

Letter Second -

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Let me

I welcome you now ~~at~~ ^{the} on board ship
where I was to live a month or two -
a strong, ^{looking} heavy craft built down east
for the cotton trade - All is confusion
on deck just at present so come with
me into the cabin & inspect our quarters.
What a hole! you exclaim, not 10 feet
square! Sure enough it was no
drawing room in any respect - We
stopped involuntarily when crossing
the threshold, & still kept ourselves
bent a little when fairly inside - How
many State-rooms are there? two on a
side - one for the captain, one for
the supercargo, one for the mates - &
one for the steward - & none for me -
No I was told that a cot would be
swung below for my convenience -
Upon which the owner carried me
between decks to expatiate upon the
accommodations - The deck was
certainly roomy - The whole space
was at my disposal from transom
to bow stanchions - for the vessel
went out in bareback ballast, carrying

James, 1890

I have been thinking much lately of the
 future of our country. It seems to me
 that we are passing through a great
 crisis, and that the result will
 determine whether we are to remain
 a united people, or whether we are
 to be divided into two nations.
 I believe that the only way to
 preserve our Union is by maintaining
 the principles of liberty and justice
 for all. We must not allow ourselves
 to be divided by sectional interests,
 but must stand together for the
 good of the whole.

only a few spare & boxes of candles -
somebody's venture - ~~not mine~~ -

But in spite of my companion's en-
couragements, I thought, if the cabin with
its 10 feet of length had seemed a hole,
that this spacious apartment with
its hundred feet of length appeared
^{like} a very dark, dismal, ^{passage} subterranean,
leading it was impossible for a
stranger & a novice to tell where -
for though the lead lights were
open & the bow hatch yawned
slightly overhead - the light which
fell dimly even where we stood
did not struggle forward more than
twenty steps - & beyond all was hid
in thick darkness -

Still, there was nothing to be said
or done, this was my stateroom,
& I must make the best of it. In-
ternally I protested against the ar-
rangement & felt ^{certain} sure, that I
could never sleep an hour together
in such a hobgoblin place. Now-
over ~~over~~ watercasks & heaps of cabbage
were stowed just at our back, both

Now that we are in the
 West, we are in a
 very different place. There
 is but a single place
 where we can see the
 mountains. I have seen
 the mountains in the
 distance, but I have
 never seen them so
 close. This was my
 first experience.

of which I had soon good reason to
condemn as a nuisance.

Not particularly pleased with this
introduction to an ocean life - I made
no attempt to detain the gentleman
below & with a few words of in-
difference or satisfaction returned
to the deck - then bustle was the
order of the day - But I will first
bid farewell to the owner & my
friend Mr - & set them ashore, &
then if you please I will make
an extract from a journal kept
on the voyage, which will throw
some light upon my first ex-
perience of the sea -

Friday Oct 7 - 18 -

Here am I scribbling a sentence (as
all I shall attempt in the ^{my} present con-
dition of ~~my stomach~~) in the Cabin
of the ship ~~Franklin~~, two days out
bound to Rio - It is sufficient to
realize that I am so far away from
my own land, plunging the blue

water with a gentle steady breeze -
But so it is - we have had good
weather, fair wind, & are now entering
the Gulf stream - with the hope of cross-
ing it in 24 hours -

Friday Oct 14 -

My journal has been neglected for
a week, but there are so few things
here to distract one's thoughts that
I can recall every incident since
our little company first tumbled
into this cubby hole of "a Saloon".

On Wednesday afternoon Oct 5th
at 3 o'clock our pilot came on
board - & we cast off to begin our
voyage - The brother of the Super-
cargo, & a young man by the name
of — went with us to return in
the pilot boat - Everything was at
sixes & sevens - The men were
drunk more or less, & sails had
to be set, consequently there was
some delay - The shrill, stern
voice of the pilot - the not very
ready "aye aye sir" of the crew -
the full prolonged cry of heave a-ho.

the full outburst of the great
"age of the sea" - the only
reason being - the British, their
to be that, consequently there was
more or less, a little but
big a number - the men were
the better boat - every thing was
- want with us to return in
cargo, a good amount of the same
- the better of the sea -
- we came off to sea in our
at 3 o'clock our father came on
for watching afternoon Oct 5th
and this evening was of a "bad"
and little company first dark
I am unable every minute since
the to distant and thought that
a work, but there are so few things
my journal has been neglected for
Friday Oct 14 -
and is in 22 lines -
the Anglo steam - with the hope of no -
weather, fair wind, a sea more interesting
But so it is - the same old story -
water with a gentle steady breeze -

together with the creaking of spars &
the rattling of ropes, were new
sounds to me & helped to divert
my thoughts ^{comparative} from ^{a little} the homeward
course they ^{were} ^{naturally} ^{taking} (might otherwise have
taken) - I hung over the side &
watched the city fast passing be-
hind us - It was certainly a
beautiful sight - the sky of a clear
deep autumn blue with a few
white clouds gathering in the west
to ~~the~~ ^{above} the sunset - the neighbouring
heights ~~on~~ ^{level} ~~surrounding~~ country dotted
with white cottages & clothed with
the splendour of the changing foliage,
& the city set on its three hills
crowned with domes & steeples &
gleaming red in the last rays of
the sun - & between us & those
well known walls, the harbour
stretching out from Navy Yard to
Light House with here & there a sail
boat toward the home which we
were leaving - It was a beautiful,
(beautiful) sight, but my faculties
were hardly awake enough to fully
enjoy it - I was in this state of

together with the covering of snow &
 the scattering of seeds. When some
 hands to me a basket of seeds
 my thoughts from the moment
 I saw the seeds I thought of the
 the seed. I have seen the birds &
 scattered the seed for feeding
 birds. It was certainly a
 beautiful sight. The day of a calm
 day. I remember then with a few
 white clouds floating in the west
 to the sun. The beautiful
 rising & shining country. I felt
 with white clouds a better with
 the beauty of the changing foliage
 & the city all on its hills
 covered with snow. I thought
 of the last days of
 the year. A season as a season
 with snow. The snow
 everything out from the heart
 light there with a thin or
 dark toward the snow which we
 were having. It was a beautiful
 beautiful sight. But my friends
 were hardly ever enough to fully
 enjoy it. I was in this time of

comparative stupefaction when called
into the cabin to take a party with
glass with the gentlemen who were
about leaving us - I declined ^{as} ^{hus}
thinking the draught might hasten on
the sickness which I dreaded - but
the reply being - "Come, come, you
can't refuse us this -" I followed
reluctantly as ^{most} weak minded
persons do in ^{like} similar situations,
to get drunk or sick as the case
might be - The tumblers of brandy
& water were emptied - the last pan-
wells were ~~driven~~ ^{bitten}, & the little pilot
^{boat} glided ^{merely}, gracefully away -
We watched her till she became a
small speck & faded from sight -
& then H - & myself took cigars &
began pacing the deck in silence -
As yet I had felt no unpleasant sen-
sations, & began entertaining a hope
that (braced) brandy had braced me
up effectually against the danger -
With this consoling & happy idea I
took up my quarters on the taffrail
to watch for the first time the stars
peep out over the ocean - & their van-

and out over the room - their
I would for the first time the stars
look up and gaze at the twinkling
With this covering a happy glow
who apparently enjoyed the change -
that I could hardly have been
better a paper containing a copy
of the first issue of the magazine
before giving the book in return
a time it is a very rare and valuable
book. I have a friend from right
the weather in the morning
glazed canopy, perfectly away -
well (very) hidden, the little of the
a water was supplied - the last few
might be - the water of the house
to get some or drink in the case
of an accident. I have been
advised to do so as much as possible
and appear as this - I followed
the way of living - some, some, for
the business which I should - but
thinking the change might be
about leaving as - I decided
last with the intention of
into the room to take a short rest
and then the sleep.

ering reflection under the counter.
But soon ~~my~~ bright hopes ^{separated} vanished
one & all, for deadly sickness stole
over me, & there I sat leaning
over the stern, ^{exhausting} giving my position
(a cigar smoke) ⁱⁿ to the ocean in a
most remarkable manner. Yes,
I would not give in - but as soon
as the first storm was over began
^{proceeding} walking again to the infirmary a -
musement of the Captain, who
joked about my not being on my
"sea legs" - Soon came on another
inward storm - & so I continued
alternately storming & walking till
we stood off Cape Cod light at 4 o'clock.
Then with a very miserable & desolate
feeling, I tumbled into a lower berth
(in one) of the staterooms, with (all)
(my) clothes ^{all} on even to my boots &
cap, to rock about in the narrow
box & sleep if I could. The wind
blew freshly from the Northwest -
The vessel under a press of sail
pitched shockingly, for we had reached
the rough open sea outside the last
point of land - & likely to be for

any objection under the circumstances.
But when my bright eyes were
and a little for nearly twenty years
and a little for nearly twenty years
over the water, giving my position
a sign of the water in a
most remarkable manner. But
I would not give in - but as soon
as the first storm was over, began
working again to the surface of
the water. The Captain, who
first advised me not being very
"blue" - soon came on another
morning storm - as I continued
stubbornly standing a working the
one about off Cape Cod right out to sea
then with a very much better
feeling, I continued with a better
in view of the water, with all
my efforts on even to my last
step, to work about in the morning
but a step if I could. The wind
then fresh from the West -
The vessel under a gale of wind
drifted slowly, for we had
the wind from the south, the
wind of land - a likely to be

^{soundings again for}
two whole months for this heavy craft
has a poor notion of speed - her maxi-
mum rate, under every advantage not
exceeding 8 or 9 knots - Pitch - roll - pitch
roll it kept it up all night long
like a thing possessed - I deemed the
centre of the whole concern, & every
strain & heave found a purchase on
my stomach - At length I fell
into a sleep full of the most per-
plexing & outrageous dreams which
lasted at unhappy intervals till mor-
ning -

Oct - 6th Sick all day - did not
turn out till late in the afternoon -
found the sea quite smooth & the
cool breeze refreshing - Sitting on
a coil of rope, I watched the men
working in the rigging & about
decks with something of interest -
The fore-topmast-shudding sails were
^{being} set, & they were reefing those on
the mainmast - It takes sometime
to set up all this gear, & at the afternoon
was away I was obliged to turn again
into my berth without seeing our
vessel flying under a greater cloud of

about at midnight in the room
playing a card game which
with a large pile of the cards on
my stomach - the light of the
candle forming a picture on
the wall of the whole room, a very
like a thing of the kind - I found the
light it up at night long
standing on the table -
room at night - the room
has a good view of the
the whole month for the long night

and flying under a picture of
into my heart without being
any more I was obliged to turn
to let the light - at the
the window - the light
the light was coming from
the light - the light was
working in the room - about
a coil of rope - I found the
good view of the room - sitting
found the light - the light
the light was late in the afternoon
let - the light was late in the afternoon

(Sail). ^{came} Slept better & woke feeling
with a desire to get up in the early
morning instead of waiting till the
~~late~~ late afternoon - I also longed to
change my dress a little, perform
a customary ablutions - arrange
(my) hair & last not least to put
off my boots - none of which
things had ^{being} been done since I crossed
before a steady looking glass on
Wednesday morning at home -

Friday Oct 7th Another beautiful
day - wind still N.E. - The Captain
came to (the ^{door} of my state room
before breakfast & advised my get-
ting up & moving about deck -
Weak as my poor frame was (from
seasickness) - the advice seemed so
good that I willingly followed it,
& really felt pretty brisk after
roving about in the warm sun-
shine & bracing air (for a little
while) - But it was vain to attempt
eating breakfast - The very sight of
it was nauseating - The waiter to
comfort & encourage me said laughing

compared a manuscript - the words to
writing breakfast - the very light
while - But it was not
seeing a bearing in for a little
covering a point in the room then
a really felt pretty well after
found that I willingly followed it
the advice given - the
there as my poor frame and from
ing up a moving about here -
before breakfast a certain number
come to the door from that room
day - would with W.C. the Captain
Friday Oct 7th Another beautiful
the day morning at home -
before a thing looking at the
things that have been since I have
and my heart - some of which
my hair a lot and have to put
extraordinary conditions - arrange
change my dress a little, paper
the late afternoon - I have longed
morning instead of waiting till the
with a desire to go up in the
this Sept better a more quieting

"If you eat down that mess of salt
belly or rash, Sir, you will be a
strong man by sundown -" At
dinner time however the tide changed
^{in my favour} - I was very hungry
having tasted nothing for 3 days
& eat a hearty meal without in-
convenience - It is impossible to
describe the change that came over
me - my listlessness & nervous state
made off - & I could laugh & talk
without a wry face - (There were
(many) Mother Curys ^(had) but loose her
upon our back, & chickens following
us on our heels, & sitting on whatever
fell from the ship's side - & then
skimming off fat & marrow, over the water -
The presence (made) of these birds
made me feel close under a lee-
shore, when (I was) hundreds of miles
seaward in the midst of the Gulf Stream.
That horrid gulph which few cross with-
out catching a blow - I trusted
bravely for the best. But the sun
set in a mass of black clouds (as)
foreshadowing (of) a dirty morning. (I even
smoked a cigar in the evening & slept like a top -)

checked a sign in the morning I kept him a top -
for looking of a bit of orange. I am
left in a world of black clouds in
travelling for the rest. But the sun
not catching on blue - I understood
that some people which you was with
beamed in the middle of the brightness
there. When I was the hundreds of miles
made me feel like under a tree -
the green canopy of their birds
streaming far away, over the water -
full from the ship's side - a tree
was our house, a butterfly was about
amongst the leaves, a bird was in
my hand a very long time - This was
made of - I could laugh & talk
me - my children & I were together
while the change that came over
conscience - It is impossible to
a cat a beauty would be with in -
having that waiting for 3 days
in my favour - I was very happy
since that moment the life changed
strong man by himself - He
left or back, but you will be a
"If you can't have the mass of birds
help

Saturday Oct - 8th - As I expected the sky was overcast - The wind had shifted to S.E. & we ^{were} driving on, close hauled, through a heavy sea - The wind increased during the day, & by night-fall blew lustily - While at tea ^{supper} "Sail ho!" was rung out ^{by the watch} from forward - A barque had come in sight on the weather bow, bearing down before the wind directly upon us - The Captain got his trumpet ready, & we sat or rather perched on the rail, waiting her approach - On she came with ^(down) shudding-sails (etc) & at the rate of 9 or 10 knots & passed our quarter within very short hailing distance. She was from the Mediterranean, bound ^{into} Boston, deeply laden, & probably reported us "3 days out - All well." The clouds grew very black & the waves inky capped with ~~the~~ whitish foam - We were evidently going to have a night of it - while that little barque would rush before the storm quietly & merrily, with only a look out forward, as if no tempest

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was a broad. In apology for a State
room had been boarded up for me
between decks by a shiftless goat of a
carpenter who hardly knew ~~any~~ ^{nailed down} ~~any~~
^{hammer} ~~from a plane~~ - So below I stumbled
about 10 o'clock, & by the light of
a dim (swinging) lantern, swinging
from a beam, went to bunk in
a comfortless nook damp, close &
scented with cabbage perfume - (very
~~choice (no doubt) - but not to my taste.~~)
I laid awake sometime conjuring up
preposterous shapes in the far darkness
just rendered visible by that foolish
lantern, when a sudden jump - &
something warm & living struck
my hand. "A Rat by -" & I sprung
up swearing most profanely. In
the excitement the creature (what-
ever it was) (was) mauled &
squeezed into acute pain - gave a
pitious mew which proved it the
captain's kitten beyond a doubt -
Now I abominate cats - but this
poor motherless thing, thrust into
a den of horrors like myself, ^{so} ~~it~~ ^{appealed}
to my compassion - & ~~it~~ ^{that} ~~it~~ ^{recovered}

to my own satisfaction, & I am
a son of David like my father
and another thing, that is
that I am not a Jew - but this
is not a thing to be proud of -
disturbance which is the
source of our trouble - I am
glad to see that you are
in it and (I hope) are
the government the same as
no longer more properly in
myself. But my - I am
mounting more a thing than
before, when a single jump -
first and visible by that
proportion shows in the far
I am sure I am improving up
and I am sure I am improving up
with the best of my kind - very

with a chuckle
my equanimity - & my weak ^{body} with
the bedclothes - I permitted the beast
to rest back to back with me, think-
ing any companionship in such
a profound ^{myself} hole - a decided blessing -
& so we two fell asleep -

When I woke the next morning (Sun-
day) ^{with the very impression} ~~that~~ the Miss Franklin seemed wholly
beside herself - struggling fearfully with
pains ^{beside} ~~beside~~ (her), before & behind &
within ~~her~~ - What with the creaking
& starting ~~of~~ at every lurch, of barrels
& water-casks in the ^{neighbouring} storage near me,
& the incessant wailing of (the) wind ⁱⁿ thro'
the rigging, sounding like tolerable thunder
thro' the stout (oaken) deck. What ^{with} ~~the~~
^{occasional} fall of heavy cable overhead, & the hor-
rid, hurrying wash of waves against the
lee quarter, within a foot or two of where
I lay - Kitten & I that pandemonium
let loose for our special amusement.
Indeed we deemed the only living
souls on board - not a voice - not a
footstep to be heard - What existence
merged in the two, two damp shivering
anatomies rolled up closely ~~there~~ against
the rough side of ~~these~~ primitive berth by
the vulgar leaning of Miss F. upon our life -

the very first morning of this I shall write
the whole side of the primitive heart by
arranging it as I shall see fit
changed in the two, the same showing
it is to be seen - North & South
both on board - with a view only a
small one shown the only thing
shown for our future arrangement
The day - winter - the same
in general, winter as far as we of them
his, arranging words of words against the
fall of many words, as the
the the same winter back. What, the
the rising, somewhat like the same
the abundant showing of the word, the
winter - shown in the same way
a showing of at every back of words
winter - What with the showing
winter, showing (as) to be a showing
the this showing, showing wholly
When I move the next morning (as)
- so we are all and up -
a showing of a showing
ing any same showing in back
to add back to back with me, this
the showing - I committed the house
my showing - a showing with
with a showing

& cuddled fondly together like birds of
a feather - Was the story changed - & was
^{they answering by} (the) youthful manner - & this his cat
that had nabbed (the) albatross - & were we
both chained by fiendish charm in such
a moist, unwholesome dungeon, to be
mildewed & blinded - starved & parched -
for our kind? Had all the crew been
swept away, or stunned by ^{magic} thunder
at their posts above - so to remain until
the day of doom? My bedfellow had
not troubled her head ^{much} about the
matter - but (having) quickly compos^{ing}
herself after a slight morning stretch
of her limbs - had ^{tried} her head ^{upon} my
bosom & was breathing as softly
as a baby - I was determining to
follow her into ^{dream} ~~the~~ land of ~~dreams~~, when
I heard a faint noise & perceived
a fainter streak of light edging its
way through a crack in the pining
rabbet - The crack grew broader &
the light stronger, till at length I
caught a glimpse of the ^{ascending} descending
figure of the stewart that ^{darkened} the
opening for a second - "What time
of day do you call it, stewart," cried I with
a gasp of fear lest (my) pancies ^{she} would

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prove true, & this not ^{the} my man
but some kind of an imp. His reply
satisfied me of his humanity - "1/2 past
six, sir, better lie still, sir, - blowing
like the devil on deck -" I told him
I could not help that - but neverthe-
less yielded to his better judgment, &
turning over, dozed till breakfast
time. Then having no appetite I
kept to my damp quarters against
the reeking knees & stanchions - till he
came down to say there was a ship
in sight which would pass pretty near.
After passing tidily ^{as possible} - it was Sunday -
up I tumbled on deck, leaving my
affectionate companion (below) to finish
her nap - Sure enough, it was
"blowing like the devil" - very little
sail aloft, the watch standing a-
bout the fore-castle & amidsthips in
sea jackets - oil-clothes & tarpaulins -
Captain K - & H - between the house
& the weather rail for a brace - &
the wide ocean spreading out
to the round sky both black, wild, por-
tentous - It was raw & cold withal so
that I gave a good shiver on emerging

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from confinement into the open air.
I ~~had~~ ^{had} hardly joined the two cabin wa-
ther when a sea came over the
side, wetting us to the skin & hur-
ling me head over heels into the sea-
scrapers - Of course I had to take
it all as a capital joke, though
I felt like anything but laughing,
wet & miserable, as I was & mis-
erable beside - for the terrible uneasiness
of the vessel was ^{fast} bringing back my
sickness - Jumping up quickly however
I dove into the cabin to drink a mug
of hot tea & chew some biscuit, in
doing which I made out but poorly
& a squall coming up soon after,
I was completely overcome, & hastened
below to find comfort amid the
smell of strong salt fish, cabbage &
general mawkishness - There I
staid most of the day, my nausea
increasing with the storm - As eve-
ning closed in sail was shortened
& all made snug for the coming
night, which promised to be a vis-
tous one - This was a decided touch
of ~~the~~ culph weather - Stools, chests

of the English nation - streets, cross
 right, which promised to be a fair
 a whole crowd came for the evening
 being closed in this was the reason
 interesting with the town - to me
 their order of the day, my attention
 general and universal - there I
 made of their date, and the
 taken to find some of the
 and especially the
 a great coming up of the night,
 which I could not but notice
 of the town, other towns, which is
 I have in the center to have a map
 drawing up partly however
 of the world was drawing back very
 could have - for the little mountains
 that in mountain, as I was a mile
 little hills, and rising but looking
 it all as a capital for a through
 European - of course I had to take
 ing one very even road into the sea
 this meeting led to the other a road
 this when a line came over the
 I had hardly time to take one

everything moveable started madly
about the cabin & the occupants
had to cling stubbornly to whatever
was stationary to save themselves
from ^{pitching} ~~carrying~~ away. & the only
land-lubber received a few ^{many} numer-
cious knocks - But as ^{the} ~~my~~ out-
ward ~~was~~ ^{the} ~~suffered~~ ~~my~~ inward parts
grew harder & at length scorned the
very idea of squeamishness -

Between 8 - & 9 o'clock so violent was the gale that we had to lay to ^{in main} under a close reefed fore-top-sail. What were affairs coming to? The Captain looked anxious, & as we went out on deck together spoke of the rising wind in a troubled hurried manner - Every other moment to the man at the wheel or issuing orders with the oaths of a pirate! "If it would only rain!" he ^{exclaimed} - & then I learnt for the first time that rain breaks the wind - & if it poured down in torrents now, we should soon be in a comparatively pleasant state - But it did not rain &

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I would not rain, but would blow
(blow) ^{main} 'thru' (the) Shrouds & upper rigging
(with a roar) like a park of artillery.
I had of course never witnessed such
a scene before, & clinging on
to the hatch in a sheltered corner,
under the eaves, for excellence, of
the house I gazed with wonder
on the raging ^{down Gullph streaked} ~~covered~~ with white
glaming foam & threatening every
moment to ^{your shadow} engulf us - Moun-
tain heads breaking over the waves
kept the decks under water, con-
stantly covered with a sheet of foam.
To add to our dismal condition. It
was pitchy dark - no moon - no
stars ^{excepting the light the big sparkling surges} all above masses of black ^{pendant}
clouds - all below the boiling angry
ocean - (It seemed) no night for us -
at least so thought the others, but I
with a strange calmness & indifference
(which is past ^{beyond} my comprehension) (went
to bunk at 8 bells 12 o'clock, in
the Mate's berth), (leaving my com-
panions looking into each other's faces
across the table), & realized fully the
hope ^{of being here} which I had been bold enough to

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and
 wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are
 well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but
 I have managed to find some time to write to you.
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entertainment - for I knew nothing more
till late in the ^{next} morning - save when
the dishes fetching away out of the
locker, & the chests heavily bringing
up against the stateroom partitions
made a crash sufficient to break
the ^{whole} slumbers of the ten sleepers of
renown - kitten slept alone by herself
I trust she was not frightened in that
bedevilled stateroom -

The gale had not moderated when
I ^{was} woke on Monday - The captain
shook his head saying he had seldom
been in such a storm - The steward
reported that the vessel rolled too
heavily for (the) breakfast (table),
to be ^{laid} ~~set~~ - so we had to drink
coffee as we could, clinging to
fixtures - bracing ourselves & balan-
cing mugs - With all my care
the contents of mine were safely
deposited in my shirt bosom before
I had ^{taken three} ~~swallowed~~ (three) - How pale
& weary the company looked - all
but myself - I had slept - they had not
The prospect outside was anything but
cheerful - I know (now), no time now

...the late in the morning - some when
the ladies returning every one of the
there, & the dress heavily bespangled
up against the buttoned partitions
made a cross sufficient to show
the thickness of the two layers of
material. Written like a book by hand
I think but was not finished in that
unfamiliar language.
The girls had only one quarter
of an hour - the inspection
showed his head hanging in red ribbon
from in back a brown. The stream
expected that the second order was
sufficient for the transportation to the
to be ... as we had to leave
after as we could, changing to
lighter - leaving ourselves a better
and more - with all my own
the contents of mine were safely
expected in my little room before
I had time to turn there. Then only
a moment the company looked - all
but myself. I had hope they had not
the answer written was anything but
straight - I know more, as this was

utterly heavy & depressing ^{time} than the
morning after ~~the~~ night ~~of~~ ~~at~~ ~~tempestuous~~
~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~when~~ - Every face looks haggard
the ship herself presents a (~~worn~~ ^{before}),
(doleful) appearance (worn & weary -)
The waves rise like ~~backed~~ ~~demons~~
w/ to menace their ^{long} expected victims -
Sunshine & calmness ^{sum} appear impos-
sibilities, as if they had never been -
& the whole range which the eye
or the fancy takes is one of portents
& distress -

At 10 o'clock the gale had some-
what abated. Soon afterwards the
wind chopped round into the N.W.
The clouds ~~scudded~~ ^{lower} below the horizon -
The warm ^{lower} ~~shore~~ ^{shore} ~~down~~ - The started
rigging was ^{tinged} ~~set~~ up - The reefs ^{were} ~~shook~~
out of the ^{point top} ~~main~~ ^{top} ~~hail~~ & ~~top~~ ~~port~~ ~~hail~~
the other ^{were} ~~bails~~ ^{were} ~~one~~ by one unfurled
& ~~set~~ ^{lower} - & it was not long before
every vestige of the storm had dis-
appeared ^{lower} ~~save~~ the ~~remnant~~ ~~and~~ ~~had~~
~~led~~ ~~into~~ which we were living -
Thus sudden are the changes in sea
ocean life - The heart forgets how
lately it has been troubled & backs at ease
in the (bright) sunshine of the present moment.

afterly heavy & depressing than the
morning after a night of
the ship built & painted a (new)
the name was like the old
to measure their expected victims.
Guns were a common affair in
the whole range which the eye
in the many trees is one of
in distance.

At 10 o'clock the gate had
the clouds darkened before the
the women. There were - the
sipping was the up - the
the of the women's is a
the other birds, one by one
it was not long before
many wings of the
appeared from the
the into which we were
There had been one the changed in
the heart of the
it has been the
in the (bright) sunshine of the

And now it is Friday, the fourteenth of October, & we have fairly stolen into the pleasant part of ~~our~~ ^{the} voyage. The sun ~~has~~ grown warmer daily & the wind breathes of ~~the~~ a lower latitude. Beautiful weather indeed! I am dressed ~~like~~ ^{in a} sailor in check shirt & buck ^{trousers} pants, & when ^{wagging} sauntering about decks with a furthum of black silk, without shaming from my chiphat but very jauntily enough. - There is very little mistake in ^{the} (my) salt appearance. - We have logged on an average ^{of the lubber lubber} ~~about~~ ^{5 or 6 knots} sailed ~~per diem~~ ^{daily} & have therefore run ^{of the Atlantic, more or less} ~~about~~ ^{about} a thousand miles - in a ^{little morning} ~~day~~ ^{only} ~~the~~ ^{early} ~~east~~ ^{today} course - & are somewhere off the Bermudas. Little idea had I of the enjoyment which I am beginning to ~~know~~ ^{to} experience, fill every ^{hour} - Life glides on in a regular rotation of little nothings - "Every moment lightly shaken round itself in golden sands." Taking exercise is the main thing done - leagues, yes six, league by league we walk morning noon & night smoking chatting or in dreamy silence. I have accomplished nothing else of any consequence except this careless journaling - Reading even of the lightest description is out of

even of the highest civilization is not
 exempt from this error. In fact, the
 progress of the human mind is
 characterized by a constant oscillation
 between the two extremes of
 superstition and skepticism. The
 former is the result of a
 childish imagination, while the
 latter is the result of a
 childish logic. Both are equally
 dangerous, and both are equally
 prevalent. The only way to
 escape from them is by the
 cultivation of a sound philosophy,
 which is the result of a
 mature and balanced mind.

the question. Yesterday afternoon I took a small
volume of shakespeare, & sketching out full
length on the narrow rail, opened upon a
scene ^{in the Tump} ~~hardly had I read~~ ^{had} ~~as page~~ ^{was} when a
little jet of spray jumped over & struck
the leaf, hastily dropping up the drops, I
had just settled myself, when my
eyes were directed aloft by the sudden
flapping of the topsails - & my attention
started from the poetry by the sharp
"Too near, your rascal" of the mate to
the boy at the wheel - Again my
thoughts were winging aloft with Ails
when a slowly sailing sea-bird white
as snow wheeled into sight ^{view} - & I could
not help watching her ^{flight} ~~flight~~ - By this
time the conclusion was inevitable that
the charm of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Shakespeare~~ ^{Shakespeare} ~~was~~ ^{book} ~~lost~~ ^{I gave up} for
the afternoon - & so leaving my head
on my arm, it was soon all but asleep
when a lurch of the unwieldy boat
shook me awake ^{into consciousness}, & I ^{was} only saved
from rolling ^{as once before} ~~into the~~ ^{to the} ~~scupper~~ ^{by}
catching at a ^{rope} -

Breakfast, dinner & supper are the
great events of the day. Not that we
are egotistical epicures - but as men

my gaze seems fixed upon a passing beam
wherein incongruities are unnoticed - the
softest harmony prevails & a charming mys-
tery. The scene - Chast. Dian has
darkened my (memories), reveries often in the
fairest spots on shore, but all such re-
membrances sink into nothing when com-
pared with her present beauty. From the
small crescent ^{in the} that dips its horn in the
early evening to the full ^{orb} that rises ^{the night} with
imperial benignity across the whole heaven -
her every phasis is one of unrivalled love-
liness.

is a good turning point for the next 3
or 4 hours - & then a cigar comes & is
put after a mess of jowls or ^{big} saltbush.

The nights are loveliest ^{night's} - A moon ap-
peared the second ^{evening} night after leaving
Boston which was joyfully welcomed,
for so much has been said ^{written} of moon-
light (on the ocean), that (I was im-
patient to have) my expectations
of its ^{splendor} beauty, realised, were impatient
to be realised - While having in
the shrouds during these silent watches
I ^{have} felt as if in a dream - The moon
never shone more brightly, & the
stars were ^{and} nearly ^{clearly} sparkling, thickly
sown in the deep blue sky - Their
reflection on the water was often
perfect - Heaven ^{spread's} ^{perpetrate} ^{lonely} ^(under the) above & below - I am glad I sink wide sonnets
else Diana would soon be ^{apostrophised}
(with a vengeance -)

I (sometimes) find ^{one's} amusement ^{the other} ^{evening} from
standing near a knot of the sailors about
the windlass & listening to their yarns -
One old tar, whom I had ^{heard} that a stupid
half rheumatic fellow told a most
candid story to the infinite delight

It is a great pity that the
 of the world - a man of
 out after a series of years of
 the right one - I never
 around the same right after leaving
 Boston which was a great
 for so much has been done
 light (see the record) that (I was
 to (see the record) very
 of its beauty (which) were important
 to be realized - which having in
 the records. During these difficult months
 I will not say in a word. The record
 which shows more rightly, a the
 which were mostly during the
 down in the long time of - then
 which in the water was then
 which - then down in
 which - I am glad to have
 the same right down in
 with a reference -
 of (which) first movement, from
 then of which is the first
 the records a list of their names -
 for of the, which I had that in
 half of the first
 capital that to the first

of his audience, who hailed the successive incidents with repeated bursts of laughter in which I joined most heartily - I found him, why had the fellow ^{from} impressed me with an idea of his stupidity before ^{now} I proved him such a cantrump? Probably not two of the crew ~~of the~~ have sailed together before so that ^{them} ~~quand~~ have ^{all} the interest of new novels, & in this the early part of the voyage ^{at least} I have well to keep their eyes open thro' the long dark hours -

One of the boys, called Tom, half English & half Irish, lives to me not a little - On the first night out when ^{rather} ~~slightly~~ drunk, he swagged up with his hands pocketed & demanded a candle (of) the Mate - He ~~was~~ ^{him} ordered forward - but ^{he} persisted in holding his ground & requesting candles for ^{crew} ~~their~~ forecastle, till the Officer snuffed him ^{partially} into a sense of his situation & despatched him, with a rolling gait & audible growl, ^{consequently} back to his quarters. Ever since he has had a leer in his eye as if ^{rather} ~~the~~ ^{good-humoured} ~~enough~~ ^{quite} ~~was~~ his ridiculous condition were forgotten - He is smart

a active - but brimming over with
deviltry - besides ^{the} singing the best song
a dancing the jig on board - He was
a clown ^{in a circus not long ago}
a ^{not being} ^{master} ^{of} the life of him (as it
seems) "lose sight of his professional
prowess" - But enough for the
present - of this ^{is} ^{the} end of a voyaged life
have I given you even a faint idea
of my initiation into the mysteries of
the sea? I so you may be pleased
to look over my next letter -