled) wretch will be appeased.



So pass the evening morning, in the evening we played awhile with rackets that infected the cabin, covering cloaths, beds even the table - & faced too in their sleep - & then we took up cards (a never failing resource) & jumbled away at eight<sup>th</sup> nine, till one or another of us had lost immense - merable hats, boxes of cigars & even the ship & cargo - But the wind <sup>changed</sup> changed at 10 o'clock & began to blow madly - so the gamblers stopped before forfeiting the empire of Brazil which was <sup>humbly</sup> on the carpet - The yards were braced round & we rode before the gale like a sack - swift & steady was our course - (keeping <sup>our</sup> <sup>course</sup> <sup>steady</sup> <sup>on</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>track</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>tribble</sup> <sup>head</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>were</sup> <sup>striving</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>jump</sup> <sup>over</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>stern</sup> - It was between a ship & a <sup>mountain</sup> wave it a gallant fight. Woe to the trickster at the wheel & the cabin windows & the binnacle light if the huge white comber gained the victory & <sup>crashes</sup> tumbledly headlong <sup>upon</sup> over the poop - The decks are sometimes swept clean by his prancing hoofs & he leaves but a wreck when he leaps the bows & tumbles to his element again - This was a pretty dim day take it all in all - but the night was crowned with one beauty.

all - but the night was covered with clouds.  
This was a pretty fine day with all in  
to his chamber again -  
we went down to the deck the boat  
by his pointing hands - he found out  
The boys are somewhat better than  
a number of boys <sup>who</sup> were the poor -  
the boys which could find the way  
of the window - the window light of  
was to the direction of the water & the  
a ship <sup>in</sup> a <sup>mountain</sup> is a part of the  
a jump over the water - It was better  
much of the water had been  
stead was very much - jumping out the  
water the pole like a tree - with a  
The boys were very good & we  
of boys which was on the water -  
down the water before jumping the water  
at a distance & began to show nearly - so the  
ship & cargo - but the wind changed  
merely late, boys of cargo & over the  
the one in another of us had lost him -  
obscure / a number away at night  
& then we took up cards (a man finding  
near the water - a part of in their sleep  
in the cabin, moving about, and  
many we played outside with words that  
to pass the evening morning - but the

I had been leaning on a chest in the saloon with a pea jacket for a pillow, when a touch on the arm aroused me. The second mate was standing near tripping with rain. "Come on deck? Sir, come on deck sir!" he whispered low, as if fearful of disturbing the equanimity of the full bellying topsails. and then he disappeared leaving me to follow. I was alone. The skipper & supercargo had retired into the cabin lamp was flickering dimly before going out. The man at the wheel was faintly seen in the dull light thrown from the binnacle. The scene was so over so silent & shadowy - that my half awakened faculties were uncertain whether the mate had stood in the forenoon, & a moment before <sup>or not</sup> - Visions of bebooming hands & echoes of solemn voices, such as haunt Mrs Radcliffe's castles, were on the point of throbbing up, when the mate appeared once more & repeated his request - With a laugh at my conceits & a gaping gawble for being disturbed, & a rub or two over my hip bone which was aching sorely from its close contact with the hard chest. I groped my way into the storm - & demanded what was wanted - "Look aloft sir, at the mission

I had been leaning on a chair in the corner  
with a pen pocket for a pillow, when a knock  
on the door arrested me. The knock  
was striking near midnight with some  
force on the door. In a moment I was  
advised to go, as if perhaps of business  
the urgency of the matter being  
and the probability of my being  
I was alone. The visitor a messenger  
knocked at the door and finding  
nobody before going out. The man at  
the door was faintly seen in the light  
threw from the window. The scene was  
never to be taken a shadow - that my  
momentary faculties were uncertain  
whether the matter had not in the  
I a moment before. Various  
hands a chair of the room and  
at hand the table. The matter  
on the point of turning up. When the  
matter appeared was a separate  
his report. With a look at my  
into a paper pocket for being  
a case on the one side and  
was seeing that the  
with the hand of the paper and  
into the steam. A messenger was  
wanted. "Look after it, at the window"

mask head." I looked aloft - & lo! a  
lambent star of a misty substance seemed  
to rest of itself upon the  
even & arrow, rising from & returning to  
its appointed <sup>place</sup>, as if some magnetic chain  
held it captive. "That is thing they  
call a" said the mate antici-  
pating my question - I watched the mys-  
terious appearance for a long time <sup>while</sup>  
the invisible hand <sup>power</sup> (appeared to) raised  
& bore it back in - as a new <sup>gentleman</sup> constant-  
ly lifts & replaces his hat, till (till)  
a blast of the wind jinned than the  
rest lifted it out of the circle of at-  
traction & blew it away -  
I could see that the mate felt relieved  
by its departure - He was a supersti-  
tious character, & probably connec-  
ted with the goblin innumerable mis-  
fortunes about to visit the staggering  
vessel - I could not indulge in such  
speculations, but (could) only see the  
ease with which <sup>my</sup> <sup>companion</sup> the man wrought him-  
self up to a tolerable pitch of appalling  
excitement - Over indeed - a memory  
of the morning's omen flitted across my brain  
inspiring a transient belief that his spirit  
was hovering there to throw down a curb



or two upon his tormentors - This was all.  
The sentiment my stupidity could har-  
<sup>master</sup>bour, a soon <sup>even</sup> relinquishing that I slip  
below to swing <sup>the night away</sup> in my hammock -  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> When I came on deck  
this morning early, to take a bath  
at the win Glass - The clouds were  
<sup>drifting down the weather sky too</sup> floating slowly away, & soon after  
the sun had risen two sail were re-  
sized on the horizon. As the day  
deepened they were discovered to  
be a ship showing American col-  
ours - a brig with an English cross  
at her peak, both heading along  
with us - In the afternoon the Ameri-  
can hoisted number, but the  
distance was too great for them to  
be made out - The bark she was  
hull down on our weather bow,  
having outdistanced us completely.  
The little Dutch brig (Mythen Pansiek  
Master -) <sup>an</sup> old acquaintance, was  
standing across our stern at a middle  
distance having come down on another  
track - but the next morning we  
had parted company much to the apparent  
dissatisfaction of the crew - for in their  
dull fashion - one cabin, stove, & head



wind had all been laid at her quarry way,  
though to me she looked as innocent  
as bull & canvass could -

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - We crossed the line today -  
& I am thankful for it - ~~For~~ Every  
mile that <sup>one</sup> <sup>make</sup> carries us beyond this region  
of squalls & calms should be marked  
with red chalk - For a week we have  
been beating <sup>thither</sup> & <sup>thither</sup> before the e-  
quator as if the line were not only visi-  
ble, but had <sup>either</sup> expanded <sup>either</sup> into a wall  
of fearful height, or had sunk into a  
gulph of inconceivable depth & breadth -  
to frighten our old <sup>craft</sup> <sup>into</sup> <sup>being</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>careless</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>she</sup>  
is - <sup>Samojedes</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>house</sup> will sometimes <sup>be</sup> <sup>shy</sup>  
when spurred <sup>at</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>five</sup> <sup>barred</sup> <sup>gate</sup> &  
will turn <sup>back</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>a</sup> <sup>fresh</sup> <sup>start</sup> - There's  
no fear but he will clear it in the end  
if the rider <sup>does</sup> not weary of backing such  
a timid beast - Just so had the Franklin  
been curvetting & (backing) retreating  
& diving on for a fresh trial, till at  
length she <sup>had</sup> <sup>run</sup> <sup>clear</sup> <sup>over</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>thread</sup>,  
in <sup>her</sup> <sup>addled</sup> <sup>brain</sup>, without knowing it -  
Many hours she lay heavily on, while  
the vessel makes no progress, but rolls  
like a log on the long swells - The ocean  
lays in unrippled rest - The sky is clear as



a bell to use a <sup>very</sup> common <sup>but</sup> very belly  
metaphor - & the sun seems to <sup>be</sup> shine thro'  
a burning glass - & on a sudden a cloud  
(gathered <sup>5</sup> <sup>dark</sup> <sup>on</sup>) the horizon & <sup>whirls up</sup> rises as if blown  
by a hurricane - Royals are loosed - &  
the vessel lays off from her course -  
The tempest strikes us, & the crack Miss  
Franklin, <sup>coming</sup> high out of water as she <sup>had</sup> <sup>sailed</sup>  
lays over so lovingly, that her decks  
range at the an angle of 45 degrees - com-  
pelling every one to catch at a rope or  
belonging <sup>pin</sup> if <sup>who</sup> he wishes to remain on  
board. Then the rain pours down for a  
few moments as if a new deluge were let  
loose in make. But the cloud <sup>soon</sup> has past  
The yards are trimmed to whatever breeze  
remains & we (keep) come up to our course  
again, & sail on gaily for a quarter of  
an hour, when calm falls <sup>over</sup> <sup>now</sup> <sup>again</sup>, & the sails  
flap - flap with every dismal rattle -  
But now we have <sup>an</sup> taking French leave of  
this variable weather, & are <sup>about</sup> meeting  
the south-east trades which will carry  
us on at a gallant pace

The Mate lent me today some <sup>late</sup> numbers  
of the Graham's magazine, wherein I found,  
much to my joy, Longfellow's Spanish Sea-  
serpent - No more ennui for a day or two



This is the very making for an idler on the  
equator. Bless me! I will climb into  
the main-top <sup>after dinner as soon as the sun begins to puff</sup>, sitting in the shadow  
of the top-sail, will pore over every line about  
Percival's love, & try to fall in love with her  
myself - I will - & no hard matter will it  
prove to one, who has not looked on a wo-  
man's face for nearly six weeks, to get up  
on little flirtation with such a sweet  
mistress of a poet's fancy - heigho! I wish  
afternoon would come! I long to be sainti-  
fied there aloft - scanning the beauti-  
ful lines which the wind whirled on the  
ocean - & moreover the beautiful  
lines which the Professor has written for  
my peculiar benefit - as it would seem.

Sunday Nov 13 A fine day - We have  
had but one unpleasant Sunday & there  
was just a fair leaving Boston - A vessel  
is in sight, keeping off - we are luffing  
as much as possible in order to speak  
her - It is 10 o'clock A M - Church time  
whenever the dial gives this hour - I ~~have~~  
heard it <sup>has been</sup> ~~heard~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~or~~ <sup>heard</sup> it written, that  
voyagers in these southern latitudes have  
heard distinctly the bells, their childhood  
listened, chime out for service on the Sabbath.  
What would I not give to have <sup>if</sup> the <sup>slow</sup> chapel

This is the very ending for our side on the  
subject. I will finish into  
the manuscript. I believe in the  
of the world with you very  
Pamphlet. I will try to fall in line with  
power to me who has not looked on a  
around for me in nearly six weeks to get up  
a little publication with such a  
an idea of a good party - happy! I  
afternoon would come - I try to be  
I believe that which the world wishes on the  
around a manuscript the beautiful  
kind which the Professor has written for  
my position beautiful - as it would seem.  
Sunday Nov 13. A fine day - We  
had but one unpleasant Sunday & that  
was full upon leaving Boston. It was  
is in right. I am off - we are leaving  
as much as possible in order to spend  
for - at 11 o'clock. Mr. - Charles  
when the day gives this time - I  
that is best or there is written. That  
report in the Southern States have  
been chiefly the better their children  
history. I have not for hours on the  
that would have me to have the shape

would  
tower, <sup>peal</sup> its sonorous clang into my ear!  
But, by the way, I am out of my reckoning  
We are some hours before hand with our  
friends at home - This longitude its busi-  
ness (it) always getting in my way - It  
is so hard to believe now for instance that  
the fair lady from whose lips I kissed a  
parting benediction, whom I have so often  
attended <sup>strayed with</sup> across the fields to the village church,  
on such a lovely day as this, is sleeping  
at this moment like a young bird in her  
nest - (How I wish <sup>that</sup> the contrary of the things  
were true & that I could wake her with  
a whisper breathed <sup>from</sup> the high - dead -  
(afternoon) We came up with the above  
mentioned vessel about noon - She was  
a Salem brig ycleped "The Sycor", bound  
from Bangor to Rio with a load of <sup>wood</sup> timber  
She presented an amusing appearance -  
The captain had no trumpet - but bel-  
lowed through his hand as boys do at a fire -  
The mate stood by taking an observation  
in a sugar loop beeper - Not a soul  
visible beside The watch of 4 men  
were napping below - so we guessed - Take  
it all in our black turtle soup look  
none of its relish at dinner - for being  
seasoned with a laugh at the town cabin -

...with a large of the low corner  
...to which it is added at various - for long  
...in an one other with the large but  
...were appearing below - so we gathered for  
...with which the world of a man  
...in a large deep water - Mr. a boat  
...the water shot by catching our document  
...large trough in sand as large as our pin -  
...The cup in that as thought - but the  
...the ground on concerning appearance -  
...from trough to the with a leaf paper  
...a document leaf paper the open - hand  
...mentioned about noon - the was  
...(captain) we came up with the water  
...a whisper breathed the right leaf -  
...was that that I would work the with  
...near the the the country of the camp  
...at this moment like a young bird in  
...we had a leaf by at this is keeping  
...attended across the path to the village back  
...getting ambitious - a man I have often  
...the fine leaf from above lips I heard  
...I so hard to believe was for distance the  
...was in obvious getting in my way - it  
...friends are gone - this expensive it was -  
...We are gone before hand with an  
...But by the way - have one of my seeing  
...there is a document leaf with my name!



we are only expected that we should be  
without insisting that we should be

“I am”  
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to break a lance.

A notable harbourside this - A ship had  
been met & her fascinations <sup>have been</sup> exhibited -  
& a dolphin whom the nymph no doubt  
had charmed by a song, had been har-  
pooned & will be eaten - The church-  
bells were not heard this morning 'tis  
very clear - or neither of these weathered  
events would have happened -

Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

We have been wafted briskly along during  
the last <sup>week</sup> by the S.E. trades - without bracing  
a yard or furling a sail - It is so nice to  
have the wind hold fair & fresh for 3 hours  
together, that this long spell of regular weather  
has delighted me not a little - Ship F -  
for all that she is lagg & ill favoured has  
made fine headway - bringing us to  
within four or five days sail of Rio  
The second coat of paint has been put on,  
& we shall go into port in fine order -  
that is to say clean & tidy - to say more  
would be impossible - for the light  
paint inside & out makes the craft  
look like a piece of putty - Bless her  
timbers! I feel a slight affection for  
them since they have borne me up  
on <sup>so bravely</sup> the great waters, & I give to be

to have a house. It is a very  
attractive building. The  
house is a very nice one  
and is situated in a very  
pleasant spot. The house  
is a very nice one and is  
situated in a very pleasant  
spot. The house is a very  
nice one and is situated in  
a very pleasant spot.

Monday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

We have been visiting  
the city of the U.S. and  
a good number of people  
have the most beautiful  
scenery. The city is very  
beautiful and is situated  
in a very pleasant spot.  
The house is a very nice  
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them covered with such a rich land, sunb.  
It is like seeing <sup>over</sup> an old woman in a  
young girl's coat of garments.

I enjoy every moment from sunrise to  
sunset - a long before & after - for sleep  
has not much to do with my life - except  
when I slip into a kiosk after dinner -  
on a mattress luxuriously spread under the  
quarter deck awning, when the sunbeams  
cannot play or peep on my face, & every  
breath of wind steals like a blessing over  
my frame - But this enjoyment is <sup>for</sup> the  
most part sensual enough. The jaded  
voice who has worn through every tissue of  
pleasure, that <sup>has</sup> waved like a supery wound  
the gay world he has inhabited, hiding  
all the weariness & misery & sorrows  
outside his gilded sphere - should leave  
up anchor & steer to these latitudes to  
escape the honors which the rent, tut-  
tered curtain will disclose - I can as-  
sure him that here he will find if <sup>when</sup> ~~any~~  
a novel balm for his wounded spirit,  
& continual & ever varying sources of  
delight - Yet, beyond the mere cordials  
offered to the senses, there are the best &  
loveliest influences hovering round like  
ministering spirits - The mind is not



called to slumber, because the bustle of  
world is shut out, because the tumult  
of society is hushed, because the rivalries  
& the contentions of society are unknown  
here - sometimes I calmed feel the  
mind even in a retired chamber in a  
busy, populous city - how much more  
than when there is no light nor sound  
to distract a happy thought from such  
to west from north to South as far as  
their eye can reach! Still that I am  
I deeply sunk in any metaphysical in-  
quiry or engaged in any connected work  
to be woven of thick winding fancied -  
But I often find myself thinking hein-  
ously upon matters which in the living  
world seldom engage the attention -  
& I never think it lost time when I  
am alone had slept by <sup>me</sup> in such reveries  
or in twining rhymes together to the  
music in my heart - for my own  
edification - Still, this is all merely idle-  
ness & the wise may think it a poor  
pursuer to a life of action - that it does  
count a pleasure - Every life is active  
in its peculiar way - whether for good  
or evil - the baby - the old man and  
sluggards, but accomplish their work as they best

standards but occasionally this work of the  
we will - the baby - the old man on a  
in its peculiar way - whether for  
and a pleasure - every life is a  
reference to a life of action - that is the  
also a the wide way there is a  
definition - Still, this is also a  
in its training - the baby - the old man  
and I never think it but there when I  
words before me which in the  
But I find myself thinking  
to be more of their being possible -  
my or engaged in any amount of  
a happy time in any way possible in  
that you can reach! We that of  
to work from words to the fact of  
to obtain a happy thought from each  
them when there is a light and sound  
baby, perhaps with - the words were  
mind was in a better state in  
see - sometimes a column of the  
the construction of beauty are  
possibility is needed because the  
is that one, because the  
about to be done, because the

may. the one to live - the other to die - &  
no spur will goad them on one which the  
faster than it is their nature to go - As to  
the idleness of the thing - let the grave & som-  
ber think, if a resting place on their long,  
rough journey, now & then reached, when  
the clouds are gathering & a stormy night  
is coming on - would not send a thrill  
of comfort to their hearts beyond all price.  
They need not go to sea to find it - but  
I should counsel them never to think  
they have tasted <sup>fully</sup> of peace & quiet till  
they do -

My sermon for the day <sup>had been</sup> preached <sup>in</sup> from  
<sup>the sanctuary</sup> of my own bosom  
Blessed are the peacemakers for they  
shall be called the children of God - "attend  
into this kindred verities - "Blessed are  
the peace finders for <sup>we now</sup> they have entered  
the kingdom of heaven"

It is evening & the Captain is reading  
Burns, a peh practice of his when his  
hangs on his hands - I was quite amazed  
when I first saw him enjoying that ex-  
quisite <sup>the rascal &c!</sup> But now  
I have grown so used to his admiration  
that I am going to leave him & slip out  
into the moonlight which is lying on the  
deck like a sheet of the finest silver.



Wednesday Nov 23! Last Monday came  
in with rain, which still continues to fall.  
No observation has been taken for these 3  
days, so that our whereabouts is hardly  
known, though the land is thought to be  
very near - It is amusing, now that our  
voyage is drawing to a close to mark the  
pleasant excitement that is stealing over  
the whole company - Both cabin & forecabin  
exhibit signs of preparation for going ashore -  
Trunks & chests are overhauled - The steward  
has his hands full - He cuts hair, (every  
negro I believe is something of a barber),  
he brushes & smooths the wrinkles out  
of coats & pants, that are to be well aired  
at home as the sun shines - he even  
offered to shave off the captain's beard -  
which offer was stoutly declined - for  
the captain is somewhat proud of this ap-  
pendage to his chin, & anticipates a good  
deal of satisfaction from displaying it  
to the Rio ladies - Forward, the crew  
are seen washing shirts & towels in  
carefully caught rain water - which arti-  
cles are afterwards tied up to the shrouds  
between the tops, to dry (as they can, if  
they will) & milder if they want - Even  
my poor friend, Tom, the sick man looks

Wednesday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Last Monday of course  
in with rain, which still continues & falls.  
The temperature has been better for three or  
four days, so that our observations is hardly  
improved, though the land is thought to be  
very near. It is surprising, even there we  
suppose is owing to a slow to move the  
atmosphere experiment that is taking place  
the whole company - Both within & without  
which gives a preparation for going others.  
James & Charles are embarked - the others  
had his hands full - He was here, every  
day & believe it hard thing for him to  
be under a doctor's the winter but  
of water & parts, that we to be well and  
to have as the last time - he was  
afford to have off the captain's hand.  
Which you was thinking of before, for  
the captain is somewhat good of this op-  
portunity to his ship, a participant a good  
kind of satisfaction from looking up it  
to the two boats. For which, the crew  
are then working with a strength in  
comparably rough main water - which will  
do our experiments up to the bottom  
between the life, to say of they can, if  
they will a wisher if they want - even  
we are well from the sick men here

more cheerful, & takes a trick at the  
whirl now & then in the midst of a shower,  
much to my anxiety, as if to prove flatterly  
that he is alive & retains some interest  
in the affairs of this world - The cat,  
who was <sup>once</sup> the kitten that slept in my  
bosom, or rather tried to - & afterwards  
killed the owl & afterwards was only  
saved from a tramp up & down the  
staircase with a tin cup hung to her tail  
by the interposition of this same John-  
now curves her back & rubs against  
my leg, while I am writing, as if she  
smelt a wharf rat, & was impatient  
to take passage in the first slow boat  
in order to catch him - I am growing  
a little nervous <sup>myself</sup>, & find it hard to  
settle myself to this jannalling - Yet  
there is nothing better to do, but to bite  
a biscuit or gape over a waverly  
novel - Oh! this land mania! how  
it makes the <sup>my</sup> blood tingle to think we  
shall soon be <sup>stead</sup> on solid ground, & sleep  
in a decent, ventilated apartment -  
& drink coffee with milk in it - & do  
a hundred other things without a name -  
Here comes the steward to lay the table -  
no more!

... were supposed to take a look at the  
... that was in the matter for some  
... made to my anxiety, as if to show  
... that he is a true & genuine  
... in the affairs of the world - The  
... also was the <sup>fact</sup> that I was  
... known, as matter of fact - a  
... without the aid of a photograph  
... found from a stamp up - I  
... exchange with a tin can  
... by the interposition of this  
... now comes the news & who  
... my by, while I am writing, as if  
... make a sharp cut, & was  
... to the papers in the first  
... in order to make them - I  
... a little <sup>more</sup> I find it  
... better way to the  
... that is nothing better to do, but  
... a ribbon in paper was a  
... words - The <sup>last</sup> I  
... in order to <sup>make</sup> the  
... shall have the <sup>best</sup> of  
... in a <sup>very</sup> short, but  
... a little coffee with milk in it -  
... a number of other things  
... there was the <sup>best</sup> of  
... an answer -