William H. Dall - Diary, 1865

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1866. POCKET CALENDAR 1866.

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A TABLE OF STAMP DUTIES,  
As Amended March 3, 1863.  
[By W.H. DALL]  

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<td>BANK CHECK, DRAFT, or ORDER FOR MONEY, payable at sight or on demand, over $20</td>
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<td>BILL OF SALE OF VESSEL, consideration not over $500</td>
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<td>BOND for the performance of the duties of office, or of indemnity for the payment of money</td>
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<td>CERTIFICATE OF STOCK, in incorporated company</td>
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<td>CERTIFICATE OF DAMAGE, and all Certificates issued by any port warden or marine surveyor</td>
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<td>(Certificate of measurement or weight of animals, wood, coal, or other articles, Certificate of Record or Deed, or acknowledgment thereof, by attesting witness, require no stamp.)</td>
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<td>CERTIFICATE, of any description not specified above</td>
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<td>CHARTER PARTY, of vessel or steamer not over 150 tons</td>
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<td>For every additional $2,500, or part thereof, 30 cents more.</td>
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<td>LEASE, (or assignment of same,) of real estate, not over 3 years</td>
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LOTTERY TICKETS. - Each ticket, (whole or fractional,) retail price of which is $1 or less ................................................................. 50
Exceeding $1, for every dollar or part thereof, 50 cents more.

MANIFEST, of vessel's cargo for foreign port, (except to British North America,) if registered tonnage is not over 300 tons ........................................... 1 00
Over 300, not over 600 tons ....................................................... 3 00
Over 600 tons ................................................................. 5 00

MORTGAGE, or PERSONAL BOND for payment of any definite sum of money, upon every $200, or fractional part thereof .................................................. 10

PASSAGE TICKET, to foreign port, (except British North America,) costing $30 or less 50
Over $30 .......................................................................... 1 00

POWER OF ATTORNEY, to sell or transfer any scrip, or certificate of profits of any corporation or association, not exceeding $50 10
To sell or transfer any stock, bond, or scrip, or for the collection of interest or dividends thereon, (except as above,) 25
To collect rents 25
To vote by proxy for officers of any corporation or society, (except religious, charitable, literary societies, or public cemeteries,) 10
To sell or rent real estate, or to perform any other act not herein mentioned 1 00

PROBATE OF WILL, or Letters of Administration, value of estate not over $2,500 .................................................. 50
Over $2,500, not over $5,000 ....................................................... 1 00
Over 5,000, not over 20,000 ....................................................... 2 00
Over 20,000, not over 50,000 ....................................................... 5 00
Over 50,000, not over 100,000 .................................................... 10 00
Over 100,000, not over 150,000 .................................................... 20 00
For every additional $50,000, or part thereof, $10 more.

PROTEST, of note, check, draft, &c. ............................................... 25
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<td>PLAYING CARDS, price not over 18 cents each pack, 1 cent; over 18 and not over 25 cents, 2 cents; over 25 and not over 30 cents, 3 cents; over 30 and not over 36 cents, 4 cents; over 36 cents, 5 cents.</td>
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<td>The indiscriminate use of all kinds of stamps (except postage or proprietary) is permitted, care being taken to affix a stamp or stamps of the proper amount.</td>
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<td>Documents made in any foreign country, to be used in the United States, shall pay the same duty as when made here. The party to whom the same is issued, or by whom it is used, shall affix thereon the proper stamp, before using.</td>
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<td>No deed, or mortgage of real estate, shall be required to pay a stamp duty of over $1,000 in any event. Powers of Attorney, or other papers relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay, or pensions, require no stamp; neither do warrants of attorney accompanying a bond or note when such bond or note shall be stamped; and whenever any bond or note shall be secured by mortgage, but one stamp duty is required, provided the stamp duty placed thereon is the highest rate required for said instrument, or either</td>
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No document signed or issued prior to June 1st, 1863, without being
stamped, shall be invalid for that reason; but it shall not be admitted or
used in any court until it shall have been stamped, and the initials of the
person using, and the date when it is used, placed thereon.

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ON
Demand and Time Notes.
INLAND BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ETC.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 1, 1865.
Arrived yesterday in town from home. Left Lou Wells safe at Syracuse. Pretty well tired, and just skipped the passport business.

MONDAY 2
Made no calls, as Col. F. wished me to write on his report.

TUESDAY 3
Writing all day.
Find that Col. F. and the Iron Cliffs are not entirely harmonious. Write but don't send to mother and await developments.

Evening. Talk over the Cliffs business with Col. F. That miserly Tilden has been trying to swindle him of his just dues. He has been shamefully treated. I send letter to mother.

See Kennicott, and talk over the Ex. he is anxious to have me go. Bannister and Elliot will probably go.

Write all day. Col. F. troubled with the rheumatism.

Mr. Collyes and the Clarkes.

Write all day.

W. H Dall
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1865

Col. F down in the southern part of the state exploring a coal mine. Work at the Academy in the evening.

WEDNESDAY 11


THURSDAY 12

Feel miserably. Look after coal for Col. F. and also after timetables & Canal Report for Scammon. Rest a little while at the Academy, go home lay down and stay down for the rest of the day and night. A very disagreeable and painful cold, almost pleurisy.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1865

Morning felt better. Made a shift to arrange the loose accounts of the Iron Cliffs. Col. F. rather irritable on the subject, or myself. I really don't know which, but nothing said or done to hurt anybody. After noon go up town and find two letters and a telegraph waiting for me, all amounting to nothing, and costing me $2.20 to remedy foolishness. What a pity women are so worthless, some of them at least. Wrote a sharp letter home which I hope, will bring out some common sense. Wrote to Curtiss, and on Report in evening.

SATURDAY 14

Wrote most of day on Report. No letters from the East. Wrote to Anthony, Hyatt, and mother. Evening go up to the Academy, and accomplish little. Nason didn't bring any whisky as he promised. D'Aligny called in afternoon and promised to come up in the evening but didn't. He is a type of the French I think; a powerful mind, a great worker, a coarse body, but reasonably gentlemanly. He is a good chemist, and mineralogist, and has a very pleasant manner though not the old French ideal of politeness.

SUNDAY 15

Morning go up to the Academy to do some work and get something done before Stimpson comes. This is first Sunday I have been willfully absent from church, in some six months. The troubles of the Northwestern are on the increase. Systematic bribery don't pay, in my estimation. Edw. Everett dead, full of years and honors. The shout goes up amidst the heavenly host, "admit a conqueror here!" He is with peace and peace with him. Evening Academy again, and got the Cypreaes done up at last. That's something any way.

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Monday, January 16, 1865. Morning, write on Report, and Brotherton's notes. Afternoon, go down town after a plasterer. Drop in on the academy, and get all the shells except Unio. into the cases, so that no damned son of mortality, shall get them filled up with something else. Evening, go to Mason's to tea. Pass a very pleasant evening. A little snow in afternoon made slippery walks. No letters.

Tuesday 17 Morning, write, and assist Mrs. Foster. go after plasterer and repair bedstead. After noon go up to Sherman House with letters for D'Aligny, who wishes me good speed on my expedition. Evening at the academy. Prof. Lewell, Jack Frost, Mason, Kennicott and myself, five steady workers, there this evening. I get my loose ends packed a little. No letters. Bannister writes that he is glad I am going north so he will be in good company!

Wednesday 18 Morning, write and help Mrs Foster about some domestic arrangements. Afternoon. Go to binder and get books. Also to Academy for a few minutes. Stimpson expected to night. Note to Kennicott from Put. about pamphlets. Evening. Go up to the Academy and work on Catalogue till 12. Stimpson not arrived then. Got considerable done one or two more nights will finish it up. Letter from mother after her usual style. flippant and superficial. No satisfaction in it. Answer it and write to Baltimore and Frannie L. Fort Fisher is ours! Hic jacet Butler. Porter redivivus. Cum grano utrisque?

Thursday, January 19, 1865. Clock mending and writing in the morning. A sunny cold day. Col. Foster improving. Write steadily all day. Evening. Letter from Mrs. Evered. Stimpson not yet arrived. Work at Acad. Prof. Pewel, Frost, Dr. Rolier, Dr. Stebbins, Davis Mason, and myself beside K. Mason ties on 20 labels!! I should not wonder if he went to work and did some thing, some day. We get through considerable work and have a pleasant evening. K. had an attack of the vertigo, and as the P. & H.W. train has run off the track, I dont believe Stimpson will be there tonight.

Friday 20 Morning. write on Rep. Go to the Bank and passing by the Sherman House meet K. & Stimpson. Write like blazes all the afternoon and in the evening go up to Acad. No one there till 8. when Mason drops in and finally K & S. We have a jolly evening, and unpack Styms box of sundries, mostly Mya, mercenaria, and mactra. Some neat shells from the Canary Islands. Finish my catalogue and find I have about 1400 sp. Letter from Sadie. Frannie R. has gone to Port Royal to teach. with Miss Bothums I am sorry: but she may have a pleasant time, after all.

Saturday 21 Morning, write. Col. F. comes down. Finish up the first part of the Report. About half past one hurry off to meet K. & S. I have note for a pass, but the man who attends to passes, is gone to dinner. Leave the Academy at 2.40 Stimpson has a bad touch of rheumatism. Weather changes from pleasant & warm. to chilly. meet Alice Reilly at the depot.
Flint & Bruno don't come out.
Have to wait after arriving at Des Plaines a half hour for a tardy little
Dutchman with the team. Arrive at last and find a warm welcome. Meet
Mary & Lillie Kennicott and Amasa & wife.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 1865.

Morning discuss development theory with Stimpson who is a Darwinian. After dinner ride in sleigh to Mrs Caroline K's and meet Misses Fannie, Grace and Rose, and also Frank, Gus and Mark Kennicott. In two sleighs we then ride five or six miles to Mr. Hiram Kennicott's. Miss Mary being under my special charge. We have an adventure with some tipsy Dutchmen. Take supper at Hiram's. After supper singing and return with Mary, Grace, and others. Even. Assist Mary with her composition on “Ink” and pretty tired, to bed.

MONDAY 23

Start after breakfast for the depot, with Alice, Mary, Stim, & Bob. and find it extremely cold. Drop M. at the schoolhouse where the friend of Nap. III and the hero of Magenta, teaches for $35.00 a month. Arrive in town and go to the Academy where I delight Stim. with the sight of Stenothyra & Annemobates, two genera which he had never seen and which he wanted very much. Go home and write. In the evening go over on the north side and call on Mrs Clarke and Mrs Greeley, who promises me letters to San Francisco. No letters from home. Field meeting tomorrow night at the Acad.

TUESDAY 24

Morning write &c. Go up with mss for Tilden, letters & boxes in the afternoon. Go into Academy and show letter just rec'd to him. The whole plan of the Expedition is so wrapped in mystery that I shall not regard it, until I can find out the particulars. In the evening I go up the Academy. A bitter cold night. I am met with the news that the Smithsonian is in flames. Great Heavens! if this be true and the library, and the collections are destroyed the loss is irreparable. My own little troubles sink into insignificance before those of Stimpson who has lost the labor of fifteen years, and of all naturalists of the world.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1865.

By the paper I learn that the loss of the S.I. is not so great as I feared, but the particulars I must learn from S. & K. Go up with note about coal to Arthur, don't see him but Hewitt who behaves in a rather unnecessary manner to speak mildly. Stim. leaves at 5.30 for Wash. in better spirits. I hurry down to Col. F's and off to Mrs. Hathaways to tea. Going up like a fool, I get my right ear frost-bitten and don't discover it till in the warm parlor. Have some fine singing from Miss Whiting and off to Acad. Find good news from S.I. damage less than expected, manuscripts safe. Spend the night at the Academy with K. label birds &c. No letters from the East.

THURSDAY 26

Breakfasted with Bob, at his boarding house, and go down to the house at 8.40. Write away on Report and get 140 pps done. Very cold. My ear gets on better than I expected, though swollen and painful. W. Kirkland comes to see Col. F. and states that Hewitt made an incorrect assertion about the coal. In the evening I start, well wrapped up from the wind, in scarf and shawl, and reach Acad. without damage. K. not there, but Jack Frost & Davis on reptiles and skulls, label a number of boxes and progress reasonably well. Get home and talk with Col. ab't Baird & to bed.

FRIDAY 27

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Write away, and finish up the Report. Hallelujah! In the afternoon go up town and Express it to New York. Get drawing pen, and tobacco. Step in to the Acad. Find all busy except Nason, why won't he take hold and help. If I only had his chances I would be something, or somebody! Even'g Go up to the Acad. and work on bird labels & mammals, till 12 o'clock. Get together mammals to send to Putnam, Verrill, Agassis, Phil. Acad. &c. K. wants me to spend Saturday there. and help him. I think of taking up the birds while he is away, and looking after them.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1865.

Morning, start off with Col. F.'s permission for the Ac'dy. Dine and sup with Kennicott and work at checking off the exchange list, till 12 at night.

SUNDAY 29

Up the first in the house, and after breakfast read and go up to the Academy where I work on as yesterday at the exchange list which we finally finished, some 200 species of birds and some 600 specimens, to Agassiz, Essex Institute, & Yale College museums. Dr's. Blaney & Rock come in; Rock knows Bulkley and sends his regards to him. Weather more moderate. Home at 10.15.

MONDAY 30

Morning the plasterer kicks up a mess, so we have to lie around idle for the whole morning. After noon go to the bank &c. Evening, Col. F. objects to my being out after 12 at night, (which I have done but once) which is perfectly reasonable. Write to Putnam, Richie Chace and Wesson but don't send the last. Go up to the Academy and work on the eggs and thank Heaven, got them done at last. Drs. Hoy, were in, of Racine, Wis. and Sr.invited me to visit him if I ever go that way. Hoy Sr. is one of the earliest of the western naturalists. Eggs are humbugs in my opinion. Left for home at 11.15. -

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1865.

Morning write, personally. Col. F. makes out his statement of services done for a "corporation without a soul" and I copy all day on it. Evening take the Randolph St cars to Lincoln St, and go two streets south and two doors east, to Mr. Redfield's in West Washington St. where Bob is and pass a very pleasant evening. see some beautiful cone frames made by Emma Kennicott and some pretty rustic ornaments, have a [underlined] small [underlined] glass of tip top punch, and return with Bob who leaves for New York via Cleveland tomorrow night.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Dull muggy weather, Col. F. not so well. Wrote to Mr. Ogden and grandfather Healey and enclose a copy of my O. letter to mother with a note. Col. F. writes to O. for me, also. Afternoon work on map. and go to P.O. no letters. A. Agassiz & St John in town , say they will be up tonight. Evening go up, and follow the firebells to State St. Bridge & I see the burning of whiskey & tobacco by the hogshead on S. Water St. The most magnificent of pyrotechnics, I ever witnessed. Work with Bob and get the egg lists made out. Nason works, I writing the localities. Bob don't get off, tonight. Agassiz & St. John. don't come up, for which I am rather sorry.

THURSDAY 2

Morning work on map and letters. Write to I.G. Anthony finish map, and go to the office for letters; none there. Why won't they write, I think it is cruel, eight or nine days since I wrote last. Evening go up to the Academy and commence packing up the shells for Theobald. Nason comes in for a short time. a rainy disagreeable day.
Friday, February 3, 1865.

Morning, Catherine throws one of my mittens, which cost $3.00 and which I had hoped to keep two years at least, into the fire through sheer carelessness. Go to look after coal. Afternoon go up town and go into the Acad. Help K. with the birds for an hour. No letters from home. Evening. Check off mounted birds, and mountable skins. Bob, packs up, and I go down with him to the Michigan Southern depot, where he leaves at 9:30 for Cleveland. He will telegraph me from New York the particulars of the Expedition etc. I hope to hear from Ogden soon. Saw Emerson in the morning and showed up the museum.

Saturday 4

Morning dull and wet. Draw on map etc. Afternoon go up for letters. One from home at last, confessing inability to advise me. If this had only been said at first, what a deal of pain it would have saved me. Letter from father, kind and pleasant, bless him; at Madras. Go up to the Acad in the Evening & arrange shells, after painting letters for the children. Oh, if I had riches! but I have not.- I will not be waiting my fortuneless lot, But go on my way, with the little I have, And carry my burdens, with faith, to the grave.

Sunday 5

Morning, Mr. Collyer on the laborers in the vineyard & payment of a penny to all. He argued that we should all succeed and receive our reward even if we labored but one hour. I always thought that this parable & the words of Christ to the Samaritan woman who would be healed, and the text, "to him that hath shall be given etc" were unchristian and unjust in spirit & letter. Dined at the Collyers. Home, write to mother, and go up to the Academy in the evening. Box up a lot of shells. Must Call on the Healys tomorrow.

Monday, February 6, 1865.

Morning copy on F. Memorial to the directors of the I.C. Go up town and pay gas bill call at bank, leave express packages. Buy a pair of cloth gloves. no letters. Afternoon correct Report etc. Evening, go up to the Healys, and make a very pleasant call, play a game of chess with Miss Mary, who beats me, very well. She is a good player though a beginner. I wish I had time to practice this game, it sharpens ones wits, wonderfully. Weather more mild, snowy a little. Scudders box of insects arrived today, not in perfect condition. I will raise thunder, with Geo. Armstrong if he keeps opening my mail parcels.

Tuesday 7

Dull & snowy. Not much to do. Draw somewhat in Carpenter and write. Afternoon, Go up town, and get letters from Putnam and Tom Newell. Evening. Go up to the Academy get out list of big bird skins, and packup some more shells. Nason there with me but don't work. When Bob went away, he told me not to hesitate if the occasion required but to go up and use his room at the Academy and gave me a name of a connection of his who keeps a cheap boarding house on State Street No. 90. It will be very convenient to be able to do it.

Wednesday 8
Morning. Col. F. very irritable because I found some trouble in getting the fire to burn in his study, a thing which I do only to accommodate him & which he has no manner of right to require me to do. I shall leave him very soon, but I hoped to wait without trouble, till a reply came from Mr. Ogden. I have made a settlement with the Co. of a reasonable character, $65.00 a month and $8.00 weekly for board deducted leaving me about $120.00 in hand. Get a note to Mrs McDougall from Mr. Redfield and get draft cashed at Sturgess'. Evening, the Academy and shells with Nason, who has a note from Stimpson. Shall probably go up there to sleep & board at Mrs McD's.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

Morning go up town, see Mrs McDougal a motherly old Irish woman, and arrange to board there. Afternoon, pack up, take my books etc by bags full, and carry to the Academy. Mrs Greeley has got back but did not see mother. After noon, work at the Academy on birds. Evening the same. After noon an old gentle man named Dr. Kitto of the army, came in, and made the library a donation of an old edition of the Encyclopedia Brittanica and a life of Kirby. in all 23 volumes. He also promised to send us fish and other things. He wants his boy to go north with Kennicott.

FRIDAY 10

Letter from mother. & Sadie. Say adieu to Col. F. & the family go up to the Academy. and work, cleaning out the loft. and Frank Davis comes in and helps. Go to dinner at Mrs. McD's and come back, find Nason here. Finish up the loft, and clean up and go up to Nasons house to tea, have a pleasant time, go down to Mrs. Hathaways to make a "party call" spend a pleasant hour there. then down to Academy. work on the birds till one o'clock. then to bed.

SATURDAY 11

Work at the shells. Afternoon. Flint, in some of his monkey shines smashes a pane in one of the bird cases. Evening. a terrible gust of wind turns over the sky light and breaks several panes. Move the cases and go to bed. Röehler doesn't come up. Though Nason comes and brings his can of fish.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1865.

Morning, Mr. Collyer preaches to young men, on the importance of sticking to some one thing. Dine with Mr. Greeley. Afternoon Nason comes up to the rooms, and loaf a little while. I pack up some shells, etc. Evening, tired, early to bed.

MONDAY 13

Morning, after beakfast bring up my trunk &c. from Col. F.'s go for glazier, see Thompson, and go to find Baxter but can't. Get a dispatch from Kennicott to this effect. "We sail March 20th, cabin passage, time of service, one or two years. You better go." I write to Prof. Bannister, as I said, and will deliberate a little before replying. Afternoon on shells. Evening, go up to Mr Collyer's but he is out then to Mr. Greeleys, who advises me if I regard pecuniary advantages, not to go. I am perplexed. Letters from Allie C. & Lizzie Merriam. bright and pleasant.

TUESDAY 14

Telegraphed Bob "Can you wait three days for my decision? Have you mailed me particulars? How about going to Washington or Salem? and the outfit?" Röehler comes in and goes to work on the library. Go to see Col. Mason about getting something to do on the river business. he being appointed commissioner. Nothing at present to do. After supper to Mr. Collyers, but he is out. After, see Mr. Fogg. Back to Acad. Dr. Andrews in. talk about the arm & leg bones etc. Work with Nason on american land shells.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1865.

Work most of the morning on shells, books etc. Dr. Bannister comes in and talks a little about Henry. Write a little valentine for Frannie L. Afternoon, see Mr. Greeley. Nothing likely to turn up I am afraid. It seems to me that I had better go North, than go through the weary mill again, as I have done once in Boston and once in Chicago, without any permanent benefit being conferred on me, thereby. This world is all chance. and I stand as good a chance two years from now, as now. Afternoon & evening on shells. Nason comes in, and Garry Lansing worked a little in the morning.

THURSDAY 16

Morning work on shells &c. Afternoon step into Mr. Greeleys who has seen and spoken to Mr. Hilton of the Council Hill lead people, and he goes with and introduces me to Mr. Hilton. The after sum of the matter is that that man in charge has too much to attend to, to do the work required systematically. although he is a practical miner. I named $900. to $1000. as what I thought I could make myself worth to the Company. Mr. H. said he would lay the matter before the Directors and let me know in a week. In the morning I. Redfield came in and talked over a plan for surveying some lands for "oil", in S. Ills.

FRIDAY 17

Talk with Mr. Greeley about Bobs letter. I think I shall wait to have the lead matter settled before writing to K. I feel miserably worrying, so over the confounded things, and a disagreeable. cold in addition. How folks have to scratch about in this world. just like hens. for a living. Afternoon finish up one case of birds, and rectify lots of Garry's mistakes. Redfield & Loomis come in and talk over the "oil" scheme again. It is a crocky business and I don't want to smut my hands with it. unless they pay down and well. Nason on fish. and write to Bob as per mem. and worn out with worry and work, to bed.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1865

Get up with a miserable headache. Go to work on the second case of birds, and finish up the remainder of the Helicidae. Nason comes in about 12 and works on his fish, enters the remainder; of which we have records. Afternoon, Baxter brings up two draw cases which we needed very much. Geo. Walker c.a. comes in and perambulates. Also Thompson. Finish up case no. two, of birds. making about 2600. entered. Evening go up to Dr. Cushings to a pleasant little evening party. where I meet Misses. Fogg, Hedge, Adams &c. play cards and have a good time though not dancing. Home at 12.

SUNDAY 19

Went to Mr. Collyers. who gave us a good but old sermon on "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity & vexation of spirit". Dined at his house and talked over Tel. Ex. after dinner. went up to Mr. Greeleys to see Louise Wells. who goes home on account of her brothers sad misfortune which may turn out better than she anticipates. Dropped in to see Mrs Clarke, who is un well, and see also Mrs. Abr. Clarke from Milwaukee who came down with L.W. In the evening after tea go over to Mr. Redfield and spend an hour or two. Talk over the Ex. &c. Wrote to Scudder enclosing money and asking adv.
MONDAY 20

Morning, get out the birds in case no. three to enter. auks & penguins. Enter the last ducks. Morning goes like a blue streak. After dinner find that Thompson has brought in a fine male lynx (H. rufus. Raf.) from Wisconsin. Old Bischoff goes to work to skin him. and with great trouble I manage to get him to take out the body without much mangling, so as to dissect it. Frank Davis & Nason in. Frank calls on Prof. Jewell to get him to come in and set us at work on the lynx. We intend to take notes and if we make out anything perhaps publish. I. comes up and we dissect till 11 on sect. muscles

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1865.

Finish all the birds and put a buggy one to bake. Nason comes in and loaf an hour or two. Get in one of the new cases and put our loose writing materials &c & labels into it. A short sad note from mother. After noon work out the latissimus dorsi and trapezius muscles of the lynx. Nason does not come in. Evening read up on anatomy in Grays dissector. I wonder how soon Stimpson will be here. I wish he would come. Shall work up that lynx myself, and not wait much longer for H.M. Wm A. Nason. Esq.

WEDNESDAY 22

Washington was born on this day, and at home there wd have been a celebration, but penurious Chicago hugs her green backs, and only tinkles her moon bells, a little longer than usual. Morning, enter up the land shells. Nason comes in & we work on the lynx and prepare him for Dr. Jewell's inspection. Afternoon work on shells; a wedding at Mrs Mac's. cake & wine as you please &c. Her. daughter to a Mr Morse. Letter from Bob on unimportant matters. Evening Finish the land shells and Jewell coming in make notes on the internal anatomy of the lynx.

THURSDAY 23

Morning work on shells. Package from Washington for Sonne. Afternoon dissect on the lynx, intestines &c. Evening, finish packing up my own collection of shells. Nason with me afternoon & evening. Roehler comes in in the course of the day. Time I heard from the lead mine folks if they are going to do anything or not. Good news from the army. Sherman is marching on. Charleston Savannah and Mobile are almost in our hands and Wilmington must fall soon.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1865.

Pack up exchanges for Theobald. Write to him and mother. Frank Davis on the birds, putting on the labels. Nason has not been in and lynx rufus is beginning to stink. I must finish the dissection myself or loose the value of our notes already taken. Nothing from Hilton. Time flies and I fear that plan will amount to nothing. Evening bring Lyons up and show him our museum, and write on catalogue for Anthony, till eleven. Rains hard. Wilmington they say is ours.

SATURDAY 25

A dull rainy day. Move the cases. Take up the lynx and go to work in earnest, clean and inflate his intestines, and take notes on various parts, particularly the corpus spongmosum and glans, p. which are very remarkable, the former being forked and the latter furnished with recurved spines. See Greeley and ask him to see Hilton and get some kind of an answer out of him. I fear that it will be all "smoke". Letter from Put. none from home. Feel cursed blue, and have a screaming headache.

SUNDAY 26

Dull and rainy. Spring has set in, and in Chicago that means much unfathomable, and stop inconceivable except to an inhabitant. Went to hear Mr. Collyer on First the blade, then the ear; then the full corn in the ear. The hymn "Watchman tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are," was most finely rendered by the choir and gave me a great deal of pleasure. Wrote a line to mother and shall get some thing definite from
Hilton tomorrow or shall telegraph Kennicott that I will go
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1865

Mr. Greeley goes to see Hilton whom he finds very busy, and who says that things look favorable but Mr. Badger has but just got back and he has not had time to consult him.

Work on Lynx, and compose the following ode.

Lynx,
Stinks.

Must wait a little while longer I suppose.

Even'g go up and see Nason who is unwell with a cold. Home, snowing hard.

Letters from Sadie and Lizzie Merriam. Mother sick.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Work on shells some. Frank Davis in in the morning and putting on labels on birds. Also Nason who smokes & reads a novel. Get the Littorinas and Nassae, entered. No letters. Mrs. Cushing is sick. Afternoon have from a member of the old Academy, fresh proofs of the duplicity of Isaac A. Pool. Mr. Greeley comes in and I show him our interesting things and in the evening write letters home and to Miss Merriam and Rutnam.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

Dull and rainy. Work on shells. Let Davis at the bird labels. G. Boettner comes in with a fly from Kansas N.B. He is an ass, but may be made useful. Let him at work on the Colorado miscellaneous insects, pinning. Enter Columbella & Haliotis.

Pay I. Washington five dollars. Willie Dalliba comes in and works in the afternoon. Evening Nason comes in and we talk over things in general. Write to Kennicott, about matters of the museum, and also to Geo. C. Walker about museum matters & alcohol, which we want, also locks on the cases.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1865

Work on matters in general, and every thing in particular. See Greeley who advises waiting so as not to ruffle the fur of the lead men. Geo. C Walker comes in and talks about several things very pleasantly. Says that Bob comes back tomorrow. If he does and the place is open I shall go without doubt. Afternoon get things straight for his coming. Letter from Scudder and mother. Scudder says go by all means. Mother says her sympathies &c Why didn't she say so at first? Evening go up to Geo. Hathaways and write notes in lynx.

FRIDAY 3

Baxter here, to put on the locks at last and finds it much more of a job than he expected the lazy fellow. Move shells out of a number of cases for him to put them on. Frank Davis and Flint K. and Fred. Huse in to see Bob who won't get here in my opinion before Sat. night. Evening, Get Wm. Lyons and Mark somebody to come over to the museum and we rush through the bird labels getting the items written on nearly three hundred - a pretty good evenings work.

Dr Andrews in, in the morning who speaks well of my notes on the anatomy of the Lynx.
Morning. Bischoff off for a tramp. Baxter on the cases, Garry Lansing and Fred H. in to help work again today. Have to take everything birdnests, eggs shells &c out of the cases to have the locks put in, a terrible job. Walker in and I tell him the fix about K. plainly, I think all will be well. I may have done W. injustice in thought, He is quite gentlemanly to me. Queer, about his speaking to Hilton? 2. Go to Woods with Lyons who also comes in in aft. Get the labels on to the birds, as I set out to, but find some mistakes which must be rectified hereafter.
Bob comes in about one o'clock in the morning and after a short talk it is settled that I go with him. Discuss matters in general and get but little sleep. The rascal at the Sherman House didn't give him my letter. He goes off to the Grove with Walker. Spend the morning in selecting the things to take with me. Put most of my books in to my trunk as Stym will bring on his library he will hardly use them. We go by Nicaragua, and leave for Washington Wednesday night. Call on the Collyers Mrs Greeley, Mrs Clarke, and Mrs Cushing, and write five letters. Telegraph mother in the morning.

Look about in the morning for flannels trunk etc. Get three good shirts for $2.25 each, very cheap I think; have to give $14.00 for a stout trunk of small size. Get a note from Allie Cleveland and answer it. Write also to Sam Clarke poor man who has broken his leg near the head of the humerus. Fred. Huse, Lansing, Davis, Nason, Blatchford, Walker and Andrews in during the day. Sup at Mr Collyers who gives me letters and Enoch Arden. Call at Mrs Cushing, Mrs. Healeys, Mr Scammons, Col. Fosters. and Mrs Gibbs’. Col. gone to Wis. Bob terribly busy all day.

Fred Huse spent the night with me. Morning, take him over to Mrs Mac's to breakfast. Davis Dalibla, Bruno, Flint, Armstrong, Böettner, Baxter, Marcy, Dr. Bannister, Charley Kennicott, Walker, Thompson, and others in, during the morning Mr. Collyer in and makes me a present of Tennyson's poems in blue and gold. Take a cup of coffee at Jacksons with K. Bros. and see Charley down to the Ill. Cent. Depot. Bob and Frost in the evening and figure for F. for librarian.


"Westward the course of Empire takes its way"
And science follows with her starlet train.
Stern Mistress, well beloved, whose generous hand.
Deals treasures, richer than of mint or mine,
Forth to her votaries. Such treasures vast I may not idly refuse to grasp!
All day on the cars between Chicago and Pittsburgh. Take sleeping car and pass the latter place in the night.
Susquehanna. Meet, strange coincidence; in the cupola, a man, come to enlist, who knows and comes from the same place as J.T. Rothrock the botanist who goes with us. Back to Hotel and write in evening. Off at 2:30 [[underlined]] AM [[underlined]]
Arrive in Baltimore about 7.30. Take breakfast at Rennert's Hotel cor. Liberty Street. Take the Washington cars at 8.40 stand up most of the way. Get to Washington about 10 o'clock and go to Ulke's to have my photo taken, then over to the Smithsonian where I meet Prof. Baird, J.T. Rothrock, Henry Elliot and Bannister. Work on birds & eggs. Afternoon talk with Gill, and go over to Prof. Baird's. Evening talk with Mr. Meek and Prof. Gill, and write home and to Uncle Austin, and tired and worried to bed. N.B. talk with Prof. Gill till 12. He is extremely longheaded.

Morning, go over with the boys to Mr. Quinn's for breakfast. About 10.40 o'clock go over to Dr. Channings where I hear a fine sermon, poorly delivered on the Convention for a Broad Church, in New York. In consideration of matters & things and of their poverty give five dollars. Perhaps this was ostentatious? but its the last time I shall have the change for two years. Afternoon rec'd a kind letter from Uncle Wm. incl. $50.00 Shall try to go to Baltimore tomorrow night. Write read and talk in the afternoon and call on Prof. Henry, who looks hale & pleasant.

Morning work on birds, eggs of R. M. Farlanes' collecting at Fort Anderson H.B.T. Unpacked over 800 eggs of Lagopus albus!! Talk with Dr. Brewer and Maynard pitches in and helps. Write for Kennicott &c. Afternoon, try to get the 4.30 train for Baltimore but being detained to write for Mr. K. miss it. Come back & get dinner, and go to Post Office and Prof. Baird's house where I see the paintings for Dr. Brewer's plates. K. off for New York. Henry Elliot hears from Hatheway and some trouble between them and K.
7.30 train. Write & talk. Leave for New York at 7.30. buy on the way
down a copy of the V.S. Astronomical Ex. to South America. for $5.00.
The Baltimore and Ohio Road is the most unaccommodating line I know
of providing no seats in the depot for gentlemen and not allowing them
in the ladies room Had to stand a half hour waiting for the train Off at
last.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 1865.

Arrived in New York about half past seven. Meet Maynard in the ferryboat. Go to the Howard House to breakfast. Where the wild Indians from Colorado are. Queer set. A regular field day for work. Go to the Tel. Office, meet Rothrock, go about and price things with him. Go to W.L. Felts and find lots of letters. Busy most of our stationery there. About three go to St Nicholas and get room 375. Go about town on errands. Go into Tribune office. Meet Mr. Gay. Get stockings $10.00. Mr. Gay proposes to me to write letters to the Tribune for publication. I will try and see what I will do in that line. Evening write and make up accounts. Kennicott here tomorrow.

SATURDAY 18

Down to the Telegraphic Office where I find Mr. Kennicott and the boys. Just from Washington. Each takes up his work and we rush through a good deal of work. Go round and with Mr. Blatchford buy an Enfield blockade runner carbine or $6.00 on spec. to sell on the west coast. Blatchford treats to oysters for dinner. Spend most of the day running about doing errands &c. Evening make up accounts &c. In afternoon, Mr. Felt secures us second cabin berths and passage on the Golden Rule for San Juan del Norte, and over the Nicaragua Route.

SUNDAY 19

Morning, write and talk in our room. Maynard, Rothrock, Bannister, Elliot and Pease in. About 1 o'clock start on horsecars for Willard Felts where I dine. See Mrs. Felt and her two children. After dinner go up to the Central Park with Mr. Felt and little Luke. Come back about half past six, and take tea there and go down to the St. Nic. where I find Rothrock and Prof. Thurber. Uncle Chas. W. Foster is there, a pleasant, oldish, man though rather deaf. He invites me up to his house to dinner and speaks kindly of all at home.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1865.

Monday morning. About town on errands. Very busy and hurried. News that the Golden Rule (through the non-arrival of trains on account of the great flood in Pennsylvania) will no sail till tomorrow noon. See Col. Foster who gives me some valuable hints as to facts to be noted. Especially about the glacial formation of the fjords and the position of and zoetic formations m. amygdaloidal trap. Get a letter from "Allie, 192 Green St" asking me to call on her "in the evening". This is the way that young men from the country are taken in and done for, in New York.

TUESDAY 21

Morning. Start from the St. Nicholas and walk down Broadway doing sundry errands on my way. Go in and call on Willard Felt. (Called on Charley Carrét yesterday afternoon and gave him a photograph to send home) Down to the steamer at eleven. Mr. Blatchford kindly accompanying us and leaving us at last with the kindest wishes. Off on "man o' war" time at 12. Have a fine view of the harbor forts and narrows. Goodbye New York. Through a little judicious wire pulling Mr. K. succeeds in getting us all good state rooms instead of the standing berths we were to have occupied.
WEDNESDAY 22
Fine day but a heavy swell on. Feel quite well but perhaps a little dizzy. Poor Bannister gets up and says to Elliott, I bet I feel better than you do & immediately thereafter gets miserably sick and renders up his accounts with Jonah to the last item. Keep myself on hardtack and ham and little else which is an anti Jonah diet. Large numbers of beautiful white gulls follow in our wake (Larus argentatus) feeding on the "banana fish" (Coprolites rectum). Very few passengers on deck or at the table where I don't linger any too long myself. Vessel rolls awfully.
A continuation of previous heavy weather. They tell me that this is the heaviest weather they have had since the vessel was on the route. Pass large numbers of strings and bunches of Fucus natans or Gulfweed. Try to fish some of it up but don't succeed. Read the paper on Geology by Dr. Winslow which Uncle William sent me. Dr. W. simply asserts as his belief certain theories as old as the hills and long ago exploded. He does this with an amount of bombast and conceit rarely equalled; and carefully avoids any bringing of facts to bear on his opinion.

Still heavy rolling sea. Vessel pitches and rolls tremendously. However her machinery works very well and she does not seem to strain, notwithstanding she is almost on her beamends sometimes. At noon today off Charleston the accursed. I hear we are to go around the eastern end of Cuba. That we shall have the choice of riding on horseback or in a stage or going over on foot on the transit over the mountains. Mr. Prime wished me to look out particularly for the Cycladidae on crossing the Isthmus as the animal has never been examined and he thinks it a new genus.

Fine morning. Sea a little calmer. Bannister better than he has been. The water we use to drink, is condensed by the steamer and to use Ks words "looks just like anyone elses." from the iron of the condenser I think. Somebody said at dinner table "tomorrow will be Sunday" "Yes" says a pig who I have named Spillpail; and who sits opposite me at table; "Yes, tomorrow we will have turkey for dinner". After this effort, he seizes the pie plate and appropriates four of the six segments of a circle which it contains. Spillpail is a philosopher, and only wants a tub to be a Diogenes.

A beautiful morning, sea calm and quiet, but the old steamer rolls like a tub. Charley Pease asked of the waiter at dinner "Wasn't this vessel in the dry dock last trip?" "Yes" "Did she roll much?" This brought down the house. Saw a number of flying fish in the morning. They were very small and of a dark color; looked a good deal like bats. They seemed to fly in schools, and skip from wave to wave, after turning in a broad curve. They don't seem to move their pectoral fins except while touching the water. Evening, we have some music. The ladies promenade the deck, and all enjoy the pleasant softness of the tropical evening air.
TUESDAY 28

Off St. Domingo. High volcanic mountains to be seen but indistinctly on account of the mist. Deer Island and Nevassa on our Starboard quarter. Numbers of birds flying about. Passed the guano island of Nevassa which belongs to an American Company. Rounding the point there came into view the trim form of a black gunboat, pierced for 6 guns, lying in wait for us. Some of the passengers were badly scared, as the Shenandoah, rebel pirate is cruising about, and they knew that this was the place, where the Ariel was captured last fall. It turned out however to be the US gunboat Nereus wanting packers and a mail, which are furnished to her.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1865

Sea very high again. Vessel at her old tricks rolling badly. Wrote letters home to be sent back by the purser. We conclude to wear our hunting shirts across the isthmus. Weather very damp and warm. Tomorrow we can get at our trunks before they are weighed. They weigh the steerage passengers baggage today, in spite of the rolling. We expect to reach Grey town in Nicaragua on Friday. We have had a rather long though pleasant passage. Charley Pease devotes all day looking at Isaac & Rebekah across the cabin. Henry Elliott exerts himself in caricaturing.

THURSDAY 30

Excessively sultry and damp. Spend most of the morning in the hold attending to baggage, which is finally weighed and disposed of by Mr. Gladding the through baggage master. Saw a large school of sharks. Afternoon, run within half a mile of the breakers on Sand Cay, very unexpectedly to all on board. In the night, serious consequences might have followed. Pass the Island of St Andrews on our starboard side and head straight for Grey town, which we expect to reach about ten tonight.

FRIDAY 31

Early in the morning the blue misty look of the horizon before us, shows the vicinity of land. About nine the tops of the mimosas and umbrella trees could be directly seen. At eleven we were rocking in the outer bay. The harbor has been closed in the past few months by a sandbar recently formed, which has entirely closed it up except a narrow passage where the water is 18 inches only, deep. The landmark is an old umbrella tree just above the palms. The town appears small and insignificant not a solitary banana boat out. A companys boat with a million and a half in specie comes aboard. cant land today.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1865

It is most awfully provoking to sit here with the green shore in plain sight and not a thousand yards off, and not be able to go on shore, and moreover to have the prospect of being here for a week and not going ashore. [Dives?] position was nothing to it. We are going to hire a man to do the swearing; the entire party can't do the subject justice. Boys catching catfish see mems. and Barracooter. Take skin and drawings of both. Barracooter is a very beautiful fish. Sun very hot. Two boats with bananas & coconuts at New York prices, come out to us.

SUNDAY 2

Rained hard in the night. Day very hot & sultry. Write up in Journal and notes. Strain things to get on shore and get a chance with two minutes notice, to go go with K. & the Captain, and Squizzles. N.B. Squizzles is a e.a. Find the beach high and shelving and have to jump through sand and water to get ashore. Get promise from Pierson of a floor to sleep on and start down the beach with K who wants to get the rest ashore. Cant board the Golden Rule and taking a chary dip in the surf, with sharks in plain sight. go up to town and get supper at Coffe and Ginge bier saloon

MONDAY 3

Kennicott starts off for the boys at six or seven. I go up town and buy 100 Bananas for $1.00 silver. Get breakfast at Union Hotel so called, for
75 cts sil. Start off collecting and though annoyed by mosquitoes and hornets, manage to make a good morning's work. Beetles and lizards very fine. No land shells except the remains of a broken Helix name unknown, two specimens of Ach. octona and one small glandina. All dead. Boys on shore about noon and all luggage also. Elliott unwell. Sleep on floor in engineer office. Mosquitoes quite troublesome.

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Climate begins to tell on our little party. Kennicott has a bad diarrhea. Pease in same fix Elliott not much better Old Bischoff a little snooish but Rothrock & myself all right. Off in the morning collecting and get some good things. There is a little enclosure in the woods which the U.S. Frigate Sabine in 1857 erected and which answers to an american burying place. Also one with some fine cocoa palms for the British. Smith, our gambler came near getting six months for cheating somebody out of a gold watch. Make the acquaintance of a German doc and of Mr. Wren clerk at Andress and the Union Hotel. Go up river in doctors canoes with 2 Indians in afternoon.

Out in the swamps with Rothrock and Elliot botanizing. Musquitoes & hornets drive us almost frantic Get some good plants: but at last make a desperate strike to get out. After following a path (made by peccaries) for some time, find myself separated from the rest and in a perfect canebrake. After half an hour of great fatigue, take my compass and make a bee-line for the coast, coming out just below the town a narrow shave In the afternoon cross the harbor with canoe and sail and get some good things and a bath in the surf notwithstanding the sharks.

Morning out shooting and get some fine birds Breakfast at Mrs Buitragos. Probably leave this afternoon. Spend a good part of the hour in packing up our collections to go aboard the Golden Rule. Considering we had but three days here we have made extremely good collections although the shells are small. Down to the steamer at four take our place in Barge No 3. See the Golden Rule depart and about six oclock leave ourselves Greytown farewell I hope at some future day to come and collect here again. Reach a sandbar about 12 at night where we sleep till 1 A.M.

Started from beach about 3 A.M. Was waked from my slumbers by a hard shower, which drenched us all as we lay on the sand. About ten meet a boat with hunks of salt pork and bread which are distributed. After that in & out in water up to the bifurcation hauling the boat over the bars. One consolation after one is wet through they cant get any wetter. In despair at last get an Indian canoe and reach steamer about 3 PM. Out on the bank and collect some fine beetles and a scarlet tree frog. Turn in with consciousness of having earned a good nights rest.

Started early from landing up the river and pass the best part of the day steaming by the most beautiful vegetation and scenery. The steamer City of Rivas is a very comfortable sort of river boat. Arrive at Machuco rapids where we collect some very good things. The boat arrived late so we kept our berths for the night. In the evening talked over Mr & Mrs Rockway vis Isaac & Rebekah with Mrs. Ritter. Go up an see Smith play faro & three card monte. Fancher wins $2.50.00 in specie.

Spend most of the day collecting: walk over the portage view the rapids. Find the most curious forms of Bugs and beetles. Some are like a stick
of wood in miniature. some are like leaves on a tree and others more normal but curiously formed. Evening hire a canoe and K. Rothrock Mike Lebarge John the woodsman & myself start to paddle to Castillo. After several failures we run up the large rapid which the Indians declared impassible. About 12 at night we arrived off Castillo and made fast to a sunken steamer which lay in the river and passed a few hours in sleep on the hurricane deck

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Left the City of Grenada early, and got a good breakfast opposite to her; and after breakfast go on a collecting tour. Up on the highest of the three hills and catch beetles &c. Look at the old fort built in the time of the Spaniards. Make the acquaintance of Dr. Downing of Grenada who dines with us. In the afternoon The "Tigerly" comes up and after ineffectually running up three times at last lands them. We all take tea at Mr. Bermuda's, and see the pretty Senora Dolores and after looking round some what at the faro &c go on board the Leon and sleep on the hurricane deck.

TUESDAY 11

Start about 3 o'clock A.M. on board City of Leon, Capt Hooker from Castillo. Arrived below the rapids about eight o'clock and walking a mile and a half through a cane brake finally arrived at the steamer "Virgin" which is to take us up to Virgin Bay. "Virgine" strikes a rock and makes a hole in her bottom, and being iron sinks in the short time it takes to beach her. Get ashore, fish & build a palm leaf shanty, and are taken off about 2:30 by the City of Leon which runs the rapids. Steam rapidly up to the Lake where we meet the San Juan and get some grub. Sleep on deck. The lake though small was rough.

WEDNESDAY 12

Early morning arrive at Virgin Bay where there are neither virgins nor a bay. Get breakfast and see the passengers on muleback; quite amusing. R.Br.P. & myself take passage in a mulecart and arrive at San Juan del Sur, where our donkey driver becomes obstropolous and is finally cooled down by a pat on the the breech of my carbine, and Rothrock mounting box drove in triumph down to the landing. I set to work and collect a lot of shells on the rocks and finally go on board steamer. America Capt Merry for San Francisco, but have to put up with very poor accomodations a stifling state room &c. so I sleep on deck.

THURSDAY APRIL 13, 1865

Fair calm day and very smooth waters. Out of sight of land. Mr. Smith, greatly to my delight, has taken himself off as he don't like Capt Merry who is a disciplinarian. All the subordinates on board the ship are very anxious to be bribed from the Purser down. In the afternoon bells sound, and the men rush to the hose and all is confusion, but keeping cool I soon discover that is only the biweekly fire drill. In the evening take a glass of wine with Dr. Mason who relates his experience with Veratrum viride. Sleep on deck which is altogether the most comfortable way.

FRIDAY APRIL 14

Day very hot. 97[°] in the shade. I find that much more difference is made between first and second class passengers than on the atlantic side, and they are very much less obliging and gentlemanly. We shall probably not reach San Francisco before the twenty fifth inst. Write up memoranda. Sultry and foggy in the afternoon but no storm. Off the coast of Guatemala and little houses are distinctly seen, dotting the coast which is well furnished with trees. Sleep on deck very comfortably. Ks state room is No.2.

SATURDAY 15

Hotter if possible than yesterday. Rothrock gets out Hookers distribution
of Arctic plants and we look it over. He cuts out a "chiga" from Fauchers second toe. It had been in about five days and had found a sac in which were about fifty oblong eggs, plainly visible to the naked eye; and which in a few more days would have spread to the surrounding tissues and probably have lost him the toe if not the whole foot. Evening a little cooler. Sleep on deck.
Pass some high mountains on the Mexican coast which if it were not so misty would be very fine. Pass a school of porpoises (Delphinus) of more than two hundred, leaping and playing. The largest school I ever saw. Pass several high volcanic mountains which seem to be still active. At night pass several, which show activity by the flames issuing from their summits. Night hot and sultry. Sleep on deck and pass Acapulco, in the night. It is said to be now blockaded by the French fleet & army.

Passing by a mountainous coast. Immense flocks of Thallassidroma following the vessel. Some sharks & whales also seen. Day hazy and sultry. Talk over plans of operations for the future. Have a disagreeable headache. Write up notes for Blatchford. See numbers of fish jumping at night. Also see some flying fish, and what is called a whale but is only a black mystery, a good way off under water showing nothing definite.

Day clearer & cooler. Feel a little unwell. Rothrock is also in the same fix. Probably the result of over exertion on the transit. Take a big dose of quinine and lay quiet all day feel better in the evening. Finish writing up notes for Blatchford, and commence a letter to mother & Sadie. About five oclock strike off against the wind across the Gulf of California. We shall not see land for several days. May meet the Moses Taylor and send back a mail by her.

Weather cooler. We are evidently reaching a more temperate climate. Wrote to Mrs. Kennicott. Feel better but a little so-so-ish still. About 7 o'clock, send up a rocket and burn a blue light, as a light is seen on our port quarter. But no vessel answers. Rumor says that the light seen was the Taylor and that her captain put out his lights in order to avoid the bother of speaking the America. So our letters will not be sent till we reach San Francisco. Elliott skins a bird that one of the steerage passengers caught with a line.

Fine clear and cool. Sight Cape St Lucas early and pass it about ten; a bare desertlike rocky coast. Some fine rocks starting up from the sea a high arch wave-worn in one of them. Bannister says the rocks are Triassic. Some look like slate to me. Red & blue much wave worn and precipitous. Long stretches of sand beach between the rocks. A fine place to collect shells having both sorts of collecting ground. Xantus did no dredging here but collected only beach specimens.

Open sea again. Feel premonitions of illness, headache &c. Rothrock also quite unwell. A mild sort of intermittent fever, but accompanied with a fearful headache. Doctor Mineer gives him 10 grains of calomel & tea of jalap which works strongly toward evening. In anticipation of some thing of the same kind myself, I take about 2 grains of the blue mass to stave it off if possible. It is undoubtedly owing to overexertion in the transit. However that can't be helped now. At night take four cathartic
pills without effect.
SUNDAY 23

Feel a little better. Day clear and cold. No land in sight. See numbers of porpoises and other marine animals, also numbers of gulls. In the Afternoon at seven, speak the "John H. Stephens a lower coast steamer, and receive the terrible news of Lincoln's assassination and the attempt on Secretary Seward, although the news of the breaking up of the rebellion shows a brighter lining to the lowering cloud. Sherman has "stopped over" as I always mistrusted he would. He is a copperhead tacked onto a fighting body.

MONDAY 24

Another sick day. Rothrock very careful & kind. Land in sight occasionally. Lying all day in Bob's bunk on deck. Find by the paper that the Shubrick arrived in San Francisco the twelfth inst with Col. Buckley. Take considerable quinine and a little morphia. Sam looks after me very well but I can't eat, if I was to get its weight in gold. Panama fever is the very devil to take a fellow down. Lost 27 lbs already.

TUESDAY 25

Feel quite well but a little weak. We shall make the Gate tonight unless something happens to this old tub to make her go faster. Arrived about nine o'clock and after being half asleep and in bed was routed out to go to the Hotel, The Am. Exchange. Rothrock and I roam about a little to get something to eat but I feel too weak to do much and go back to bed while he keeps on. Sleep soundly and well the result of wandering about till tired.
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1865.

Buy the cloth and see about having 1200 fish bags made. They will cost about two cents apiece. Dine at Capt Noyes. A very pleasant house and to cation. Meet Mrs. Noyes, two gentlemen, the sons of the Captain and miss Lizzie Noyes a very pleasant girl. Spend the afternoon there and have a pleasant time. Make appointment to go to Dr. Stebbins Church with them on Sunday and also to dine there. They asked me to bring my things up from the Hotel & stay with them but that would be impossible I am so busy.

SATURDAY 29

Spend most of my time going about and pricing articles on my list of scientific out fit. Meet Capt Scammon of the Shubrick at the Cosmopolitan where K. stays. I like him very much Rothrock also meets him and discusses the Kurile islands with him. Black whom Kennicott has detached to help me, although not regularly engaged. I do not like. He is not reliable, and given to whiskey, and I have generally objections to him.

SUNDAY 30

Morning go to Starr Kings church and go into Capt. Noyes pew. Miss Noyes & the old gentleman were there during service and introduced me to Mr. Stebbins after church. The church is a most beautiful one an to the right is seen an exquisite font, a gift from the second Congregational Church in New York. In the afternoon took dinner & tea with the Noyes and went to evening service with the old gentleman. Starr Kings tomb is just to the right of the church in a little garden.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1865.

Worked over the scientific outfit list with Black & Denison as my aids. Very busy all day. In the evening go down to 622 Clay St. up stairs where the California Academy of Sciences meets. They adjourn previous to an informal talk with the members. Among whom are Col. Ransom Pres't. Messrs. Royal Fisk R.E.C. Stearns, Curator of conchology. Dr. Ayres with whom I had a long talk. Prof. Bolander, Theo. Bloomer, and others. The academy is about semi-fossil and will assuredly continue so unless galvanized are we to do it?

TUESDAY 2

Morning with Black and finish up list of scientific outfit. Spend considerable time at the Cosmopolitan. Take everything out of the alcohol chests except strictly scientific outfit. Get them down to the new office Cor. Battery & Pine Streets where Rothrock has been engaging men. A whole engine company came in a body and offered them selves but were not accepted. Evening meet Mr. Pierce at the Cosmopolitan and talk with him about Chicago. Mr. Stebbins leaves a card inviting me to tea with him tomorrow evening at six o'clock upon Clay Street.

WEDNESDAY 3

Slept late. Got Rothrocks things into Elliotts room and got our washing from the laundry. Denison reports & I set him to making out blanks. Go over papers & copy in a new form all that relates to the scientific outfit. Day hot and sultry. Things hitch a little, but I can't quite see where the snarl is. Hyde seems to be a snag. Go up to Dr. Stebbins in the evening. His little boy broke both his arms last night. It is a great trial to them and
him. Talked with S. about Agassiz and plans for the future, & the transit.
Go on with help of Black & Denison to fill out & complete the forms for the scientific outfit. K. established a sort of head quarters down at Raymonds office, of the Transit company, when Rothrock and Maynard examine into the qualifications of candidates for positions in the exploring party. Get all the alcohol tanks and boxes together down there, and wait and see Kennicott. A whole fire company have applied in a body to go but were refused. Get the Nicaragua collections tinned up & boxed.

At work all day at my room making out a suppositions requisition for scientific outfit which foots up nearly $3100.00 Alcohol is the great point $1650.00 for 500 gals. Denison helps me make it out. Day very sultry & enervating. Evening Report at the Cosmopolitan at 8 o'clock. Day begins to break on plans. Rothrock begins to be selected as K.s chief of staff, although just now he seems to want that confidence in K. that the position should demand.

Another hot day. Spent most of the morning in attendance on the great Kennicott at the Cosmopolitan. Present my summary of the scientific outfit required and discuss it. In the afternoon go to inquire of liquor dealers about alcohol & arrack in bond. Find that I can probably get alcohol for $1.50 in 5 gal. tin cans encased in wood and of such a shape that they might be used at a pinch to pack things in and solder up. I wish that my position was a little more clearly defined. I have no doubt however about K.s good will.

Rothrock is ordered to report to Major Pope and with him to get up a plan of exploring the Babine Lake district. In the evening they go to work to discuss a plan when K comes into the discussion in a some what excited manner, and knocks the whole thing into "pi" Go to see Ayres & to the mercantile library for Scammon after riding about & visiting the Palmetto with him. Weather very hot and uncomfortable. They tell me it is very much warmer than usual in San Francisco. Overland mail tonight. I may hope for letters.

Morning walk out with K & try & post him dates somewhat and give him some idea of how I an outsider view the situation. On returning meet Rothrock & have some talk with him. Visit Mrs. Stebbins partly to let her know I am in town and partly in the faint hope Of getting some word or letter from home. I have not heard since I arrived, but there was none. K
writes out a plan for the Yukon, which is fairly received by B. & Ks is
instructed to proceed on a basis of ten men and make out specifications.
Now at least we are on firmer ground.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1865.

Morning, went up to Cosmopolitan. Write for Mr. Kennicott being with him all day. He is certainly in a great state of excitement or else he was intoxicated. I should say of another man judging from the same data that he was either insane or incapable of doing the work set before him. It is now since last October he has been running a full head of steam of excitement and whiskey. He is absolutely suspicious of every one. Kennan came in in the A.M. accomplished nothing and ate nothing but breakfast. Feel quite worn out.

THURSDAY 11

Fired old Bischoffs butterflies in a box ready for packing. Went down to K's room and meet Capt. Scammon. Work principally on the basis of 10 men to do the Youkon Exploration. Pease & Lebarge are [insertion] placed on the provisional list & others are [insertion] discussed and Dr. Lenord & Ennis & Denison are in. Prospect that Denison goes Frazier. Down to Cat Cos Office at 1, & stay till two. Afternoon, Whitney. After Starr & others are in No. 45. After, will do for astronomer I think. Don't like W. must get that alcohol dealer know something soon. R. Pope would be a great addition if to be obtained. He is a good fellow make out sci. requisition in outline for K.

FRIDAY 12

Go up in the morning and write pretty steady on requisitions etc. all the morning. K has considerable talk with Ennis and Whitney who is so to speak subdued slightly. Call on Capt. Noyes at his office but he was out. Get an enclosure of a note from father and some slips about Agassiz Ex. from mother. All well to Ap. 1. Evening. Go to hear Setchell as Capt. Cuttle in Dombey and Son. He was splendid though poorly supported. Get home about twelve and sleep soundly. After & Donahue were with us.

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1865.

Start up to the Cosmopolitan rather late in the morning. Find Kennicott busy and engaged with Pope. Go down to Custom House and get an order for photos & sit for 3 doz. Field, Yates & Ennis give me each one of theirs. About 12 go down with K. from C. stop at Hubbards and K. sits for his photos & has a [underlined] discussion [underlined] ! with the operator. Afternoon, go up to Cos. write &c. and about six go off on a walk with K. to Telegraph Hill and back meet Wright and leave him & K. discussing Black, who be lefthandedly blist!

SUNDAY 14

Morning wake up with a sort of windy colic and spend the greater part of the morning in getting rid of extra bile & mucus. About noon muster up, and go down to Cosmopolitan, where I find all out and return. Evening. Go over and visit the Noyes's where I meet Mrs. Brackett to whom Mr. Collyer gave me a letter, from Chicago. She is just going out of town or would be happy to have me call. Return to Cos. where I find K. with the diarrhea. Go out and get him some laudanum and return to the Exchange.

MONDAY 15

Up at the Cosmopolitan early. Write &c. for K. about noon go over to the "Great Republic" which is loading with ore &c. for New York. Find some
oxide of manganese said to be from "Red Rock", a short way up the bay. Afternoon start down town to see about scientific outfit for Popen's party. Get up a regular fever and return to Am. Ex. Find the door locked and key away and determined to face it down, go round and spend the evening at Dr. Ayres! who prescribes quinine for four days.

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[preprinted] TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1865. [preprinted]
Old Panama back again. Damn him! bits of vomiting and evacuations following each other every five minutes till the afternoon when they cease from pure exhaustion. Drink about a gallon of water, which aids in stopping the vomiting. Both expressions nearly pure bile. Those from the bowels nearly resembling bloody serum. Toward evening felt better and worry down some cornstarch and strawberries and take some wine, Ralph Pope kindly gives me, home made but good. Pass a fair night.

[preprinted] WEDNESDAY 17 [preprinted]
Boys are off today and I will see them off though another days fever be the penalty. Up to the Cos. and fill out my set of their photographs. Lay about till 1 when I get lunch, and go back. About 3 start for the Steamer, "Sierra Nevada" for Esquimalt. The niggardly Co., only furnish these gentlemen with steerage tickets, where they would be neck and neck with chain gangs of coolies for the mines.
Cheer them, well away, Caribous, and return. Early retire and pass a restless night.

[preprinted] THURSDAY 18 [preprinted]
Morning, rose late and went round to the unfortunate dealer in high wines and tell him I've been sick and couldn't attend to his matter. Up at the Cosmopolitan, Kennicott out, go round town up to the photograph saloon and other places. Evening take the Folsom St. car and go out to Capt. Scammon's place but find, all out. Return and go up to Ks. room. Rains hard. Want to talk with him about myself & some other things but can't raise a chance. Sleep there all night.

[preprinted] FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1865. [preprinted]
Early, down to Exchange to get breakfast. Go about town on small errands, visiting shell dealers &c. Look through the fishmarkets at the specimens of Lebastodes & Sebastes &c. Call on Kennan at the Cos. Ho. office, and also on R.E.C. Stearns. Kennicott, gets a lot of miserably skinned birds from Lorquin, some rare ones. Evening go down to Capt. Scammons to call. Meet Mrs. Scammon a very pleasant ladylike person and look over the Captains photos & portfolio.

[preprinted] SATURDAY 20 [preprinted]
Morning, down to Cosmopolitan. About half past ten, go down to Mr. Stearns office and go down with him to the Oakland Ferry. Take the celebrated steamer Washoe to the Oakland pier across the Bay and the cars there, where we arrive about 12:30 Take lunch and go up to Dr. Newcombs, who has a most beautiful garden and place, though small. Look over part of his cabinet and take dinner with him. Return at 6:40. Evening go to hear Norma with K. Capt. & Mrs. Scammon, Miss Bowline, & the daughter of a Russian gentleman a very pretty girl Miss Olga Klinkofstrom.

[preprinted] SUNDAY 21 [preprinted]
About half past nine go up to Lorquins, where I meet Stearns and we start off for Point Lobos.
The wind blowing as usual, diabolically, we decided to go to the North Beach. Had a pleasant though somewhat dangerous walk on a narrow path around the edge of the hill overhanging the surf & rocks. Collected Patellas, Litorina scutellata, Purpuras and Chitons. Took a drawing of the Litorina animal, and returned to take dinner with Stearns and late in the evening to Cos & sleep there.

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MONDAY, MAY 22, 1865
Early morning down to Am. Ex. and get breakfast and then to opposition Steamer office, where I take out what we need to complete our outfit for dredging and meet K. We go down way to the end of Battery St. & find we have got to go back again. Finally get on board the Shubrick, get a boat and with Asst. Eng. Winship have a good sail about the bay. Cast Dredge twice and the second time get some good things. See the Chinese drying shrimps. Return leaving dredge &c. aboard. Even'g with Charley, K. & Ketchum make a tour of the Chinese quarter and the Peter Funk shops.

TUESDAY 23
Morning down to Cos. K making out the requisitions & cross as a bear of course. The case seems to stand now that I shall be made scientific quartermaster to remain on the vessels in charge of the scientific stores, and the marine collections. Write letters for Stearns, call but he is out. Get my photos & write up memoranda. Evening go up to Cosmopolitan and talk over scientific equipment. K. goes off on an expedition some wheres, and I go round to call on the Noyes's and find only Mrs. Noyes at home who invites me to dinner Thursday.

WEDNESDAY 24
Price certain articles of scientific equipment. Look about for powder cans &c. Go to tinniers after information, and make the discovery that in Frisco men rather make money on poor work than reputation on good. Dr. John Torrey, botanist & U.S. Assayer arrives from New York. Take him round by the north beach round the edge of the hill & gather some good things in the way of plants. Evening go round to Stearns' and look over the Chinese shells with him of which he gives me a set of duplicates.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1865
Rose late, went down to opposition office and get a net for old Biscaff. Buy thread for labels. Go up to Ks room and then down to Custom House to find amt. of botanical paper. See Dr. Paine and find that I have seven cavities to be filled which will cost $35.00. Go about with Kennicott & price guns, and afterwards after copper cans. Go round to Mrs. Noyes to dinner. Look at their fine little garden, and in the evening play Bazique with Miss Lizzie, the rest being all out. The fuschias beat everything I ever saw before of the kind.

FRIDAY 26
Morning up early. Charley asleep but sick, don't wake him but off to Dr. Paines where I spend the greater part of the morning and have four fillings on upper right hand side. Then go up to Cos, but K. is out at Lorquins. Go down to Custon House and to tailors to get measured for uniform. Afternoon write out directions for the captain of the Palmetto to collect by. Evening go round to the Occidental Hotel and call on Mrs. Raymond with Kennicott. Things look more comfortable in regard to prospects than hitherto.

SATURDAY 27
Morning down to Dr. Paine's, who fills first molar, with gold, a very large
cavity and a very painful operation, unusually so. At half past ten down to the Custom House to see if Donahue has seen the Captain of the Palmetto. Has not. Up to Cosmopolitan where after some discussion in which K. was very unjust to me. I give him a few plain words. Afternoon get together an equipment and get it aboard the Palmetto but fail to see the Captain. Have a hard row back with Mike. Evening, K. goes to the theatre.

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[preprinted] SUNDAY, MAY 28, 1865 [[preprinted]]
[Image] Went to Mr. Stebbins church. Got there early and spent some time looking over the arrangement of the church and at T. Starr Kings monument. It is very simple yet elegant. Went into Capt. Noyes pew who with Miss Noyes was present. After service walked downtown with him, and then called on K. at the Cos. Found him out, went round to Capt. Noyes to dinner, met Mr. Chas. Wendte from Boston a very good fellow. Had some music and in the evening an interesting theological discussion.

[preprinted] MONDAY 29 [[preprinted]]
Prepare to go out dredging with Charley. Board the Shubrick and take the "first cutter" Neither Andrews nor Winship were able to go, and we were obliged to take second Leut. Glover as officer who afterwards proved totally ignorant of the proper management of a boat with a sail in a head wind. Went over to Goat Island dredged around the northern point - tried to beat back but were kept from 10 to 4.35 beating about and twice nearly capsized. Landed us at Hunters Point & we walked 6 miles into town beating the cutter there. Tide & wind in the bay are awful. Called on Mrs. Layton in the evening with Kennicott.

[preprinted] TUESDAY 30 [[preprinted]]
Morning. Go up to Cosmopolitan and meet K. Go to tailors & try on uniform. Fits well but is damned uncomfortable. Call on Stearns for a minute & get letter to Gabb who is just come to town. Go to the stationers, to Geological Survey Rooms, to Alta office where I saw some fine minerals. Board Barque Palmetto and find it too rough to dredge. Go down & see Barque Golden Gate on which I may spend many days yet. She is a fine vessel and beautifully fitted up. Fire in the Cosmopolitan but does not reach K's wing. Look at CoLs. microscope and I go to Mrs. Taylors for K in the evening. After sleep in my room tonight.

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[preprinted] WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1865 [[preprinted]]
Morning early down to Cos, with things from C.A.T. Cos office for Kennicott who is off to Napa to stay overnight with Col. Bulkley & Prof. Inc. Torrey. After they are gone see Capt. Scammon for a moment about Capt. Somebody stationed at Acapulco. Down to Dr. Paines & have some more filing & grinding done to my teeth. Call on Gabb with Stearns and look at some fossils and shells of the Geological Survey collections. Up to Cos & wait for Capt. Scammon who don't come and in evening go round to Steam's house with some shells. Back late.

[preprinted] THURSDAY, JUNE 1 [[preprinted]]
Fast Day for the national loss in Abraham Lincoln. Up late & go down to Dr. Paine's where he works four hours filling one tooth and draws one. Up to Cos, nobody there. Down to American Exchange where I write draw Lymneae &c. till dinner. Loss of blood & consequent weakness make me some what nervous. After dinner down to Cosmopolitan where I find Kennicott got back from Napa with Dr. Torrey and an enormous pile of plants which he had obtained there. Go & spend part of the evening at the Scammons & discuss sea elephants & cetaceans.

[preprinted] FRIDAY, 2 [[preprinted]]
Morning, jaws pretty sore; tell Dr. P that I won't sit today. Go up to Cos. Kennicott out. Get Denison, Dyer, Ennis & myself at work writing the directions about measuring cetaceans. Make a drawing of a whale. Go to Dr. Kelloggs & N.G. Bloomers and find the price of electrotyping it. Go to lunch with Stearns and with him to Towne & Bacons. Down to Golden Gate, meet Capt Scammon and give him papers &c. Down to Cos & to dinner. Evening up to Cos. K. off to theatre. Go round & see Dr. Ayres.
Morning, Kennicott busy, go round among the booksellers looking out for a small library on scientific subjects to take aboard ship with us. Go to the best bookstore in town but find nothing except at H. H. Bancrofts & Co's. They have a very good assortment. Afternoon, go about town with Kennicott, get my uniform, and other errands. Evening go up to Cos. for a few minutes then up to Mr Stebbins' where I see him, Mrs. Stebbins & Prof. Ashburner, and talk somewhat about K.

Go to church at Starr Kings. Mr. Stebbins preached a rather dull sermon on Temptation. Mrs. & Capt. Noyes at church. After church walk down with Capt Noyes to Am Exchange. Write letters till three. Then go to his house to dinner. Spend most of the day. Miss Noyes is engaged to a Mr. Wilson now in New York, son of Gen. Wilson. Goround to Cosmopolitan but find K busy finishing up his papers for Prof. Baird so I go down & write. Stearns comes into my room and talks with me about Gabb, shells, The Cal Acad. of Sciences & -

Morning to about town with Kennicott. Down to the Custom House, being dead broke but can't raise the wind. Hyde is a c.a.d.d. also a lit. and to.e. After 2 o'clock go out over the chapparal west of the city, get a specimen of Eutania elegans, Ken. and many insects. Kenon also gets some animalcules. Go to the meeting of the Cal. Ac. on Clay St. very amusing. K. makes them an offer of exchanges or donations if a list of desirables or specimens be sent C. T. Jackson, there. After meeting, go to Cos. & meet Dr. Paine with Col. Buckley. Walk down with him.

Morning go round to Dr. Paines but find him out. Go up to Cos. Kennicott also out. Come back and sit two or three hours under the filling &c Make a recess go round to [(Geimans?)] and order gold cord on my blue pants &c. Back & sit another hour, then up to Cos. with Kennicott go down to Oakland Ferry. Come back to Exchange and write. News that Scammon goes but without Gov't. pay. Go up to Cos. meet Wright, Kennan, and Bush walk out to end of new bridge with 'em.

Morning go round to Dr Paines and have my teeth finished, filed, scrubbed, jerked, twisted and generally aggravated. Bill for neat little sum of the hundred dollars in gold. Nineteen cavities filled and one tooth pulled. Afternoon, up to Cosmopolitan see Kennicott, start off over the hills west of Pacific street with Kennan, find some insects. Evening go down to Stearn's house, look over his collection of California coppers. He gives me a specimen of the Tellurite of gold and silver from the Malones mine Calaveras Co. very rare indeed. Gave it to Dr Torrey.

Morning, Some face ache, very disagreeable from the continual racking my jaws have had during the last few days. Go down to Golden Gate to see if there is anything to be got to do. Get some papers to copy which takes me a good part of the day, but is finally done. Down to her again but Capt. S. is away. Go to Cookes with orders for labels and in
evening down to the Noyes' but all out. In a fit of disappointment and face ache go out to Capt. Scammon's and spend the evening
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1865.

Face ache like the devil. do some writing for Capt. Scammon, carry it down to the "G. Gate" D. McTavish and Count Abassá arrived to the consequent exaltation of the irrepressible K. Yesterday afternoon went down with Kennan to the "Yerba Buenas" Graveyard, a perfect abomination of desolation. It is a disgrace to a civilised community to have such a place in its reach, unremedied. Nothing to do in the evening. So I go down to Hunters point over the new Bridge with Wright, Bush, Lebourne, Kennan and Black. Have a jolly walk down to Tel. office to Cosmop. and home.

SATURDAY 10

Morning sans ache, but still tender. Up late and have a call from K. when at breakfast. After breakfast down to Custom House, meet K. Get $5.00 Down with him to Bherens, thence to Cosmopolitan, meet Kennan down to opp. office with him, thence to Behrens with things for Bischoff, thence to Custom House office then to Mercantile Libr. thence to "Golden Gate" and to the str. Wright, thence to the Am Exchange and write up journal. Afternoon meet Dr. Torrey up at Cos. also Mr. Williams the artist - spend a good part of the evening with them in Col. Buckley's room.

SUNDAY 11

Morning. Up to Cosmopolitan, K. not there. Over to Mercantile Library and read June Atlantic with a good piece by Gail Hamilton on chickens. To Mr. Stebbins to church home with Capt Noyes who makes me a present of a quadrant, and case. Stay to dinner and after tea walk out to the Potrero through the south Park where Prof. Miel's establishment is (the Prof. offered me the use of his hall to lecture in the other day.) back to house, thence to Cosmopolitan and home leaving quadrant for Alfters inspection.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1865.

Morning. Up to Cosmopolitan, Denison not there nor K. Alfter in; work over quadrant and get some idea how to take altitude and time observations. Go down to the Golden Gate. Scammon not there, down to the Custom House, thence with Lebourne to barque and steamer. Scammon in fits about Ayres & whales. Respectfully decline mixing with the matter. See Kennicott & Denison in aft. Kennan off for Virginia City for a week. Provide him with bottles &c. Evening call on Miss Bowline with K, thence to Steams thence with him to Occidental where I meet and have a talk with man just from Honolulu S.I. an old Cambridge boy.

TUESDAY 13

Morning, up late, Denison in, writing up on Cal. Ac. Proc. down to Cos. thence with K. to Opp. office, thence to the Rolling Moses, who starts at 12. Meet M. Klinkofström, lady & daughter go over the Gate & Wright with them K. & Count Abbacea. Return and go to Custom House, to Geimans, Van Tassels and Am. Ex. thence to Cos. Bischoff brings in a fine lot of things from Behrens. Up to Cos again Read with Denison a while. Evening, go to Chappels Mr. Stebbins, Major Williamburgs, Mrs Raymonds, Cos and home - Mrs. R. gave me some beautiful carnations.
to see Behrens and meet Hendrickson there see Chappel about alcohol.
Step in to see Mr. Noyes & up with him to Mr. Burlings; who is out. Up to
American Exchange & arrange some flowers & a rhyme for Miss Noyes.
Up to Cos. Stay awhile off with Alfter to Major Williamson's where we
learn a good deal about the use and working of the Barometer. Back to
Cos. K. trys to make snakes drink but they won't. After dinner leave
boquet & note for Miss Noyes. Write to Sadie, see Bolander. Mann gone
to Yosemite for two weeks.
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1864

Morning, went up to Cos. Find Alfter not there, start for Major Williamsons with K. Meet Alfter not there, start for Major. Dementit explains and shows us the method of cleaning the mercury and taking out the glass &c. &c. with regard to the barometers. Stay till 1 o'clock. Then back to Cos. & down to Mr. Burlings with Capt Noyes. B promises letters to Nicola from the mouth of the Amoor R. [insertion] Saw Wendle at B'nk of Cala. [insertion] Got from Chappel the alcohol (5 gals.) Saw Mr. Hepburn at Cos. & Dr. Torrey, who is off for Sta. Barbara tomorrow.

Evening. Go to see the Noyes' where we play cards &c till late

FRIDAY 16

Morning, oversleep myself. Go down to the Custom House, see Chappel, get $25.00 on a/c. Go up to opposition steamer office, Knot there. Pay Geiman, put in letters for tomorrow's steamer. Up to Cosmopolitan K, not in down to op. office again not there. Make out a/c with him, get up plan for repairing trunk. Afternoon Get out an out fit for [strikethrough] repair in [strikethrough] Ketchum and Pease to take up country. Charley misses his revolver. Probably stolen. Go out to Capt. Scammons to spend the evening, back late to the Cos. & have a spat with K. about the parsimony of the company.

SATURDAY 17

Morning. Charley & Ketchum get their traps together and start off ten miles on the San Jose R.R. on a grand collecting hunt. Spend all the morning at the Cosmopolitan Hotel labelling, cataloging &c the specimens collected hereabouts, of which old Bischoff has got the largest number together. Go aboard the Shubrick and get the dredge on board the "Gate". Down to Dr Bush's and have a pleasant talk with Dick B. After dinner go up to Cos, and sit till eleven with poor Wright who is sick with remittent fever. Talk also with K.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 1865

Morning to Starr Kings church, Mr. Stebbins preaching. [preprinted] Seek ye the kingdom of God and his righteousness! A dry sermon as most of Mr. S's seem to be. After church step into Cosmopolitan and see Kennicott, Chappel and Abasa, Cle, also Col. B. for a moment. See Wright and Arnold. Then to Am Ex. where I repair my trunk, then to Stearns at 515 Geary street to dinner, Evening walk down with him to the vicinity of a large fire on Market St & watch it some time. Then to Am Ex. finish trunk and down to Cos. to sit up with Wright till a.m.

MONDAY 19

Passed a fair night. Wright - rather feverish but had some sleep. About seven go into K's room and back to Am. Exchange to breakfast. News that Field of the Frazer Ex funked, came back and is in town now. Go up to Brevoort House and back to Cos. Go down to Geol. Survey Rooms with K to see the Field. Thence to Custom House office & to Wm. Burlings. Afternoon Go down to Golden Gate & Wright, but miss Capt. Scammon. Donoghue is disgraced for tattling and drunkenness. Spend most of evening in K's room. Charley and Ketchum bring back some good things from out of town.

TUESDAY 20
Wright-better. In K's room most of the morning, down to Cosmopolitan. Sort and label the specimens that Charley & Ketchum brought in from the country, which were very good things and a good many of them. In the afternoon label and catalogue all the collections on hand and not already numbered. Evening, go down with K and Count Abasà to M. Klinkofstroms, the Russian Consul, where I meet Madame K. her husband, two daughters and her grandchild. Miss Olga gave us some pleasant music.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1865

Morning, down to Cos. and take a seine and bottles and a beating net, and take Charley Pease and the eleven o'clock Oakland Ferry boat, the celebrated "Washoe," who has blown up and killed over 500 people in her day and is still a most comfortable boat. Arrive and find a target-shoot coming off at the park. Collect some good fish and insects and returning at 5°. Meet Madam Klinkofstrom & daughters on the boat. Evening, call with Mr. Kennicott on Miss Bowline and pass the evening at Capt. Scammon's. Returning warn him of over confidence in his men after discharged.

THURSDAY 22

Morning. Around town with K & the boys looking about uniforms, shoulder straps & sich. Into Wm Burlings but letters not signed. Meet Jay Chappell & slip into Rulofsen's, meet Hyde, into office; up to Cos. & blow off steam on the subject of the Expedition. On it, I have lost all confidence in our Commander and in the value of this year's operations, not only in scientific but telegraphic purposes. Call on Capt. Noyes, meeting Mr. & Mrs. Spring then calling on Wendte who is out then down to Mrs. Denison's and Mrs. Taylors. Back late & talk late with Charley about prospects &c.

FRIDAY 23

Morning. Pack up my shells in a box. Down to the Cosmopolitan and copy into the book Stearns gave me, the outline of the Russian Chart of Norton Sound. Prepare to pack up traps to send East. Strong hopes of being off next Wednesday. The Scientific work this year is a failure, no outfit bought and delay the reason.


SATURDAY JUNE 24, 1865

Morning, take the Sci. equipment down to the opposition office pack everything as compactly as possible in the alcohol chest &c. Get Adams, Smith, Alzimora, Mike Le Barge and Charly Pease to help. also pack tin of alcoholic specimens to send East. Take Sci. Eq. down to the barque Golden Gate and see Mrs. Scammon, Davison and the Capt. of the Wright. Have to go down afterwards to see about marking them.

Kerman returned today from Virginia, Nevada. Evening. Go round with K. to the Klinkofstroms where we pass a pleasant evening with music &c.

SUNDAY 25

Morning, after breakfast go down to the Cosp. there & talk till half past ten. Go to Consul Klinkofstrom's and go with Miss Olga, and myself to hear Dr. Peck (M.Ep) preach. After sermon a subscription opened to close off the church debt. The Drs style was highly amusing. Take dinner with them and in the afternoon with Miss Charlotte de Ro and Papa Klinkofstrom & the girls & the Captain of the brig Olga, walk out over Mission Bridge. Stay to tea & part of the evening. Have some singing and a good time. See K. late, & Mahood. I have seldom passed a pleasanter day.

MONDAY 26
Morning. Go up to the Cos. Col. B. inquires of me about the whiskey jug. K. out. Down to the office present bill & get $2.50 from Chappel. Go down to Opposition Office take Popes box on to the barque. Mark the Scientific outfit. Up to Ks room pack up remainder of birds. Steamer in Golden Rule lost. Nobody hurt. Drunken Captain. Down to office, back to see Col. B about boxes &c. Draw map see Mrs. Scammon. Doubtful if the two Rev. Officers go as they've struck for higher wages. Meet Steams. Go to Acad, see Mrs. Raymond. Spend part of the evening with Wright.
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1865

Morning. Down to the barque Golden Gate. Capt. Scammon not there. K. & P. pay me my debts. Get the Army Regulations for K. Meet Harder and Bendeleben on the "Gate." Walk up with B. Stop at the Bogatyr Saloon for lunch. Try fresh figs, which taste like rotten peaches, devoid of flavor. Cala. olives too, which are very oily tasting. Go up to Cos. Later down to Custom House, & then down to the "Gate" with K. Mark every cussed individual one of the Sci. outfit packages & cans, about 55, in all. Hyde don't go to Asia. Abasa will go with Kennan & Bush. Evening go out to Capt Scammons with K. and discuss Etc.

WEDNESDAY 28

Morning. Up to Cosmop. See Kennan and down to the Golden Gate for the papers, rules &c. Step in & see Stearns who goes today across the Bay. To to Cos. & office & Tel. office after Kennan. Can't find him, leave signal book with Denison & leave on 1 o'clock boat for Oakland to see Dr. Newcomb. Look at many fine shells, the Doctor giving me some, and return at 5:55[degree symbol]. Write up remainder of signal book and take it up to Wrights room. Find him in. Mahood, Kennan, Ennis & Kennicott come in. Get up a design for a scientific shoulder strap consisting of two cockleshells in silver or gold at the ends.

THURSDAY 29

Morning. Go down to the Cosmopolitan see Wright & Kennan in their rooms. See K. and show him design for strap &c. Show it to the Col. & get permission to go on with it. Down with K. to Geological Survey Rooms to borrow a Pecten for the engraver to copy. Get Janira bella fossil, take it down to Grays. Go to Mercantile Library & copy a [Burchers?] for pin. Take that to Grays. Go to bark, get pants go to Alta office; up to Chappels room. Down to Cos & back to Am. Exchange & write quite late.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1865

Morning. Up to the Cosmopolitan and down to the rooms of the Geological Survey. Get drawing of Anomala ? from Mexico, by young Ross Brown. Look over Gabbs Achatinellas of which he has a fine show. Go to Office at Custom House with K. and see Col. about book & get Smiths "Carpenter on the microscope". Take it to his room and have the bill approved. Get some chessmen. Down to the barque at four but she don't haul out till tomorrow. Mann come back from Yosemite, had a fine time. Go up to his room and stay a while. Evening, brush up & go round to the Klinkofstroms Olga & Jennie at Oakland. The Olga starts Monday & Abasa _

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Morning. Down to Cos. See Charley & Kennicott. Down to Custom House office & present approved bill but that cuss Chappell aint got any spondulicks. Down to Grays and get pecten & silver scallops, they are fairly well done. See Van Tassel about straps. Go to Am. Exchange, then to Opposition office & finish packing up shells & things. Afternoon get bug & straps. See Mahood & the boys here. Evening, see K at Cos Go down to see Miss Bowline, (out) & Mrs Taylor. Go up to Cos. & see Charley who's poisoned by a sp. of Rhus. & spend some time Dr. Torrey and Col Buckley.

SUNDAY 2
Wake at 6:30 just before the man comes to call me. Dress in full uniform and go up to the Cosmopolitan and rouse K. and we go up to Capt Scammons to breakfast. Walk down with him to the Wright & Golden Gate which have rec'd their guns. Stay some time; go down to the Cosmopolitan American Exchange and write out directions for collecting. Also some letters home. About five and a half o'clock go down to Golden Gate and meet Harder, then go up to Mr. Kinkofströms and take tea spend the evening very pleasantly and walk back with H.

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MONDAY, JULY 8, 1865

Morning. Rise early and after a hasty breakfast go up to the Cos. meet Kennan, and go to the barbers and Dr Paines with him. Meet Bush and Arnold. Go down to the Consul Kinkofstrom's office and meet the young ladies and Kennicott. Go down to the Wright & see Abasa, Bush, Mahood, and Kennan off for Siberia. Then down to the "Gate" with the girls and home with the party, stopping with Mrs. K. to make some purchases. Get a room in Heralds Block for tomorrow for the ladies. Out to tell them & Mrs. Scammon. Capt. S. promises us some chairs. Even. Go with Torrey, Mamr Wright and Stearns to meeting of the California Academy.

TUESDAY, 4

Morning see Kennicott early. Get chairs from the Golden Gate and take them to Room No. 5 Heralds Block. Back to Cos. and up to Park for the ladies, Mrs Klinkofstrom and family, Miss de Ro and Mrs. Scammon who occupy the room during the passage of the procession which was poor, the military & naval blacks & whites making all the show. Up with the ladies to dinner meet the Dutch Consul. Capt. S. & Col. B. call while I am there. Go up on Mrs. Ladd's roof to see the fireworks which are a fizzle and pass the evening pleasantly at Mrs. de Ro's. Walk back with Bugbee and Mr. Horner. Stop at Cos & see Col & Ch. Pease. It seems likely we'll start on Thursday or Friday, north.

WEDNESDAY 5

Morning. Go to the Cosmopolitan & from there with Kennicott, to the office of the Co at the Custom House. Present bill of Col's but dont get it honored. Have news that we are to start Saturday and look up blankets, bedding, &c. Go up to the Cos. represent the facts to the Col and ask for $150.00 Col. will see about it. After dinner go up to Capt Noyes with bundle of shells clothing, &c, Mrs. Noyes has been sick Sit in Ks. room and write home. Evening, read paper Mr. Broso gave me after going to the bark with him & seeing Capt S. Call in theCols room and find Mrs & Mr Lewis & go home with them.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1865

Morning, oversleep myself and get up at Cos. about 9 o'clock. Go down to Bradleys and get my photograph taken in uniform. Then go up to Cos. and stay a little time, meet Charley Pease and get his photographic card, as Hyde's order is no longer good. Go up to Capt Scammons and wait some time for him, and when he comes take certain orders. The Capt. is much worn by dyspepsia. Can't get aboard the Gate who is the stream, but give the papers to Black. Evening, Col. promises some money, Chappel didn't pay the Col's book bill. Call at Klinkofstroms with K. We are to be aboard the Wright, it's said, the 8th inst, at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY 7

Morning. Up to the Cosmopolitan about nine. Go down to the office with K. & the Carcojous. Wait there for some time and being put off for two or three hours, get rather furious and though I don't show it, I go up to Ks room in a perfect raging fury inside. Get cooled down a little and go to Chappel again and about four in the afternoon get paid up, at the rate of $30. gold from Mar to July 1. & to October 1. at the rate of $20.00 a month, gold. Evening, Go round to Mr. Taylor's for a minute and then to the Klinkofströms and find Miss de Ro there; who goes into an ecstasy of...
"petite" fury over Horners talk.

[[preprinted]] SATURDAY 8 [[/preprinted]]
Morning. Go up to the Cos. K will go $20.00 on sci. outfit to be expended at my discretion. Go about town and purchase pillboxes and drugs &c. Go with Charley Pease to blanket store and round town. Pack up small sci. matters in a trunk. Get cigar boxes. After dinner get some small things needed for outfit & beat a cheating Jew at his own weapons. Pay Dr Paine $50.00 and my 3mos note for $50.00 more. Meet Fred Foster my cousin here for health. His brother is paymaster on the Lancaster, now in port. Call on Mrs Raymond & Miss Bullene. Look for but don't find, Mrs Scammon's new house. Talk & see Agnew.

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SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1865

Morning. See to trunk, and pack up many things. Go down to Cosmopolitan, and from there to Am. Ex. again Then to Dr. Pecks church with Mr. & Miss Klinkofstrom. After a good sermon go home with Mr. K. and spend part of the afternoon. K. comes in. I go up to Mrs de Ro's and take tea. Meet Mr de Ro and a Mr. Rogers. Get a number of photos incl. Olga & Charlotte. Go down to the Ks and bid 'em good bye then to Cos. get my quadrant, then back to Am. Ex. pack, write, work and fix up things generally for our start.

MONDAY 10

Morning rout out Charley and go down to an early breakfast. Meet Jay Chappel and go to P.O. & Geimans and Ward's shirt store with him. Up to Cos. meet K. & Charley. Go to bid Steams and Gabb goodbye. Go down to the Market Street wharf and wait. Mr Klinkofstöm Behrens, Van Tassel and many other friends of the boys come down to see us off. Go on board with Harder who is my chum; in the first boat. Get luggage all right. Rest come aboard at various times. About dusk the Wright comes along side and tows us into the Gate & leaves us there at anchor. Starr is ordered my assistant.

TUESDAY 11

Early in the morning, the Wright tries to tow us out but fouls her propeller with the hawser and we are obliged to stay at anchor all day. The Wright is towed off and beached on the shore to get the hawser off. The winds blow hard all day but calm down at night. Don't feel sick though we have a heavy swell. Put room in order a little. I like Harder very much. He is quiet and a little odd. Our mess consists of the officers of the vessel Wright Arnold Chappel Sr. Lewis, Smith, Ennis R. K. Conlin Libourne Harder, Black and myself. We shall have a good time.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1865

Called up at four o'clock by Capt. Scammon who is unwell with bilious attack added to his previous prostration. Give an opiate & carminative & taking two biscuit and the gig, go up to town to see Dr Ayres obtain some drugs left out by culpable negligence, and a pair of scales to weigh them out with. Bring the Dr. down to the ship after breakfasting with him. Stay with the Captain & prepare medicines most of the morning. Afternoon about four " [Ditto for: Captain] Wright comes & takes us in tow and we stand out westward from the Gate. Am appointed acting surgeon which relieves me from guard duty. Toward evening Col. Bulkley & Black whom we thought left behind come aboard from the Wright. Discipline will come into play tomorrow. Capt better.

THURSDAY 13

About five o'clock turn in to Drakes Bay about 32 miles from Frisco. Lay here a good part of the day. At eleven it is decided that the Gate goes direct to Sitka and the Wright to Victoria. Transfers of men & cargo are hurriedly made. Mr. Hyde comes aboard the Gate, and Col. B. Lewis and Kennicott go to Vic. Write home & to S. Fr. in a great hurry and give to K. to post in Victoria. Also get him to get me some outfit there. About three o'clock start out of the bay and take leave of the Wright. Sail in a southerly direction. Captain much improved. Several cases of illness on board, none serious.
Called up early in the morning with Capt. Scammon. The gate skips along as merrily as a young goat, and Davis asks me piteously if she isn't going to tip over, as she bends under the stiff breeze. Feel some bilious symptoms & take two of my own pills. Course mostly S.W by W. and the breeze dies away after the edge of the morning is past. Lay low most of the afternoon and feel rather blue. Wright overhauls some of his duds and gets out some of his medicines which I take under my charge. Have some bookshelves put up in the afternoon.
Saturday, July 15, 1865

Feel poorly in the morning and pills work pretty thoroughly. Capt. Scammon again troubled with nausea. It is a very difficult thing for me to work with confidence in his case, it is so idiosyncratic. Catch two shearwaters, male & female or old & young. Let Bischoff at skinning them. Put ship on N 1/2 W. course. Arsenic can't be got at till Monday. Pease and the babies growl about having the bird skins put amidships. Get the Captain's permission to put them in the after cabin. Captain still poorly but generally better. More of a breeze springs up toward evening. Read Agassiz "Methods &c"

Sunday 16

Early morning a squall comes up and makes the sailors fly about to wear ship & take in sail. It is a favorable direction however and we go ahead very well under top & mainsails. She pitches somewhat but not badly. We have several additions however to the sick list one or two of gonorrhoea among them. Capt. slowly improving. About eleven though raining, we have inspection and dress parade. Afternoon have a sudden & painful attack of the gripes. Take some whiskey which Wright kindly brings me. Vessel skins along about four and a half knots an hour Lat & Lon at 8 o'clock A.M. 35° 29' N. and 125° 12' W. Gr.

Monday 17

Morning, fair and beautiful. Captain slowly improving. Additional cases of disgusting diseases come out. We are going about six and a half knots per hour. Saw a number of porpoises. One of the boys amidships named Davis, I find has been playing "old sojer". I have given him enough medicine to lay out half the ship's crew; of which he has thrown away some, distributed some among his friends, taken & brought up some and shirked generally. Evening. Go down into the Captain's cabin and talk with him to divert him a little. Wright comes down too, after a while. Play euchre with Norton and turn in.

Tuesday 18

Morning, called up by the Captain to see the Portuguese man o' war (Velillae) floating in myriads on the surface, like little cockscombs of jelly perfectly clear and glassy the tentacles hanging into the water below; a host of purple fringes. Wind slacks off a little. Weather warm clear and delicious. Old Bishoff better. Give Davis two ounces of Epson salts and send him below. Get out the Russian grammar and work out the alphabet. It is rather tough work however as the Grammar is in Russian, text & all. And Harder is not a fine English scholar. Libourne helps me a good deal. Go in an talk with Capt. Scammon Mr. Hyde advises me against R.

Wednesday 19

Morning. Give Davis 15 grains of calomel and ten of rhubarb. He shall not waste much more medicine if I can help it. What he does with it, is more than I can imagine I see him take it before my eyes but he asserts it has no effect and he seems perfectly well. Break into the lower hold today and get at some of the scientific stores. Work also at the Russian Libourne helping One of the cabin boys runs a splinter about an inch and a half into his hand and I have a pretty time cutting it out.
THURSDAY
Morning. Go the rounds and nobody sick. Work a little on Russian with Libourne. Captain reasonably well but uncomfortable and depressed. Get out three millinet nets from the large Alcohol Chest, and rig out as a scoop net for Smith, one give to Ketchum and rig one as a floating net to catch Physalias and Pteropods. Try it over the side and it succeeds remarkably well and in Lat. 35°19.19′N. and Lon. 133°54′30″W get little blue crabs, Celeodora, Hyalea, numerous nondescripts and plenty of Physalia all far from land.
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1865.

Morning. Captain had a very bad night. Break into the lower hold and get out some bottles and alcohol. Go over the captures of last night and put them in alcohol. Paint in watercolors the Cleodora, and most of the other marine animals which were caught. My net works very well, and holds out well. Harder catches another shearwater, and he is killed to be skinned tomorrow. Give Davis, first explaining a rattling dose of calomel. Evening play cards euchre &c with Libourne, Harder Conlin & Norton.

SATURDAY 22

A fine day clear and warm, with a little rain at noon. Ship tacking most of the day back & forth. Get a box on the cabin house to keep my birds in. Harder casting bullets for the ship and some for our guns. Captain much improved taking his dinner & supper with Mr. Hyde. Spend a good part of the day in painting the Portuguese mano'war, and the Atlanta which were recently captured. Make some pretty fair pictures. Call the Atlanta provisionally "Scammoni" which tickles the Captain. Davis has a passage through the agency of 30 grains of calomel and 2 oz Epsom salts.

SUNDAY 23

Morning drizzly and wet, as usual on inspection days. Lay round reading Magdalen Hepburn for the third time. It is a sweet and beautiful story. Muster at 10.30'. Make the tour of the ship with Captain Scammon, Mr. Hyde, Lieut Davison, and Adjt. Wright. Everything beautifully clean and nice except the ward room water closet. Get some beautiful specimens of the Physalia and Janthina bifida and globulosa. Make sketch in colors of the latter. Green peas fresh beef & plum duff for dinner. Russian a little after noon.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1865.

Morning. A seven knot breeze has been blowing all night, and we are going along merrily to the course of NNW 1/2N, which is a pleasant relief to the monotony of the last two days in which we have made by twenty two miles. Say my first lesson in Russian to Mr. Libourne, progress but slowly. The tug of way is evidently learning the alphabet, the pronunciation and spelling; the grammar is comparatively easy. Write up notes on Janthina and other recent captures. Spend the evening in the captains cabin & discuss the affairs of the nation. Mr. Hyde lets on, freely says he likes the army &c, and defends Sherman doggedly.

TUESDAY 25

Morning. Rout out Harder a half hour before his time much to his disgust. Spend most of the morning in writing out in Russian, the first page of the [note: Romanized transcription: "Otchet Rossisko-Amerikanskoi kompanii za 1860 godu"] - i.e. 1860 " and succeed quite well. Libourne has no patience unless one knows perfectly what they have been studying in which he is not far from right. Throw the trawl net several times and get some small fish and some salpae, and a great many of the "Velleliae" and a very singular looking specimen of a shrimp.
adjutant, surgeon, quartermaster & Bischoff, which is very nice for me, as I can look on and see the others drilling, and keep my hands in my pockets. Get out a muzzle for Cook. Practice in the morning with great guns blank, round shot & shrapnel. Spend most of the day trawling and get some good things. Pteropods & three species of Janthina, and any number of crabs. Slight a bark on our lee about 15 miles off. Spend most of the evening with Capt

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THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1865
Morning. Start with the idea of studying up my Slavonic, but on throwing out my net find the Pteropods so thick that I nearly fill an eight oz vial in a couple of hours. Get some pretty blue barnacles floating on the surface attached to a sort of froth. Russian as a consequence immediately falls below par. Duff for dinner. Ennis & the boys at drill. Some trouble about old Bischoff who smells loudly as he hasn't washed since he has been aboard Mr. Hyde gives me a photo of Bilinges map. Spend the evening reading Burns with Capt.

FRIDAY 28
Morning. Afair wind and flowing sea: on a NW by N & 1/2 N. course, which points directly for Sitka. Made a degree and a half latitude yesterday go down into the after cabin and begin painting a set of signals for boats &c. The captain shows me a fine paint box, palette & crayons given him by the Prince Macsutoff at Sitka. Nearly finish the set, make a colored drawing of the Hyalea &c and go to work writing Russian in the evening. Capt. shows me some of his machine poetry, which is really quite good.

SATURDAY 29
Morning Work at Russian with M. Libourne, but get on slowly. It is d-d hard, to speak mildly. Starr has a stiff neck, Gunner has ulcerated sore throat; a bad case of secondary symptoms on the forecastle deck; Adams all right, Smith worse. Old Bischoff poorly, a poor looking list. Look to Sci. interests as today is the last breakout till Sitka Get cans boxed up. Work on flags in the afternoon spend most of the evening with the Captain & Mr. Hyde. I must get up a scientific flag for my boat.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 1865
Morning, Ananias arouses me with, “Get up you dashed lazy Turk,” in thundering accents indicative of regular hash around the Horn, and speaking volumes with regard to the fate of snits & duff. Muster, cloudy as usual, all passed off well. Lobscouse for lunch. Oysters, green peas & duff for dinner. Weather growing colder. Read Montaigne and find him vulgar & rather stupid. Pass the evening in the cabin, talking over the old Scammon farm & family in Stratton, N.H.; the fortunes of Eli & his sons, and the old grandfather Parker. Also talk over Mts. St. Elias, whales, photographs birds &c with Mr. Hyde.

MONDAY 31
Morning Dull and chilly. After breakfast read Russian for a short time and retire to the quarterdeck where I find Mr. Hyde on the house with a broad expanse of muslin spread before him where he is to delineate with brown ochre & vermilion the eagle for the Revenue Jack Work on flags somewhat Design a flag for the scientific corps a blue cross & narrow border on a white field with a white Pecten in the centre. It will be quite neat. Paint the Scallop for the flag. Wind seem to be dying away. Spend the evening in the cabin A dead calm about nine P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
Morning on perfect calm. Birds, shearwaters in the wake of the ship but too shy to capture. Threw out my trawl but caught nothing but eggs of some fish. Got bunting from the quartermaster and cut out and sewed on my flag. The shell is quite dry & looks well. The recall for a scientific
party will be a plain red flag. Dine by invitation with the Capt & Mr Hyde. Also Mr Black. Finish painting on the sheet of signals and get a good deal done on my own flag. Still no wind vessel rolling & sails flapping like a "cradle of the deep".

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1865.**

Morning. Make some turpentine liniment, for the carpenters rheumatism. Get to work & sew steadily on my flag and nearly finish it except the edging where the halyard goes. Sew nearly all day. Just before dinner hear a cry of porpoises! and go up on deck to see Mr. Walker harpoon one, but owing to not hauling in quickly he was lost. A number of whales were seen by some of the boys. Finish my sheet of signals & flags for Capt. Scammon. Harder dines with the Capt. Talk Poland with Libourne who I hear from Hyde is Austrian.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3.**

Morning. A heavy sea on and considerable wind but rather on our beam, so we have to knock off about five points which would bring us nearly to Queen Charlotte Island. Lat. 54° 14' no longitude taken. Some of the fellows sick but do not become so my self. Try to work on my flag, but the air in the cabin is too much for me and retreat to the deck. Cook is seasick and our dinner consequently is none of the best. Ananias & Libourne dine with the Capt. Get out a "Song of a thousand years" & start to learn it.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4.**

Morning. Things rolling about beautifully. Waked up about 3 A.M. by Cotter who has strained his wrist. Give him a wet compress & turn in again. Day cold & cloudy. Try & work a little on Russian. Rolling so I can't write, too cold to read on deck & sickish in the wardroom. Ananias comes down more suddenly than gracefully in the morning on deck. Try fishing but nothing comes to hand. See what I take to be Fregetta Laurencii Bon. a small black & white bird flying like a plover. Finish my flag. Rice for dinner which goes well. A large sick list.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1865.**

Morning, still a heavy sea on, foggy & chilly. Get out the Newcomes & read the first volume. Find it sweet & bitter like all Thackerays writings, & but for a little overlengthening in some places, very pleasant. Get up a sharp discussion on slavery and treason at lunch & pitch in promiscuously without fear of consequences. I never will truckle to treason or toadying in any case. Afternoon see many finback whales spouting in every direction. See the grand old peaks of Point Frederick, Queen Charlottes Island, standing out above the fog. Tack when within 7 miles.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6.**

Morning calm and comfortable. Land out of sight but numerous Mormon arcticus & a hawk were seen scooting about; also much kelp floating. Muster passes off all right, & inspect the ship afterwards. Everything in beautiful order. See numerous finback whales spouting and see one quite near the vessel turning over in the water. Rain and mist in the afternoon. H. titillating but no results! Wow!!!! Write a long letter to mother in the evening. Only twenty eight hours from Litka with a fair wind.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7.**

Morning, land again in sight. Prince of Wales Island. Throw my trawl & fetch up my pine seeds and leaves & sundry little sand fleas &
shrimps etc. showing land is near. Hazy Islands in sight in the afternoon. 
With volcanic rocks. Mormon arcticus very uneasy in his mind about our 
intentions and a large flock come off to inspect us. See about having my 
boat fitted up. Col. Hyde very obliging. Speak to him about Alzimora. 
Pass the most of the evening with the Captain and have Jay Chappel 
copying my notes in the day.
Tuesday, August 8, 1865

Morning. All serene, too muchly in fact. Robinson kindly volunteers to copy off my remaining uncopied notes so that I shall have that off my hands. Set the sail for my boat under way, and set to make myself a dredging box, rather roughly but sufficient, good for the purpose. Try net over and get nothing in it. red slime, the whale feed. Cleaning and fixing up for entering into port. Afternoon. All hands at quarters, exercised at the great guns at quarters to repel boarders etc. Read some in Moby Dick by Melville. Awful stuff. Evening, in the cabin.

Wednesday 9

Morning Still calm. About 2 o'clock P.M. a faint breeze carries us forward at about two knots an hour. Mt. Edgecombe in sight and drawing nearer. Fish up bryozoan, barnacles and kelp. Label roughly our voyage series. Find a species of Lacuna or Lettorina in the kelp. Fire four blank guns and two solid shot. Men exercised at quarters again. Am detailed by Mr. Hyde as surgeon to the "Golden Gate", being before only surgeon to the land forces on board; though actually doing all the duties. Come to anchor in the outer bay at 9 P.M. 210 ft water; two canoes and a pilot come off. The Clara Bell and Steamer are here. Steamer arrived yesterday. Is now beached for repair and will be off tonight at two and will tow us into the bay. Gov. of Sitka is away at sea.

Thursday 10

Up early and find we are slowly but surely nearing the entrance to Sitka Harbor. The pilot is a halfbreed talking Russian. Enter the harbor. go around among the islands and bring up before the village with dipping flags and a reciprocal salute of twenty one guns. The town and indians are very ugly but the islands are green and picturesque. The water is very clear and cold. The shores are mostly rocky. Col. Buckley comes aboard. Kennicott and Lewis and Chappell. Take the dingy, go about some, and get a lot of starfish, crabs, eels, shells etc. Get Harder ashore and talk with R.K. in evening.

Friday, August 11, 1865

Morning. Get things together to go out for the day, when the vice Governor is expected alongside and have to rig up in uniform to receive him with military honors. After he is gone, get Pease, Adams, Mike and George Dow, and go up among the beautiful green islands and get some partridges, snails a jay, a sort of thrush, a pigeon-gull and numerous smaller things. Have a pleasant time and get back to supper. Go down to the Fish house with Alex and give one brace of grouse to Col B. and the other to the Captain. Evening write letters home and to Frisco.

Saturday 12

Today, is the Russian Sabbath. They are nearly twelve days behind the world, keeping all accounts etc. by old Style dates. Go on shore to witness the service in the Greek Church. They were very singular, resembling the Catholic. The church was plentifully decorated with gold and silver embossed pictures. Go aboard again and come again ashore in the afternoon with Kennicott and Harder and have a long powwow with three chiefs. Go afterward to the garden, the sawmill the river and along the beach and collect some Helices etc.
Morning. Get to work and clean up one of the rusty old Russian sabres, to wear on inspection. It is the first inspection when Col. Buckley and the marine Officers of the other vessels have been present. Go with Col. B. and the Captain to inspect the Clara Bell and the Steamer. Afternoon about half past two draw up all hands to have a powwow with the two Kolosh chiefs and the Chilcat chief who was squirted on. Make them presents and give them dinner etc. and after they are gone go down to Milton Badger [gust in?]. See Bannister and coming back R.K.
MONday, August 14, 1865.

Morning. After the usual series of annoyances and delays I get off in the dingy with Ketchum and Adams & Mr. Kennicott. We go down opposite the hospital and dredge till twelve o'clock and get some good things. Come back to the Gate and go ashore again taking a book of birds tc to Mr Lugevil for the Princess Mascutoff. Go to Dr Fisher Dr. Tolings and about town. Back and dine on board the Steamer. Board the Gate & get music for Mr Lugevil, which leave with his servant, go to Dr Fishers & Dr. Tolings again, then up to the garden, drink “fifteen drops” and back to the Gate with Kennicott & the Captain in the rain.

Tuesday 15

Morning. With the whaleboat, McRae, Norton, Moroe, and Davis, and fifty fathoms of line, go down the bay and dredge all the morning. Get some very fine things, among others a crab hidden under his carapax like a Chinaman under his umbrella. Go back to lunch. McRae goes off and have some little discussion as to replacing him, the boys being mostly [underlined] hors du combat [underlined] from last nights drunk. Back to dinner and put away most of our things. Change shoulder straps and spend most of the evening with the Captain, Cotter back the mountain measures 5216 feet.

Wednesday 16

Morning Rainy and wet. Get together my Pacific collections and label and pack them. Kennicott comes aboard and we go on board the Ciara Bell and pack the Dr’s specimens & our own in a box for Frisco for the S.I. Stay to lunch with Capt. Lands who is a whole man. Go back on board the Golden Gate late and get out an equipment for old Bischoff who stays here till next year. Get them out finally, as they are breaking out the Milton Badger along side taking her equipment for the Anadyr Expedition under McRae. Dow does note go to Victoria in the Ciara Bell. Make out list of medicine.

Thursday, August 14, 1865.

Morning. Late to breakfast. Milton Badger alongside receive stones for the Anadyr R. Ex. which M’Rae commands. Dog Cooke is removed to her. Go on shore and see Dr. Fisher about men and medicines. Come on board and meet old Bischoff and help him off with his equipment, which is very good. Go ashore again in the afternoon and go up to the River and collect emails. See my little squaw at the hospital and see Indians gaffing salmon. Norton goes aboard the M.B. Fisher, M.D. on the Gate. I shall resign my position as surgeon soon as he comes aboard. K. has the Lizzie Homer to go up the Youkan in, probably.

Friday 18

Morning. Damp & chilly. Go ashore in the morning to find out about the Doctors plans, but get no satisfaction and go aboard the Wright soon after & see K. Things are gloomy as usual. It will be a direct interposition of divine Providence, if this Expedition ever comes to success under existing circumstances. Afternoon. Go ashore with Capt. Scammon to see Princess Mascutoff but she is unwell & can’t receive. Capt. proposes & orders me to take charge of the clothing dept. Spend most of the evening arranging the slopchest & cataloguing.

Saturday 19

Morning. Raining hard. Harder and the others packing up to go aboard the Milton Badger. Bannister comes aboard. Make all accounts square. Work all the morning at cleaning out after Alex. May possibly have the
room to myself after this. I don't like my present position much but shall float with the current. Hydrophobia is generally fatal. Clean a lot of clamshells in the rain for the cause of science. Evening, talk with My. Whymper the artist who goes with us.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1865.

Rainy, but soon clears up, showing a fine clear sky for a short time. No muster. Dr. Fisher comes on board. Go on shore in the course of the day to see Mr. Lugeville who sent me by Mr. Bean for some Russian books and a dictionary. In the evening, taking an official envelope to Mr. Ivanhoff & the acting Gov. Stop at the Badger and bid the boys (anadyrs) fare well, having a song and a glass of wine there. Then to Mr. Lugevil's again where I spend one of the pleasantest evenings, with singing dancing and Russian games. Four ladies were present.

MONDAY 21
(My birthday) all quite good looking, and I became very much interested in a young lady, the wife of Lieutenant Kilkofsky commanding the Russian troops here. Have a generally jolly time; Mr. Walker dances a jig, and we come aboard in the rain about two o'clock this A.M. Sleep until seven. Rainy still. Mr. Kennicott aboard and we prepare to leave Sitka. Milton Badger leaves for the Anadyr River, and the Clara Bell for Victoria early in the day. Many Russian friends came down and waited a long time in the rain to see us off, but at a late hour in the evening were still in Sitka harbor.

TUESDAY 22
Rise early and find the steamer getting up steam. Mr. Ivanhoff, Krager, Lugevil, Andres, Lieut. Kilkofsky and others come down to see us off. We receive and return a salute of 21 guns and sail out of Sitka Harbor in tow, leaving the hospitable Russians to their rainy home. Our halfbreed pilot and an Aleute Islander go with us and their bodarkie is lashed in the whaleboat. The day is fair with no wind but we can see the rain around Mt. Edgecomb. See the Clara Bell in the offing in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1865.
Fair and cold. Mt. Edgecomb sunk out of sight, & a dark cloud only, over where it should be; reminded of rainy Sitka. Spend most of the day in cataloguing and packing our Sitka collections. They are very fair, considering, weather, red tape, & shortness of time, tc. Get it all packed. As soon as I can get my notes written up I shall take up Russian again. H. gets a spoke in his wheel about the watch. With the captain and Whymper in the evening. Rain again at night. Everything connected with the vessel works well, and the sea is like glass all day.

THURSDAY 24
More swell this morning. Nail a cover on to my box of specimens; direct it, and put in in my state room. Spend a good part of the morning in sketching some naked mollusca from Sitka. About one o'clock the wind becoming quite fresh, the steamer cast off the hawser and continued on her way under sail. We soon distance her, and about four in the afternoon, have to heave to, to better catch up; which she does under steam and passes us about six. but doesn't take up the tow line. Spend the evening with Capt & Whymper.

FRIDAY 25
Morning. The steamer is still far behind in the offing and for a good part of the day keeps there. Put out the trawlnet and catch a new genus, a very pretty shell, pteropodons, but only one specimen, and be dead. Spend most of the morning drawing and coloring some of the specimens obtained at Sitka. Dandyfing for dinner. In the afternoon the Wright
comes alongside and the captain takes a whaleboat and goes ashore
and the steamer then takes up her hawser again. Spend most of the
evening with the Capt & Dr.

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Morning. Fair. fresh wind, and going right along in tow. Fling over my towing net but get nothing by fish eggs. Go below and sketch the animal and shell of the new Pteropod that I got the other day. Get out some drawing paper from below, and grind down a broken pair of scissors so as to be as good as new. Dr. Fisher brings out a number of the Smithsonian Pamphlets & lets one have them. They will be very useful particularly the ones on the mollusca. In the evening write up notes of Sitka. The Wright lets go her hawser and cuts away to windward again. Going 9 knots.

Morning as usual on muster days rainy and rough. Go to work on my notes of the fauna around and about Sitka. Finish them up finally, and also on the new shell I got the other day which may be allied to Lealcarella.

In the forenoon the steamer comes alongside but won't tow, which is cowardly in them and annoying to us. Lay around loose all day and read Woodward's Manual on Geographical distribution. Caulk the leak in our cabin roof.

Morning. In sight of Ookemak island, a penal settlement for dissolute and disorderly characters from the other parts of the Russian possessions. It was once colonized artificially with marmots, and the convicts are employed preparing skins for the R.A. Co. The steamer gets some of her pins loose and casts off the hawser early in the day, and it is late in the afternoon before we get started again. Fairly on our course. Occupy myself in correcting the errata in Woodward with pen & ink. Throw out the net in the morning but obtain but little. Rock bottom, 22 fath.

Morning. Land in sight. Islands and part of the peninsula of Aliaska. Have no trouble with the old teakettle today. Large numbers of jellyfish going by, of three or four species. Obtain more pteropods of the genus Limacina and have both nets over the side. Take a sketch of a curious rock off our starboard quarter. Grren at work on the Lizzie Homer which has been sheathed & coppered to resist ice. and strengthened inside. In the afternoon see a shoal of killers, a sort of whale and also a brown seal quite near the vessel. A beautiful day & a most magnificent sunset. Spend the evening with the Capt.
lunch where we have a small party, most of them being on shore. Take Cotter ashore and go over another diagonal, and dredge a little; get some good things. Recall is made and returning are ordered back for the boatswain who is on the sand spit of the Haystack. After some delay get under weigh, and are towed out of harbor.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1865.

Roused at 5.30 by the falling of the hawser over the side, caused by lurching of the vessel. Go on deck and see to the safety of the scientific "duds" and have them safely stowed. The steamer cast off in the night and is out of sight and hearing. About nine make the discovery of a long reef on our lee bow. All hands have a tough time for an hour in wearing off and we make a narrow escape from wreck. Thick fog and heavy sea. Make soundings in the afternoon of 45, 143, 90, and 170 fath., and bring up live animals in the grabber every time. Fire a gun every half hour for the steamer. Lay to from five oclock in the afternoon till 10 P.M.

SATURDAY 2

Morning. Misty, rainy, and disagreeable. Sounding in the night brought up a Hipponyx & some worms, form 140 fath. sand. No signs of the steamer. Going about a knot an hour, or less with all sail set. Feel a little grouty from continual hazing, but it works off quietly after a while. Morning, draw some of the mollusks obtained at Ounga Harbor and color them in the course of the afternoon. Look over the S.I. pamphlets rec'd from Dr. Fisher. Evening. Write and have a meeting of the Inebriate Club. This world is all a fleeing show for mans delusion given, &c. Vive la Science

SUNDAY 3

Morning, fair and cold, a relief from the constant drizzle of the last two days. Spend most of the morning preparing for muster. At muster (the first since we left Sitka) The standing orders are read of both the Land and marine service. Dr. Fisher goes the rounds. Afternoon, read and color up the rest of my Ounga collections. Land in sight all day till hid by mists in the afternoon. Head wind obliges us to keep a tacking and though within thirty miles of the pass we shall not reach it today.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1865.

A beautiful calm morning but the day passes in beating slowly a few miles nearer the pass. A pair of singularly contrasted peaks to the eastward. One Sheshaldenski, a calm snow silvered, graceful cone smoking. The other Isanotski not so high but riven from top to bottom, black, jagged, and a very abomination of desolation in its seared, craggy, peaks. Toward evening, we beat well up into the pass, but the current carries us back, when the tide turns. Have one of my kegs arranged to pack specimens in.

TUESDAY 5

Morning. About eight o'clock have squeezed thro' the passage and see land once more astern. The spectre schooner which has been dodging us for the past two days is now near us. About noon she bears down on us and the Captain boards her. she proves to be as supposed, the Milton Badger, all well on board. Harder with a touch of squaw fever. Toward evening a fine breeze springs up and we go along about 8
knots. Evening with the Captain.
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1865.

Morning, a fine brisk wind, blowing toward St. Pauls Island, but the vessel pitches a good deal. Change the dryers of the plants obtained at Ounga Island and find them rather to my surprise in good condition. Get a pair of large presses from Mr. Hyde. The water comes over the bows today in a stream; for the first time since we left home. Mr. Hyde has finished his chart of Ounga Island, Coal Harbor; but it is not quite correct. Talk with Captain S. on matters and things, and read Woodward in evening.

FRIDAY 8

Morning. Rolling away at a great rate, but going finely on our course making nearly ten knots at one time. Look over Capt. Kabduris; Kaldurus] chart of Ounga, and also Col. Hydes and find errors in both particularly the last named. Make a drawing of an outline chart of the harbor which I will finish up at my leisure when the rolling will permit. Try to read but can't with comfort; turn in early but have to keep awake all night holding myself into my bunk.

SATURDAY 9

Morning. Rolling like all possessed. Called on deck to see if my things are all O.K. and find them so. Wind blowing a gale all day. “Hove to” and with maintopsail half reefed alone. Soundings give 19 fathoms, soft sandy mud. We are nearly off Cape Romanzoff. Bet four plugs of tobacco with Ennis that Monday night 12 finds us at our destination. Pretty close but five miles an hour with fair winds will find us there. Evening, with Whymper in cabin.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1865.

Morning, rainy and wet as usual. Fly round to get things in order for inspection. Clears off about eleven though the decks are very wet. Row about the question as to whether a plug of tobacco is a plug of tobacco or only a quarter of a plug. Set to work and make a chart of Coal Harbor, Ounga Island, for Capt. Scammon. Mr. Black helps. Evening. Talk over matters and things with him. Wind fair and faint. Talk with Dr. Fisher, make corrections in my chart, and turn in.

MONDAY 11

Morning. Winds light and variable. Start early in the morning to copy my Ounga chart again. I work most of the day at it and nearly complete it. Add a small etching in pen and ink of the harbor seen from the house. It looks quite well. It is quite evident that I shall lose my bet on our arrival at Redoubt Saint Michaels only however on account of the light wind yesterday. Constant soundings are kept up on board, and the water is very shallow, the soundings only average about 10 fath.

TUESDAY 12

Morning. Land in sight but on account of not having any observation for the last two cloudy days are not quite sure of what it is. Box up the fossil wood from Ounga Island, and make ready to close the other box of specimens from that and other localities. Capt. Scammon wishes me to paint the Union for a Revenue Jack and I sketch out the eagle in crayon. Toward evening, sight Stuart and St. Michaels Islands, and land in many directions. Make ready to anchor and fire a gun.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1865

In sight of the island of St. Michaels. Long, low, & unpromising. The hills on the opposite shore are somewhat numerous and are mostly quiescent volcanoes. No steamer in sight and our hearts sank within us but our forebodings are soon dispelled by the sight of R.K. in a boat with some Indians. The steamer has passed on to Hantley harbor and Plover bay & left K. Denison & Bendeleben to take command of the R. Am. explorations. Get details for duty and go ashore with K. The redoubt is a strong log house square with six guns in small blockhouses. Gospodar Stepanov commander.

THURSDAY 14

Anna Andreavna of Sitka keeps house for the Commander. Have venison, ducks, salmonberries and samovar tea for grub. The reindeer meat is very good. Get to work on the steamer and find her adrift-having cut her chain. Rains hard. Cotter and Jay Chappel go with K. Get a Russian bath with Charley Pease in the afternoon. It is pleasant and renovating. Take notes for guidance next winter. Sleep on floor in Ks room on reindeer skins with a rabbit skin blanket. Very tired.

FRIDAY 15

Get on board the barque early and take out a small SCI. equipment for myself. All the rest will be left with Bannister. Work hard all morning & on shore to dinner. Damned ass Greer has left the exhaust-pipe of the Lizzie Homer on board the Clara Bell. Row to replace it. K. gets a large lot of deficiencies from Capt. S. Walker fumbles all the arms & cartridges and Indian goods into the bay but they are rescued with damage. Go aboard with K. per orders, consult with Capt. Scammon & ashore again in the dingy. Turn in with Charley Pease in Ks room & bed.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1865

Morning. Up early and go to breakfast with the rest. After breakfast go about making myself as useful as circumstances permit. Get my required letters to Walker and Baird. Act as one of a board of survey on the damaged goods with Wright, Glover & Ennis. Resolutions to Capt. Scammon are read and replied to, and some advice from Dr. Fisher. Go aboard with K. and the Capt. Send books off to Bannister, bid all good bye, get my things aboard and bid my dear brother in arms Robert Kennicott good speed. Anchor low down in the bay all night.

SUNDAY 17

Beautiful clean sunshiny day. Sailing slowly away from St. Michaels at about 2 knots an hour, sounding every half hour. Black clayey mud with a Yoldia like limatula. No inspection or muster. Work nearly all day arranging my Sci. outfit under cover. Pack up the omega plants and label them. There were 15 species. We go to Emma Harbor for sounding all the way to see if a cable may be laid on this shallow sea valley. Evening, write up notes and take notes on soundings. The day has passed so quietly that it seems like the real article.

MONDAY 18

Morning blowing a gale from the south west. Wind decreasing but barometer going down. Turn in and read Phillips Metallurgy, which is a very good index book on the subject. After lunch start on a chart of the sea between Michaelovsky [strikethrough] between [strikethrough]and Emma Harbor. Our flour, potatoes, butter, onions, and molasses are now nearly gone. We are gradually coming down to a diet of salt pork, beef, coffee, tea, hardtack and pickles, all except the biscuit of very poor quality, which makes it worse. Write in the evenings.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1865

Morning. Light winds and variable. The carpenter sets to work on a chest for the two odd cans I have with me. Get a number of interesting specimens of Holothurians and Ascidians, probably of the genus *Pelonea*. Get to work cataloguing the alcoholic specimens on hand preparatory to putting them in the keg. Finish this and look up some mollusks. A little bird *Ageothus linaria*, lights on the rail for a short time. Saw the NE point of St. Lawrence Island this morning. We were just half way to Emma Harbor at noon. Capt, Scammon not very well. K. carried off the sail to the dingy.

WEDNESDAY 20

Morning. Cold and windy, wind dead ahead. Not much encouraging in the prospect. Run down to the east of St Lawrence Island before the wind and as a consequence rolls like thunder. Go below and read up in Danas mineralogy. The angulas system is not so difficult to comprehend as one would suppose. In the afternoon, set to and write a long letter to father. I must write up some of my letters or I shall have a tough job when we get back. Capt. Scammon not so well as he has been. Bottom so far has been all one soft clayey sandy mud.

THURSDAY 21

Day clear and cold. SE point of St. Lawrence Island in sight. Get to work at a chart of part of Behring Sea extending from St. Michaels Norton Sound across to Emma Harbor, including St Lawrence Island and north two degrees so as to include the ground over which we have been sounding and to show its adaptability to be a base for a cable.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 1865

Morning, wind brisk but weather thick and misty. The Capes of *Yschutchni?; Tschutni?* Near the opening of Plover Bay are just visible through the fog. But the weather is so thick & the wind freshening that the vessel is kept off for safety and we go off South West. The wind shifts and we go off in a fog rolling like blazes. Turn in nearly all day read a little and sleep a little, but get little rest so rough that we can’t read write sit down or lie down with any kind of comfort. & so continues.

SATURDAY 23

Same as yesterday only more so. Keep a drifting to the SW and are about 80 miles away from our port which is excessively discouraging as we were within an hours sail of it yesterday morning. Make myself a cap out of [[besum?]] rat a kind of muskrat, flannel and an old felt hat.
Succeed quite well. Break down our table with rolling and eat lunch in our laps. Clears off and abates somewhat towards evening. Spend a good part of the day in the cabin with Capt. Scammon.

SUNDAY 24

Morning clear and pleasant. Wind dead ahead. No musters. Spend all morning painting the union for a revenue ensign, the largest ever raised on this coast. Spend part of the afternoon trimming my mittens with white fox skin which is the meanest fur I ever saw. Get hold of the Virginians, and read part of the afternoon. Throw over my net but catch only small crustaceans, Entomostracans, and the moulted feathers of the gigantic fulmar. In the evening write and study a little on the Telegraph alphabet, worse than Russian.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1865.

Morning. Headlands of the barest and bleakest, with a sprinkling of snow too ragged to hide their naked ruggedness. Some doubt as to which is the entrance to the Plover Bay where Moorewintered in the ship that bears that name. Longitude settles it finally. & we go beating in against an icy wind which blows out of the very throat of the Bay. In the afternoon spy a hermaphrodite brig and a steamer probably the Wright in the N E Harbor. Spend most of the evening making out the vessels course to the Bay from Norton Sound. Read the Virginians & to bed.

TUESDAY 26

Start early in the morning to make our way up the Harbor. Make eleven tacks, all hands helping and finally fetch up just above the steamer in the lower harbor. It is protected by a long low sand spit and has 25 fms water, mud and clay bottom. Good holding ground. Two Indian settlements, one on the spit and one on the opposite side of the bay near the mouth. The brig is the Victoria of Honolulu, Capt. Fish. I board her and find she is a trader and whaler and goes in a day or two. Get a list and account of the the vessels including the Harvest. Honolulu burnt and bonded by the Shenandoah pirate. Palmetto has sailed for Frisco yesterday afternoon after filling up the Wright with coal. Steamer sailed in P.M. 27.

WEDNESDAY 27

In the morning go ashore to the watering place with Capt. Scammon. Pass through a defile in the mountains to a watercourse and large fresh water lake nearly level with the sea from which it is separated only by a low sand or single bar. Every thing is broken rock without a trace of soil. Lee Crows, Neindur and fish, probably trout. Come back and get a number of things from the roots of the kelp on shore including a new tunicate. A crysidula, large whelk, Saxicava Yumma, etc. Hyde comes down, by order of Col. B. into the wardroom. Pride &c., Nocum, Eskimo comes aboard with a lot of his tribe. Try to get a seals head from him, and see about the whale.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1865.

Morning. "Young Walrus" Nocum's son of two years old, is aboard early in the morning. Go ashore with Capt. Scammon and get a large number of specimens, including three skulls of Eskimo dogs. Can do nothing with the whale's head. Nocum's real name is Norman Walker but they call him Nocum for short. Their summer houses are made of walrus skins, the winter ones of turf with a walrus hide roof, and whales bone for supports. Come aboard in his boat, get lunch, and again, ashore, get masses and aboard with [Col?]! Hyde. Evening try to get the collections of the day into some kind of order. Quite tired.
Morning. All the Eskimo and their families on board. Get a good supply of reindeer meat, a pair of horns and the thorax and flippers of an old hair seal. Kedge out, a little way and remain till afternoon. Black moves into Glovers room and I set to work fixing up own room putting in some shelves, racks for brushes, maps &c. and make my berth some six inches narrower, by taking out a slat and moving the sideboard. Work till late at night getting everything ready for a gale which is evidently setting in. At four take our departure.

[[preprinted]] SATURDAY 30 [[preprinted]]

Ran about 10 knots all night making about one hundred and eighty miles travel since four o’clock yesterday. A heavy snow storm sets in and the awning is put up. Write most of the day. Write to Granma Dall and Ellen Wilde. Get some stationary from Lt. Wright. There is some mystery as to our destination which I should judge from appearances and the vessels course to be either Petropavlsk or Japan. Captain Scammon sets me to work at a reconnaissance chart of Plover Bay made by Captain Kadin.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1865.

Morning. Fair and mild. Our port I have decided in of our course etc. is Petropavlovsk. The day being fair we have no muster, though we have all prepared for it. Set at work on the chart of Plover Bay and surroundings, for Captain Scammon from the sketch by Capt. Kadin and nearly finish it working with Black all the afternoon. Have a wonderful dinner, venison, cranberrys, corn and tomatoes. Evening, talk over report etc. with the Captain, and insist on the right of addressing it directly to Col. Bulkley which is finally conceded on condition that it first pass through his hands. Night clear.

MONDAY 2

Dull and cloudy. Read Henry Kingsley's Hellyars and the Burtons a pleasantly told, absurd story of England and Australia. Get the seal set up and spend all the morning hacking the bones out of the mass of fat and flesh. Afternoon set at chart of Plover Bay and finish it. Have a slight diarrhea which remedy by a little portwine and brandy. Evening talk with Capt. Scammon and Whymper, and attend a midnight feast of the F.H.I. on lobster salad. Hyde is getting run considerable on his assumed morality. There is more nastiness and cussing floating round loose, than any time since we started.

TUESDAY 3

Morning. Dull and rainy. Vessel pitching heavily and a great scramble for grub. Spend most of the day in making copies in my own mapbook of the Reconnaissance of Coal Harbor, Onuga Island, and of our enlarged sketch of Plover Bay, for future reference. Finished up my little chart of "Cunikie" and lay down our courses hitherto. Deck leaking about a pint an hour into my rubber blanket-which by great good fortune I have with me. Toward evening the wind changes and the vessel's motion becomes less disagreeable.

WEDNESDAY. OCTOBER 4, 1865.

Morning, clearer and pleasanter than yesterday. But little wind, and we are beating about without making much headway. Pack the larger objects in alcohol in the keg prepared by Capt. Scammon and turn the rest into the cans. Write up list of collections and Bannisters notes in Coal Harbor strata, as well as my own. Evening, write to Prof. Baird and sundry other small matters. We are nearly half way to our destination and have been as for several days. The steamers gone to Anadyr.

THURSDAY 5

Morning. Rolling as bad as ever, and spend the greater part of my breakfast dinner and lunch upon my clothes an d the floor and table. Our side being, the lee side. Spend nearly all day with Black in the forward cabin drawing charts of Arachinskaia Bay and Petropavlovsk Harbor where we are bound. Play checkers with Black and as usual get woefully beaten. In the evening continue my letter to Professor Baird and sundry other small matters. We are nearly half way to our destination and have been as for several days. The steamers gone to Anadyr.

FRIDAY 6

Morning. Clear and fine. Rolling badly. Go on with my charts and finish
Petropavlovsk. Map out on a fine chart of the N. Pacific. The courses of the Golden Gate from the time she left San Francisco up to today and get through although the ships pitching makes it rather ticklish work. Find a map of the Island of Guam which turns out to be one of the Ladrones, and has several good sized towns in it. Make a tracing of it and begin to transfer it to my mapbook. Hoist a new main topsail, in the P.M. Wind goes down somewhat.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1865.

Morning clear and fair. Wind a good deal gone down. Finish up my map of Guam Island which looks very well. Get an eagle for the union of a boat flag. Work in the forward cabin with Black all the morning. Issue soap to the men. Put the seals bones into a halfbarrel. Pack up the plants from Omega & Plover Bay and nail them up. Write up my slop chest accounts in the evening and collect my receipts. Get a powder keg and some small boxes for packing specimens. Read Collins book on the

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SUNDAY 8

Morning rough and rolling again. This kind of weather is nearly played out. No muster on account of the unsettled state of things. Write a long letter to Dr. Torrey; one to Temple Prime, speaking of the Proceedings or Journal of the New York Lyceum. Finish up my letter to Miss Langford. Read Leollins book which is the greatest mess of conceit & balderdash that I ever saw. He seems to have his eyes a good deal more on the shape of the women than that of the country and is an epicure rather in wines than an accurate observer of physical geography.

MONDAY 9

Morning, more rolling. It is growing monotonous. Spend nearly all day in writing a long letter to Geo. C. Walker at Chicago on the situation. Finish up a lot of partially written letters & having got Bairs, Torreys and Walkers [[Ome?]]. I feel as if I could breathe. Course about S, by West 1/2 West, get through some 40 miles in the day. Write all the evening in the forward cabin. Prospect of being sometime at Petrograv cabin. Prospect of being some time if we ever get there. Evening rolls worse.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1865

Morning fair and beautiful. Last night we had a fair wind that carried us along at the rate of 8 knots an hour. pretty fair for the old rate. This morning it has nearly died away again, leaving us in a nearly dead [[eatin?]]. Paint the continuations of the eagle for the flag, that got burnt off the first time. Spoil the small boat flag on account of bad paint. Write to Mrs [[Rennicott?]] and Aunt Sarah. Write all the evening in the forward cabin. Look over [[Whympers?]]drawings [[te?]].

WEDNESDAY 11

Morning fair and clear. Ship on the starboard tack so that it is a free fight with all kinds of balancing to get any grub. We are some [[two?]] hundred and forty miles from our port with gales and head winds as thick as mud. Get a sight of the snow covered peak of Copper or [[Behsing?]] Island. A very unusual thing to see land so far off, plainly with the naked eye. Write to Prof. Dana, Prof. Cassin, Dr. Bryant and Lizzie Merriam. Get tired of writing and read Cooper [[Crater?]] in the evening, a very stupid satire out of which time has plucked all the smartness and besides that, disproved the authors position

THURSDAY 12

Morning. Fair and clear. The usual head winds, but on the other tack greatly to our comfort. Write up, old pencil entries in the diary. Write to miss Cleveland, feel a little unwell and heartily sick of beating about to no purpose as we are now doing. It is rough, to have in addition to the hardships of such a cruise, to have to stand alone the derision and unconcealed contempt of my companions. So help me God, I will put
myself one day, where such vermin as they are, will not be worth 
trampling under my feet!

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Morning fair and clear. Little wind but a heavy sea and the vessel pitching tremendously. It does seem as if we would never get to Petropaulovsk. Write up the pencil notes of the early part of this diary and finally finish them. Caught Dr. Fisher smuggling books out of my own & Glovers rooms, and when inquired for the immaculate gentleman gives no sign. Read a good deal in the "Schönberg-Cotta Family", and like it very much. Toward night a good breeze springs up, and at nine o'clock at night we have a fair eleven & 1/2 knot breeze.

SATURDAY 14

Morning. The breeze of last night died away about midnight and we are here rolling in a dead calm with a clear sky and pleasant day, and the snow clad peaks of Kamchatka in plain view. We are about ninety miles from the Bay of Avatcha. Paint nearly all of the underside of the unfortunate union for our Revenue Ensign which had its tail burnt off. Pack up all my bottles which the Doctor hasn't stolen and put the chest amidships. Pack the preserve bottles on deck and finish the flag. General cleaning up as we are going into port-we hope very soon.

SUNDAY 15

Morning. Work into Avatcha Bay and run up by the spit which forms Petropavlovsk, narrowly shaving the shoal. Messrs Farnsfield, Coles, Hunter and Fluger come aboard the barque in a whale-boat and are invited down into the cabin and entertained there. Muster at 2. Go ashore in the afternoon and visit Capt. Hunter, Mr. Fluger and Mr. Pierce and visit the battleground and turn over some shot and shell still laying about. The town is fast falling into decay, and the public establishment is already removed. The trade is principally in furs. Come aboard with [Dav?]

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1865

Morning. Cloudy with squalls. Make ready to receive visitors from on shore. Go ashore with Smith, Whymper & Glover. Go up to Mr. Fronefield, and then go off leaving Smith at Mr. Flugers. Have Nortons rubber boots, and wade about in the small lake after mussels but don't find any. Go round the hill with Smith and discover three species of Helix, one [Vitrina?], four beetles and going back obtain one perfect and several large broken Auodons. Bark Behring leaves for San Francisco and will take our mail. Lunch at Flugers, get salmon and coppers from Fronefield. On board with Glover. Barque drags, wind moving a live gale. Two anchors out.

TUESDAY 17

Morning at first cloudy but calm, afternoon very clear. Go ashore with Whymper, Smith and the Doctor. Look at the La Perouse monument, and go around the beach from the point-round the little harbor and spit and down the other side. The barque is towed by the boats up to a safe
anchorage under the lee of the point. Collect on the sunny north bank apparently the same helices &c that abound in New England. Hellixhoupa, pura, striatella, Vitrina pellicida, Tua lubrica, Pupa simplex, &c. [[strikethrough]] May [[strikethrough]] Doctor, Field, &c are going to the warm Springs but I shall not go, to be an intruder, although I can, by saying so. Come aboard at 4. Capt. S. goes ashore. Row with men from the Behring in eve.

[[preprinted page]] WEDNESDAY 18 [[preprinted page]]

Morning clear and cold. A heavy hoar frost fell last night and the surface of the water in the Bay is covered with thin floating ice. Barque Behring hauls out into the stream and the schooner with 4 officers & two men goes out. Spend nearly all day in collecting beetles and small land shells on the sunny north bank. Whymper gets a very fine specimen of Cynthia from the beach yet alive. All hands on a general drunk ashore. Captain ashore.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1865. Morning, calm but cloudy. Prepare to go ashore in uniform but Capt. Scammon informs me that some ladies are to come aboard to lunch with him and advises me to wait and see them, which I do and am introduced to the Port - Captain, civil Governor, doctor, postmaster and a Cossack Officer and two ladies. They invite me to visit them very pressingly. Corlin? and the rest hardly over his drunk. Pearce invites me to go to Avatcha in his boats and obtain permission from Capt. S. Whymper paints me the Cynthia and Geo. Dow brings me a number of fine trout. Go ashore with Capt. in Ev.

FRIDAY 20. Morning, clear and fine. Steamer Geo. S. Wright comes in from Anadyr. Get every thing ready and go in the gig about ten o'clock to ask leave of absence to go to Avatcha in Mr. Pierces boat. Col. Bulkley, consents, and leaving in a whale boat at eleven arrive at Avatcha at one and are quartered at Nicolai's. One boat goes back and the other proceeds with goods up the river. Go part way up in it and return. Sleep on the floor on my blankets and some hay very well. Smith with me and we are well furnished with arms.

SATURDAY 21. Up very early. Go out and see a wolf but do not succeed in shooting him. After breakfast of curds and cream, tea and hard bread, we start over the bay in a dugout with Alexander Alexis to Yaggut nemise or berry point where shells are said to be thick. Go up and down the point and get a good many. Go up by the branches in the delta and Smith shoots six or eight ducks, teal, blue-wing and midgeon also a whistler. Reach home at about six and have a very good appetite and supper.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1865. Morning very cold and clear, several parts of the bay frozen over. See millions of gulls and hair seals ready for migrating. Can't get boat or shot to go ducking and stroll about collecting. Get many shells. Have ducks for dinner and Alexis and family go haying. Spend most of the afternoon fooling with Matrona, the fear of Nicolai not being before our eyes, at five the whale boat returns and we sail for Petropaulovsk with a head wind and arrive about eight, having had a good time. In the evening write up diary and skin an owl.

MONDAY 23. Morning clear and fine. Kill a sheep. Go ashore after breakfast with Whymper, Capt. Scammon and Col. Bulkley and call at the Port captains, the Governor of Kamchatka, the Doctor, the Postmaster and his pretty wife and Mr. Pearce. Go aboard to lunch and in the afternoon go over to Serraglaski with Capt. S. the Col. and Mr. Hunter. The walk was pleasant and we were received with milk, berries, tea etc. by the Cossack woman. All the men are sailors and away. Return and skin the gull in the evening, a very nasty job. Capt. ashore.

TUESDAY 24. Morning, ask and receive permission to go ashore on a collecting tour. The Col. has shut down on our indiscriminate going ashore on Hydes and others account as they were fast wearing out our welcome for us. Start over the hill and notwithstanding the predictions of Miss Boshoi and Coale, reach the large lake east of the town in about two hours, eat a lunch of hardtack and raisins there and return in about the same time. The total distance is about 12 miles. Evening, all the officers invited to
the Port captain's tomorrow.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1865.

Morning. Go ashore about eleven. Go back for my glasses and find some fine medusae on the shore. Go up to the Port Captain Cykmevou’s and remain till three in the afternoon; at dinner take in Madame Priestess. Go down to Pflugero in afternoon and arrange about the squirrel skin blanket. Up to the Port captains again about seven, and remain during the evening. Smoke about twenty Papirouses and finally under urgent persuasion from Madame, dance two or three quadrilles with Russian ladies. One the daughter of Mr. Fletcher whose son goes to San Francisco with us, a very fine looking girl though speaking no English. One with Madame Cykmevou and

THURSDAY 26

one with the postmaster wife. She is a Kamchadab, very pretty and the most pleasant lady in the room. Take her into dinner at midnight and sit at the head of the table opposite Capt. Scammon and the lady of the [Conparne?] of Kamchatka and next to Col. Bulkley. Have Russian and English songs and return about 3 1/2 AM. Sleep till 8. Go ashore with Whymer and leave my photo at the Port Capts. Go up on the battle hill and then aboard. In the afternoon go with Bricktop and get two thirty two pound solid shot remaining since the battle Aug 10, 1854 O.S. Skating. Evening, packing up some of my specimens to be ready for the excursion to the warm springs tomorrow.

FRIDAY 27

Col. unwell. Called up early in the morning by Capt. Scammon and receive instructions to remain aboard all day, which is rainy and cloudy. Send a note by Wright to the Postmasters wife who goes on the excursion; which starts about half past ten. Steamer with ladies on board and others from the town go round the harbor, returns about two o’clock and starts off again, finally returning about seven P.M. Sorry not to be able to go. But the weather is nasty. Read in Abbots Napoleon, and get permission to go ashore for all night but do not, on account of Davisons insolence for which I pay him off.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1865.

Russian Sunday. Go ashore early in the morning to church with Smith, stopping first at Mr. Pflugers, but find the service almost over. See Madame Baishov there. After service go again up to Pflugers, lunch there go down to the spit with him and returning go into Mr. Pierces where I dine. Go skating in the afternoon and go and dress at Mr. Pearses and then with all hands down to the Pspravniks house where we pass a very pleasant evening, cards, dancing, refreshments and so forth. Dance about a dozen quadrilles, one or to with the Post, masters wife, and take her in to dinner. Capt.

SUNDAY 29

Scammon returns early after dinner, but I remain till all is over. They dance the Vasmurka and I attend Madam B. home in spite of our Cossack friends. Return on board the Yate about 5 o’clock A.M. and turn in till about ten. After lunch go ashore and with Smith, Norton and Pfluger dine at the Pspravniks. Walk out and meet Hyde and Muller and go up to the P.Ms. Spend an hour and a half there and there go with them to Mr. Sutkevois where the Col. and Capt. soon arrive and I go aboard with them and write home and to folks in Victoria, as the Steamer and Whymer leave tomorrow.
Morning am notifies to occupy Whympers room and Leborn is to take mine; have it altered so that Norton and he exchange and he finally is ordered back onto the steamer. I am very sorry to have to move and it won't add to my popularity. Spend most of the day, which is rainy and snowy, in getting ready for the change. Leborne is finally ordered back to the steamer, and young Fletcher will go with us to San Francisco. Pack up Petropavlovsk collections and sit with Capt. and Col. in the evening, Mr Pfluger comes aboard.

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Morning. The steamer got under way at about 12 o'clock and steamed round and out of the harbor. After lunch go ashore with Smith, buy a looking glass, and go up to Hunters and take a little lunch then down to Mr. Pierces where I get a [Tourmoon?] pipe some slippers and a pair of boots as curios. Go up to Madame Baishofs with a box of wine and Mr Coles, who presents it as from the officers of the wardroom. Down to the Cymkevou's [[Russian Sutkevoi? see notes]] and tear myself away to dress at Peirces after which I return and accompany them to the [[Uenpavirik's? in Russian? Ispravnik's?]] where we have a pleasant evening party. Tables for cards and a few dances. Pass a pleasant evening flirting with Mesdames Cymkevou and Baishkov [[see notes]]. Go home with the latter and sleep at Mr Peirces. Up about nine. Up to Hunters and to Madame Cymkevou's [[Sutkevoi?] about eleven and the signal gun being fired hastily bid all goodbye and get aboard. Young Fletcher comes aboard and we get up anchors and drop outside the smaller harbor, in the Bay, about five o'clock. We shall probably set out tomorrow, a beautiful moon light evening. Sleep in the cabin for the first time.

Wednesday, November 1

Last night may turn out to be one of the turning points of my life. I discussed with the Capt. Ounga Island and the Consulflia. Day cloudy, foggy calm with puffs of wind. Get some shelves put up in my room and get all my things out of Norton's room. Pack the scientific collections in the after locker. Begins to blow favorably but soon changes to S.E. Go to the spit with the Capt. Hyde and the Doctor and take a glass of tea with the [[Sopravnik?]], Capt. [[Sutkevoi, see below notes]] and their ladies, Miss Fletcher and the postmistress, Muller and Fluger, who have pitched a tent there and have a samovar under full head of steam. Go aboard leaving the rest to spend the night ashore. A heavy blow!

Thursday 2

Far away from Petropavlovsk. With a favorable gale we are making a

Friday, November 3, 1865


Talk with Capt. Scammon of the probability of a war with England on the Alabama question. I hope that it may be settled with honor & without war.

Saturday 4
splendid run. All hands a little sick even Mr. Davison. The weather is rough and disagreeable. Lie low most of the day, & have very little appetite for dinner. work a little on my report and learn that B. wanted to make me fleet surgeon; an office which I most decidedly should not have accepted. The power is left with Capt. Scammon to do pretty much as he pleases in Col. Bs. absence

[[preprinted]] SUNDAY 5 [[/preprinted]]

Last night pretty much every thing fetched away, that could, including my bottle of ink for which I am sincerely sorry as it was all the decent ink aboard. Young Fletcher is pretty sick, every one else is a little stirred up. Rough weather continues and rain and hail.
Play chequers with Black and beat him for the first time. Soft tack for the last time in the ward room, the first time for a month. Turn in early on account of the weather.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1865.

Morning. The fair wind in which we have been rejoicing has died away leaving a heavy swell and the usual rolling and heaving of the old vessel supervenes. Write up my report finish the rough draught and commence on a final copy. Stan Pollock nearly poisons the whole of us with creosote which he has been recklessly heaving about. Gets a blowing up from all hands fore & aft. Talk late into the evening with the Captain about plans for the future.

TUESDAY 7

Morning. Wind freshens up again and we go rolling along about eight knots an hour. Finish my report and copy it. Write most of the day. Vessel rolling very badly. Lon. 169.38. noon. Must now finish report to Prof. Baird, and Geo. C. Walker, write a few letters, make out estimates for Ounga and copy up my lists of specimens and notes at Petropavlovsk. We are to lay in the stream near Meiggs Wharf at San Francisco and board on board.

WEDNESDAY 8

Morning. Head wind, vessel pitching heavily. Finish report, and add the dimensions of the narka or Kamschadale sledge and their snow shoes which are of the Norwegian pattern. Write on copy of my notes, nearly all day. Young Fletcher, our Russian, is so aristocratic that he would rather go cold than wear blue shirts because the sailors do, although those offered to him were some the captain would have spared out of his own wardrobes, for his accommodations. Read Abbotts Napoleon and turn in early. Have a bad diarrhea from some cause or other.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1865.

Morning. Old Gate writhing, twisting, pitching and rolling, as usual in a heavy sea and strong wind; which last is fortunately fair. Write up my diary and copy out my report, into it. Open my reports to Mr. Walker of Chicago, Prof. Baird, and Dr. Torrey, and prepare to continue them. On deck a good part of the afternoon & Dr. Fisher gives me some rhubarb and magnesia for the diarrhea, which by the way are capsized the same night in the racking about of the vessel. In the wardroom a good part of the evening, and also with the captain.

FRIDAY 10

Morning. Fair wind, rolling as usual. Write all day. Finish letter to Prof. Baird, and commence copying my report, for him, again. Rains hard much of the day. Finish Abbott's life of Napoleon. I think he makes out pretty good case but I must say I think the divorce of Josephine the least of his mistakes. Work at Russian in the evening. So far, it seems, (the grammar to be simple enough, but the changes in the terminations of the nouns and verbs are puzzling. Ochot and Fluger our two Eskimo dogs make an amusing display of their jealousy toward each other today.
Cross the meridian of 180°, and break orders which show that we are to go direct to San Francisco, and give Capt. Scammon power to dismiss officers and men for intemperate or bad conduct. Write to Prof. Jos. Henry, enclosing a copy of my report for Col. Bulky. Write with Black all day. Evening, continue my Russian. I think that this business of the terminations, though puzzling on account of the great number of their great number. Our fair wind dies away in the afternoon. Doctor comes down in the evening and gets the cold shoulder -

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1865.

Morning. Looks squally, but expect a fair wind. Write about half an hour before muster and in the afternoon. Write to Mr. Collyer, and close letters to Baird, Torrey, Walker and Prof. Henry. Have a fair inspection. Dr. F. and Field had a spree last night on Pierces rum, and consequently our immaculate M.D. is unable to appear from indisposition and old L.M. can hardly stand straight enough to pass muster. Glover is getting well which is a pretty good note on the Doctor. Write Russian in the evening, in the after cabin. Rolling a good deal.

MONDAY 13

Morning Blowing hard from east by north which is precisely our course. Through out the day blows harder. By eleven A.M. the wind has increased to a perfect gale which shifts suddenly to the North east. Breaks about 2 o’clock A.M. in the following night. Start a letter to Stimpson but have to leave off on account of the gale. Nicolai puts his head through four panes of glass in the wardroom hatch. Turn in in afternoon and early in the morning wind dies away.

TUESDAY 14

Morning fine and cold. Noon rainy and squally. Write most of the day. Heavy sea remains from yesterday’s gale. Finish Stimpson’s letter and write to Miss Anne Newman. Old Doctor on another spree. He can punish as much rum as any man I ever saw. In the evening talk with the Capt. about Ounga Island and scratch away at some estimates. Go to Conlin for some information which he is unable to give, which does not speak well for the intelligence of the Company’s Chief Carpenter.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Morning, rolling badly. Work on lumber estimates for Ounga, including Storehouse, Coal shed, Tramway 1500 ft. long, double; wharf or getty 50 feet long, roofing and siding for 200 ft. of gallery; total about 40 M. Work on these all day, with Black on the Report. A number of calls for clothing, supplies etc. from the men. Capt. Scammon not quite well. Doctor Fisher makes me a present of some arsenical paste and a box. Write all the evening, on the Russian grammar. Finish the nouns. The rules are very clear and distinct.

THURSDAY 16

Morning. Scudding before a gale which promises to be the heaviest yet, under lower main topsail, foresail, lower foretopsail, and fore top mast staysail. Decks and upper cabin flooded with water. At 12 o’clock, we have made by dead reckoning 212 miles since 12 o’clock yesterday. Sea continues to become higher and at night the gale is at its height. We have been making an average of eleven knots an hour today. Turn
in early for a long and sleepless night. The seas breaking over my head on the poop.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1865. Morning, gale some what abated but the sea still raging. Stove the gig and carried it away last night. Stove a hole through the starboard bulwark. Sea sweeps the decks pretty thoroughly. Find my note books, diary and so on soaking wet, from the leaks in the cabin roof. We have made 280 miles since twelve yesterday, another long leg on our way to Frisco. Captain Scammon with one of his bilious attacks, unwell again. Turn in early and pass an uncomfortable night.

SUNDAY 19

Mostly a repetition of yesterday. The cabin was flooded again and those papers remaining in the port room, were soaked and the window smashed. Capt. Kadin gets a bath all over. No muster or inspection today. Sun out occasionally. Captain Scammon is better, but doesn't rise during the day under treatment. My writing is terrible behind hand. Busy with the men in the afternoon. Spend a good part of the day in the wardroom and with Smith and Hyde - 195 miles made since 12 oclock yesterday. Less than we hoped.

MONDAY 20

Morning, half clear, half cloudy. Heavy sea on and a good breeze; under main topsails and fore sail, lower fore topsail and foretopmast stay sail. Put on the main top gall and sail about noon. Attempt to write in the morning on the Ounga estimates etc. but finally give it up in disgust. We have made 220 miles since 12 o'clock yesterday which is a good days work. Only 1280 miles to San Francisco, and if this wind holds, we can easily make it in a week.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1865. Morning squally. Under mein topsails, fore sail lower fore topsail and fore topmast stay sail. Wind shifts to N N W. although we still manage to make an E by N course. Morning try writing again. Work on slop chest accounts and get them mostly correct. Afternoon writing again. Capt. Scammon better. Barometer very high 30.36 Wind dying away. Evening down in the wardroom with Wright and Smith. Up again and write Russian till half past eleven. Talk with the Captain about Harders sister and turn in. 220 m.

WEDNESDAY 22

Morning light wind. Under all sail. Writing all the morning on slopchest accounts, Captain Scammon up and on deck. Men at work on the whale boat fitting her up for a gig. Make 166 miles since yesterday noon which puts us about a thousand miles from San Francisco. Everything looks favorable for a good run in. Polly Ann in San Francisco is evidently running away with the line at a great rate. Evening play checkers with Johns. Norton and write at Russian adjectives till twelve o'clock. Write to J[?]. Scammon.

THURSDAY 23

Morning rainy foggy with a high sea but favorable wind. Bets are rife as to our getting into San Francisco by the 29th etc. Write letters in the morning to E.W. Blatchford, Chicago. Toward afternoon the wind becomes lighter and finally almost dies away: write in the afternoon and work over the slopchest accounts with Mr. Black. They will amount in all...
to about $800.00. Talk over Ounga with the Captain and write up the
Russian adjectives in the evening. Make 225 miles up to twelve oclock.
Cross the line by which we sailed for Sitka in July last.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1865.

Morning half cloudy with light winds but favorable.
Black writing on ships papers. Work a little on slop-chest accounts.
Write long letters to Prof. H. Bannister Mr. Thompson of Chicago. Dr.
G.P. Kirland of Cleveland, Ohio. Charley Pease's Grandfather, E.D.
Reope of Philadelphia, and begin one to Alex. Agassiz which shortens
up my list of letters considerably. We are steadily approaching San
Francisco, and made some three one hundred and twenty miles since twelve o'clock yesterday. Evening finish
Russian adjectives.

SATURDAY 25

Morning winds still favorable though light with a prospect of a change.
Writing all day. Letters to Mike, Putnam and Scudder and finish letter to
Alex. Agassiz. Make one hundred and twenty five or there about miles
since 12 o'clock yesterday. Write all afternoon with Black as usual.
Toward evening make all fast in expectation of a gale. Wind hauls to
S.E. and the clouds are very lowering. Evening write till midnight on the
Russian pronouns and verbs. There is a multiplicity of terminations
which is very puzzling.

SUNDAY 26

Morning head wind from the east. Bear southerly. All on board are now
anxiously counting the miles and looking at the chart a dozen times a
day. Friends, sweethearts, and San Francisco are drawing nearer. I
hope I shall find at least a few letters from home waiting for me. I've
written about it enough. We have made 132 miles since yesterday
noon. Toward evening the wind springs up again fair. Write to Verrill
Nason and Greeley. Evening on Russian verbs.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1865

Morning, wind fair and free, making a good even course toward Frisco.
Working up my account. [Go?] over the slop-chest with Black and
Smith and square up accounts in the book. At noon make 157 miles
easting since noon yesterday, 13 miles south and 255 miles west of the
Farallone light.
Keep steadily on. Finish up the slopchest accounts. Evening write
with Black, to Mrs Coburn, Mrs. G.P.A. Healy and Mother and Sadie.
This finishes up my letters, a weary long job it has been to write most of
them. I suppose there is 250 pages of writing in them.

TUESDAY 28

Morning overcast and calm. Late to breakfast. A fine English clipper
ship probably from China is just ahead of us endeavoring to beat in to
San Francisco. Get a memorandum book from the Captain and write up
San Francisco mems. Write all the afternoon on notes for Prof. Baird;
write about 30 pages. Write in the evening with the Captain on them.
All hands getting ready for Port. Hear a rat in the locker behind my head.
in the night and find he has defaced and mimed the old gull from Avatcha that I had so much trouble skinning-

[[preprinted]] WEDNESDAY 29 [[/preprinted]]

Morning thick fog but clear sky through which the sun looms dimly. The clipper is still to leeward. Get the scientific equipment out of the slopchest, and pack it in the doctors chest - which I have emptied and put together. Get up the other keg for the carpenter to put a big bung in it for specimens. Afternoon wind dies away entirely and leaves us rolling about in the fog. These fogs and calms last sometimes several days. Get a bath and a clean suit of clothes, and spend evening mending.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1865.

Morning early fog remaining, no wind, falling off & on. Brush up old clothes to put away and new ones to put on. About ten, fog clears up and about half past ten pass the North Farallones and have a good favorable breeze spring up for which all hands are greatly thankful. About two, sight the heads and have a race with an English clipper to get in. Go in abreast and anchor off Miggs Wharf about half past four. A heavy fog with sleet and driving rain prevents us from getting ashore. No news, but the Wright got in today, badly damaged in the gale of the seventeenth.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Get ashore about ten by Jones boat. Rush baldheaded and get my hair cut. Up to Hubbards for my letters & find him out, moving, and not to be in today. Up to the telegraph office and leave a telegram on file for Baird as the wire is down. Meet Dr. Ayres there. No letters at the Post Office. Step into Capt. Noyes’ office and meet Wright with a pack of letters very welcome, go up to Stearns office read them & borrow $20.00 till we are paid off. Step into Van Tassels Store, call and leave letters for Mrs Denison, call on Miss Klinkofström & Miss de Ro. Go up to Stearns to sleep. Post letters as per mem.

SATURDAY 2

Down town, get me a cheap flannel coat, new watch, glass &c. Hubbard out but sends letters by Dr. Fisher. See Gabb, go to lunch with him, and find Hyde at his old tricks. Seek Col. Bulkley but don’t find him. Get diary and have it bound. Get cards under way at Town & Bacons. Meet Col. at the Occidental. Go to find Mrs. Scammon. Go round to Mrs Ayres, find the house. Dine with Scammon & Capt. Sands & afterwards with Ayers. Spend the evening there and up to Stearns to sleep. All went will with the Col.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1865.

Early in the morning look over shells with Stearns. Go to Starr Kings Church, meet Mr. Stebbins and occupy Capt Noyes pew with him and Miss Noyes. Mr. Ames preaches a Christian sermon from a pagan text. After church introduce myself and go to dine with him at C.C. Lows, on the hill. the Governors brother. I found them a very pleasant family & they kindly invited me to call often. Stay to lunch and dinner; after dinner go to Capt. Noyes’, spend the evening and back to Stearns to sleep.

MONDAY 4

Morning, into new office corner of Montgomery and Pine Streets. Go down to see Gross of the Evening Bulletin and leave some mems of our sci. work. Find Col. B who has no orders, meet Capt Scammon and go into Heuston Hastings and Co., then to Stearns office & to lunch with him. Go over to wharf, wait an hour for boat, none comes return to office and dine with Stearns. Evening to meeting of the Cal. Acad. Sci. where I give them same account of the seasons work. Meet Prof. Whitney, hear of Pumpeylls work in China. Stearns to sleep.

TUESDAY 5

Morning into office tel.co. wait some time and meet Whymper, go up with him to his room. See Col. Bulkley and explain to him that I should
like to be detached on shore. The living on board a vessel in the stream, in such a harbor as San Francisco, is nothing but a humbug. Lunch aboard the Milton Badger and go over to the Gate afterward. Spend the rest of the day in repacking the boxes of specimens to be sent to Washington. Evening write up memo.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1865

Morning. Get a boat and the Galoot, and go to the P.M.S.S.Cos Wharf and leave five boxes for the S.I. Go down to Hubbards and leave a note for him. Go around with Capt. S. Lee Stearns, back, and off again. Up to his house; down to the Occidental; meet Coues, just from Arizona; go up to Hubbards house and dine with him. Go and call on Miss de Ro, go home with Mrs. Kochkin. Up to Stearns', all abed, go down to Chappels Room and sleeping under a newspaper only.

THURSDAY 7

Catch a bad cold. Morning get some drawing paper go down to the pier and wave my handkerchief for an hour but get no response; go down and get the old boatman to put me aboard. Davison cross as a bear and the caulkers pounding like forty thousand blacksmiths. Get the remainder of the maps, office furniture etc. together and take them ashore to the office. Work till late in the afternoon in the office on the Captains flags and having nearly finished, ruin the whole thing. Begin another and come off to the gate where we have a good Thanksgiving turkey. Write all evening with Black.

FRIDAY 8

Morning, late to breakfast. Go ashore with Davison, Black, Smith, and Leonlin, who by the way has not resigned his commission on account of having to live aboard the vessel. Go down to the office and draw a sheet of flags for Capt Scammon to send East. Spend nearly all day at work on it. Have a disagreeable cold. See Gross of the Bulletin and learn that my memoranda will be published in tommorows Evening Bulletin. Get my address cards, See Stearns and go home to dine with him. Spend the evening looking over shells and sleep there.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1865

Morning, up late, and after breakfast, down town with Col. Bulkly who assures me of a berth on shore as soon as the vessel is moored at the wharf. Round to lunch with Stearns and find that there is no chance to go over to Dr. Newcombs, as proposed, on account of a lease to be looked over. Go down to Raymonds and look over a lot of shells of Bridges ! Go up to the office, meet Capt Scammon, fur biz. is fixed and then on board.

SUNDAY 10

Morning wakened by the rats running over my head and the rattling of the hauser attached to the tug Merrimac which is to take us to our moorings. Captain Scammon comes aboard stays a few minutes and goes ashore again. About nine oclock we are made fast to the pier in Mission Bay near the Potvero. Go up to Stan Kings church where Mr. Stebbins preaches a good sermon. Walk downtown with Mr. Noyes. Mrs N is quite sick. Go over to Arm.Exchange meet Whymper etc. go over to his room, meet Laborne, go over with him to his room. Go to Mr. [C.J.]

Lows to dine and in the evening call on Consul Klingofstrom, aboard.
MONDAY 11

Go up to town about ten o'clock, go down to the office, step in and see Stearns; Talk over Bridges to Gabb, go to the Basquis and get diary for 1866, new bound.

Go to Grays, get my insignia repaired and new bug made. Bancrofts and look over books. Up to the office, Col. wishes me to live aboard the vessel. Write up notes and mems. Afternoon pay my debts to Capt. Scammom, Stearns and $25 on my note to Paine. Go round looking for a Deminger, meet Ames who goes round with me some till we meet Mr. Levair. Back to office, finish flags for Capt. on board. Even. call on Stebbins-

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[preprinted]TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1865

Morning, Capt. Scammon, comes down to the vessel + orders me to finish Wolls designs for uniforms, and to occupy Walker's late cabin in the wardroom. Go down to the office with the captain, and finish the designs. See Stearns and got to dinner with him. Make appointment with Bugbee to meet him at seven. Go down and see Gabb's plates of tertiary fossils. Buy an overcoat and go up with Stearns. Label Raysmond's shells Meet Buybee, go over to Mrs. de Ro's and play whist. Go over to the Chinese theatre with him, back to vessel taking some grub and meeting Black + the captains by the way.

[preprinted]WEDNESDAY 13

Morning, disagreeable and chilly. Get a note from the Captain ordering me to make another copy of those blasted flags. Go down to the office and set to work. Work almost all the morning at them and part of the afternoon. Go down to see Hubbard, about boxes the one sent by the Clara Bell not having yet connected. Lunch with Whyniker, and introduce him to Gabb. Go down to dinner on board. Evening, call on Col. James late Collector, Mrs. Raymond at dinner go to the consuls, leave some flowers for the sick ones; and return to the Occidental. Spend the evening there and go aboard.

[preprinted]THURSDAY 14

Morning, prepare to occupy Walker's room Take Tom Denison's furs to his mother, and all my Indian curiosities to Mr. Hubbard, as I know mother would regard them as rubbish and if she hasn't room for Indian shells, she hasn't for Eskimo curios. Look over Hubbards shells from Paumotu Islands, with R.E.C.S. and receive a number from him. Work on the sheet of flags + Raysmond shells in the P.M. and finish the latter. Evening, go up with Black and call on Capt. Scammon and afterward on Miss Bullene + Bolander who offers one the use of his microscope.

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[preprinted]FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1865

Morning oversleep myself, and lose breakfast. Take Col. Buckleys box of mosses down to the Occidental and the bottle of quicksilver to the office. Finish sheet of flags for Palmetto. Go down to lunch with Stearns + Bacon, get some books for Christmas. Hubbards out + no litter. Arrange some of Raysmond's shells for him, and down to the vessel. Late to dinner. Up town with Glover, call at Stearns' + go to the Animal Exhibition of the Lincoln School. Very fair, but crowded + no pretty girls. Back to ship meeting Black by the way.

[preprinted]SATURDAY 16

Morning down town, go to office, enquire about Elliott, snub Chappel on sloop chest a/c. Down with the captain to Davis', change book at Bancrofts, down to Hubbard for letters, out + none there, into Stearns' office, down to Raysmond, finish up his shells, down to office leave parcels, and off to Stearns'. Prof. Blake comes in and have an interesting talk. Over to Oakland to see Dr. Newcomb, who gives me several new species. Back, taking dinner with him and spend the evening at Stearns. Back to vessel late, and write to Baird.

[preprinted]SUNDAY 17

Morning, move some of my traps down to the ward room and go to church with Glover, Mr. Ames preaching. After church go up to Stearns' and work over the shells for a little while. Go out to Mrs. Bridges' with
him, talk with her + return to Stearns to dine. Read him my letter to Baird
which he approves of. Evening, Go round to the South park, they are all
better at the Consuls. On board early, write up mems. Copy Bairds letter
and write a short note to Mother.

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Monday, December 18, 1865

Morning. Write out with care the accounts of the Slop chest for Chappell, with Black. Spend most of the morning and part of the afternoon at it and get it finally finished. Go up town, call at the Captains but find all out. Go to the office leave a/c with Chappell, get shells, bundles, + books go into Stearns office, who is sorting a large quantity of Monterey shells and back to dinner. Evening to the Acad. meeting, am elected resident member, and appointed on committee to draft resolutions in regard to the death of Dr B. Present by title, a memorial article on him.

Tuesday 19

Morning after breakfast, set to work and make a lot of paper tubes to stow shells away in. After lunch go up town with Mr. Black, stop at the Captains house. He will probably come aboard to live. Conlin left by this steamer, Dr. Fisher and Smith by the next probably. Go to the office get boots and go in to Stearns office who is sorting over a lot of Monterey shells. Back to dinner, and work at shells till evening when I go up town to Mrs. de Ros, where I meet Miss Nettie Ritchie + Chas. de Ro, and Mrs. Ladd. Back to vessel + work on shells.

Wednesday 20

Morning. In the morning get some paint and paint the chest in which the scientific material is stowed. Clean myself up afterward. Deliver the mem. of the land forces' a/c to Capt. Scammon, go up to the office with him. Go and call on Dr. Kellogg, with Leborn. Up to the Geological Survey rooms, meet Cooper, talk + lunch with him. See Stearns arrange for a talk over Ac. matters with Bolander, Hubbard and Kellogg tomorrow night. Back to dinner and in the evening go up to eleventh street, call on Mrs Bridges + get materials for memorial.

Thursday, December 21, 1865

Morning walk up town with Everett Smith, Go into Stearns office and mount a number of specimens of Monterey shells on cards for identification and reference. Go down to old Robison and get some rare shells. lunch with Stearns; Survey Rooms closed, up to his office. Tell Col. Bulkley about Bridges' plants. down to the Survey Rooms, with Dr. Cooper identify the mounted shells and obtain a lot of Cala. shells from him. Back to vessel, get lamp and call on the Captain by the way. Evening at Stearns office, with Prof. Whitney, Stearns and Bolander discuss Academy affairs and election of officers.

Friday 22

Morning. Get bones of fur seal out of the barrel and put into a bag for transportation. Capt. S. comes down and speak to him about hasps and padlocks for chest. Go out to Mrs. Bridges' and work over the chilian and Bolivian plants, finding most of them in good condition. Take lunch there and come down about three to town. Get top for lamp and go aboard. After dinner write and put things in order and go up town with Black, leave card at Miss Coates, and call at the Consuls where Olga is finally down again after her painful illness, as pretty as ever. Back to ship at ten.

Saturday 23

Morning. Look to packing of shells +c for transportation, about ten start up town and go out to Mrs. Bridges' and look over the rest of the plants. Stay to lunch and go down town looking for button covers books +c. Every thing is gay and the preparations for Christmas are very
numerous. Go down to dinner on board and work on shells till seven
when I brush up and goup to Stearns' with a box of un-named shells. to
identify. Remain all night there
[Preprinted] SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1865 [preprinted]

Morning sleep late and spend all the morning and most of the day going over Stearns’ collection with him taking out many duplicates. He is a very generous fellow and a regular trump. Day wet rainy and disagreeable. After dinner at shells again and about seven o clock go over to Capt. Noyes and spend the evening. Captain, his daughter and son [Wen.] were there. Mrs. Noyes has been quite ill for a long time. Back to the ship about eleven and write up notes, memoranda etc. Queer mess Wendte has made about Hepworths coming out here.

[Preprinted] MONDAY 25 [preprinted]

Christmas Day. Go up to town in the morning and get some button rings. Spend some time searching for my shoulderstraps which have mysteriously disappeared and after looking through my things from top to bottom find no trace of them. Write a long letter home about Kamchatka. Captain and Mrs. Scammon come down in the afternoon, also Captain Marston and Miss Plummer. Evening go up to Counsel Klinkofstroms and spend the evening. They have a Christmas tree and Olga and Jeannie give me a pretty scarfpin. Meet Russie and Mr and Mrs Stahl and Doctor Polinski. Back at eleven.

[Preprinted] TUESDAY 26 [preprinted]

Morning down with Field stopping with Black at the Tailors and Alta office. Stop at Hubbards, out as usual. Get a cart and go out to Mrs. Bridges and get the plants which take to the ship and carpenter sets to work on the box. Take the keg to Hubbards, up to the office and round to Stearns. Go to lunch and Henry Payots with him. Go to town and Bacon and Bosquis after paper. Up to Daylings (out) see Dr. Kellogg, H. Pierce and up to the Survey Rooms where I meet Cooper who gives me some good shells. Evening round to Hubbards.

[Preprinted] WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1865 [preprinted]

Morning. Get all the boxes as far as possible boxed up. Find keg leaky, and have new bottom to put into it. Get in all five boxes and kegs. One of Bridges plants, two of tusks and bones. One keg of my own collections and one of Hubbards. After lunch go down to Dr. Ayres and Glover, then up to Cos. office, then into Stearns office, down to Hubbards, pack up his fish for the steamer and down to dinner on board. Read papers and in the evening leave card at Lows and go to R. Stearns.

[Preprinted] THURSDAY 28 [preprinted]

Morning. Close boxes etc and with two men take the dingy and row to the P Mail S.S.Cos wharf where after some delay I deliver to [Meller?] the three boxes and one keg containing the remainder of our specimens. Go down town, step into office, down to Hubbards (out) Evans of Alta (out) Survey rooms, get a glass for aquarium. See Stearns, Swain etc. Up to Capt. Noyes to get bundle, aboard with it, to dinner and in evening call on Mrs. de Ro (girls out) walking up with Glover. Play chess with Jessie and Charlie & whist.
FRIDAY 29

Morning, a beautiful day; the last few days have been delicious but unhealthy. I have the worst cold I have had for a year. Stay quietly onboard and write up memorial of Bridges and resolutions required for the next meeting of the Academy. Afternoon, go downtown, call at the office, leave Col. Bulley's book at the desk of the Occidental. Leave sketchbook with Whymper, down to Survey office, see Gove about Petropavlofsk work on shells, in evening down with Black to Capts.
Saturday, December 30, 1865

Morning, remain aboard till Captain Scammon comes down. Go up with him to the office. Report collections all shipped; to the Colonel. Go down to Tel. Office and send Cols telegram. "Three boxes and two kegs shipped by steamer today. Balance of collections." Go to Jackson Street Wharf. Capt. Scammon comes down and we see Higgins who says that there will be no difficulty in getting to Monterey, without much expense. Go over and see Dr. Newcomb, who gives me many shells. In evening, back and call at Bolander's going down.

Sunday 31

Morning, After breakfast dress and go up to Starr King's church where Mr. Stebbins gives a fair sermon on the Character of Ecclesiastes. Go up to Stearns' after (to dinner) church and look up Bullina etc. in connection with the Lomatellid shell he has from Monterey. After dining with him, go down to the consuls where I take tea and pass a pleasant evening. Miss de Ro comes in, in the course of the evening. My shells are getting to fill up my stateroom tremendously. Since our arrival here I have dispatched our collections to Washington. Started in with Stearns and the others, to wake up the Cala. Acad. from its azoic state; written a memorial of Dr. Thos. Bridges. Collected some 500 species shells. Made preparations to work up the California mollusks at the Survey Rooms, obtain bridges' collection of Chilian plants for the Smithsonian.

The year is ended. It has been a successful and eventful one for me. Another may be less of either or both. I shall continue my present philosophy of minding my own biz. and pinning my faith on nobody's mantle. So exit 1865 ----

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F. Langford. 6 Decatur St. Boston.
P. A. Lapham. L.L.D. Milwaukee, Wis.
Miss Anne Newman, 9 Ashburton Place, Boston.
L. Wesson, 585. Hear Av. or Hubbard and Steencken, Pt. or Pr.
Charles Carrel. 131 Pearl St. Bursley V. King.
L. Merriam. 45. Dwight St. Boston.
Alpheus Hyatt, Gorham, Mem Care Boston Soc. Nat. His.
Rev. E. C. Bolles, Portland, Me.
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F. S. Langford. Smiths Plantation, Beaufort, S.C.
Col. G. W. Foster, S.E. Cor. 12th St. Chicago, Ills.
A. N. Worthing, Springfield, Ills.
S. S. Greeley, 88. Dearborn St. Care Rees & Hyres.
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Wm A Nason, Chicago Acad. of Sci. Chicago, Ills.
Dr. Edmund Andrews, Chicago, Ills.
Wm Lyon, Chicago, Illinois.
L. L. Shaxter, Care Codman & Shurtlef, Boston Mass.
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H. Bolander, 60. Second Street, San Francisco. Cal.
Charles Wenote, Bank of Cala. " " " " [ditto for: San Francisco. Cal.]" 
Capt Amos Noves, Guy Place " " " " [ditto for: San Francisco. Cal.]"
Rev. Horatio Stebbins, 930 Clay Street " " " [ditto for: San Francisco. Cal.]
Mr Lugevil, Sitka, Russian American Possessions
Mr. Klinkofström Russian V. Consul San Francisco. Cal.

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On the 16th of July, 1864, I was engaged by Col. J.W. Foster, of Chicago, to accompany him as his assistant, to Lake Superior, on behalf of the Iron Cliff Co. with a pledge of one years employment. I left to accept this position a situation in the Land Office of the Illinois Central R.R. where I held the confidence, I believe, of both my companions, and my employers. I took this step at the advice of Col. F. & Mr. E.H. Sheldon, a shareholder & brother in law of the most heavily interested man Mr. Tilden viz Wm. B. Ogden. They assured me of permanent employment, at a reasonable rate of compensation. I went by Str. Planet to Marquette arriving July 20. and was with Col. F. in camp all summer, and I believe fulfilled my duties, as clerk, paymaster, explorer, timekeeper, and geological assistant, to his satisfaction. Messrs Tilden, Ogden Dunlap &c came to examine our work, about Sept. 16. Without any request, Mr. Ogden, and Mr. Tilden proposed to me to return (contrary to my previous plan) to Chicago, and work up the analyses of the ores. They also spoke well of my work and assured me of permanent employment if I did my duty and stuck by the Company. I returned with Col. F. about Oct. 3rd & all preparations were made, except a few minor details, to go on with the assays, when he started for New York, Nov 5th or thereabouts. Delays occurred till nearly the first of Dec. when I rec'd a letter from Col. F. saying that Mr. Tilden had contracted with Dr. Draper of New York, to do the work which had been promised me; and that on being asked the reasons for this change he replied "This Company is not an eleemosynary institution for the education of young men." Thenceforth to Feb. 1st I was busily employed in assisting Col. F. to draw up his elaborate Report on the Summers work and the accompanying sections maps &c. I was then informed by him that he should soon have no further work for me, and that he had not been informed that any had been provided for me elsewhere. About six of the twelve months for which employment was pledged me had passed. I then wrote to Mr. Ogden laying these facts before him and await his answer.

Feb 8. Settle with the Company through Col. Foster to Feb. 6 at $65.00 a month, and pay him $8.00 for board per week.
Feb 17. Write Bob to this effect. If I go I cannot save enough to support myself while working up, any part of the collections scientifically after my return. If I remain in the service of the Telegraph Co. I cannot do any scientific work. If you will show me the way in which I can earn a bare support (all I ask) and still do valuable scientific work, (for, say, five years,) I will go. If nothing turns up here, of any value, I will go. But otherwise I do not think I am called upon to do it. Should not desire to go as a mere collector & taxidermist, or as a mere employee of the Telegraph Co at $30 a month without a chance to do some scientific work on returning Mar. 4. The lead men not coming to time, I decide to go with Bob. Mother agreeing. Mar. 8. Leave Chicago for New York. Mar. 21. Leave New York for San Francisco Mar. 31. Arrive at Greytown. April 12. Leave San Juan del Sur for San Francisco. April 25. Arrive in San Francisco. Kept waiting with vexatious delays and many annoyances for nearly two & a half months. Leave San Francisco on the twelfth of July, on bark Golden Gate. Am appointed Acting Surgeon. Sail 14th of July from Drakes Bay for Sitka, leaving our consort the Geo. S. Wright to steam to Victoria with Col. Bulkley & Kennicott direct. Arrive at Sitka
after a prosperous voyage & find the Steamer there. August 9th of that
day am ordered to duty as ship surgeon of the Gate. 19th. resign to Dr.
Fisher and am ordered on duty as storekeeper of the clothing
department. 22nd Leave Sitka in company with the Wright for the
St. Michaels. Norton Sound. See Kennicott under way but not
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off and leave for Plover Bay to meet the steamer, on Sept 7. Arrive at Plover Bay Sept. 25. Steamer sails Sept. 27. Leave Sept. 29. Arrive at Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka Oct 15th. Steamer arrives Oct. 20. and leaves Oct. 31. We leave November 3rd. I having shifted my quarters to the cabin. Reach San Francisco, after a heavy gale on the 30th the Wright arriving the same day, earlier, badly damaged in the same gale. Send off our collections to Washington. Secure the Chilian plants of the late Dr. Bridges, for the Smithsonian, write a memorial for the Cala. Academy of [strikethrough] or [strikethrough] him. Add largely to my own collections. Make preparations to work at the Survey Rooms. Start in to help up the Cala. Academy, to a state of usefulness.

So ends the chapter for 1865. An eventful and successful year for me. With strength, opportunity and the help of God. I will be way ahead next year of my present position.

Telegraphed Baird
Dec. 1.
Kennicott & his party including Pease and Bannister were left at St. Michaels. Norton Sound Sept. 17. All well. The seasons work is successful though small. I take charge in his absence. Let them know at home of our safe arrival. Particulars by mail.

Dec. 6.
Shipped today five boxes for the steamer of the ninth how many have already arrived?

Dall has secured Dr. Bridges collections of South American plants. They will be shipped by the next steamer.

Three boxes and two kegs shipped by todays steamer. Balance of collections.

Letters to Baird
Nov. 11. full account of every thing up to arrival in San Francisco, inclosing copy of Report. Ltr. of 9th Dec.

Dec. 16. News and enquires as to destination of my shell collections (see extract.) Overland.

Dec. 22. News and particulars of Bridges plants by ltr of 30th.

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MEMORANDA

Storage No. of my books at S.I. Washington D.C. is 1921.

Friends in Frisco.
- Mrs. Capt. Amos Noyes, Guy Place.
- Miss Bowlene, e.g. Bullene. Mission St.
- Rev. Mr. Stebbins, 730 Relay St.
- R.E.C. Stearns, Dr. Wm Newcomb, Oakland.
- Dr. W.O. Ayres, Howard St.
- Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Capt. Amos Noyes, Guy Place.
- Miss Bowline, e.g. Bullene. Mission St.
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- May 23 Paid for alcohol [IP] 1.00
- May 27 Paid for boat to Palmetto [IP] 1.00
- May 27 Paid to segarboxes, 1 doz. [IP] .75
- May 29 Paid for alcohol. [IP] 1.00
- June 2 Paid for cards [IP] 2.50
- June 2 Paid for alcohol [IP] 1.00
- June 16 Paid for R. Kennicott [IP] 2.75

Paid up in full & settled per private a/c
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**Less 3 mos.:** $90.00

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<td>7 Paid Denison for Mattrass.</td>
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<td>9 Rec'd of Chappel on a/c</td>
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<td>11 * on bills paid</td>
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<td>12 Paid for blankets, (one pair brown)</td>
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<td>13 Van Tassells bill (of mil.)</td>
<td>21.00</td>
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<td>14 for towels.</td>
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<td>15 for spectacles, &amp; reps.</td>
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<tr>
<td>16 socks. (six pr. woolen.)</td>
<td>3.00</td>
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<td>17 two boxes blacking.</td>
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<td>19 Rec'd on Scientific a/c</td>
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<td>20 Paid * Pill boxes etc.</td>
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<td>for &quot; &quot; &amp; potash</td>
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<td>for test tubes, glass &amp;c.</td>
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<td>cigar boxes (5 doz at 50¢)</td>
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<td>sundry articles</td>
<td>.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dr. N.J. Paine, for dentistry, cash</td>
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<td>by note</td>
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<td>gloves</td>
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<td>Rec'd of Capt. Scammon</td>
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<td>Pay for medicines</td>
<td>5.25</td>
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<td>scales</td>
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<td>Kennicutt to expend for me at Victoria</td>
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Total Rec'd: $197.25
Total Expended: $190.40
On hand: $3.00
### CASH ACCOUNT. AUGUST.

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<td>Aug. 1.</td>
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<td>$3.00</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>Lent Alex. Harder.</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>Bought three shirts of Harder.</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>on hand.</td>
<td>$.50</td>
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<td>19</td>
<td>Sold matches to Arnold.</td>
<td>1.50</td>
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<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>Bot clams of an Indian.</td>
<td>.25</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Total recd</td>
<td>$4.50</td>
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<td></td>
<td>On hand.</td>
<td>$1.75</td>
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### CASH ACCOUNT. SEPTEMBER.

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<td>Oct. 28.</td>
<td>Expenses to Avatcha &amp; back</td>
<td>4.20</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td>Total recd</td>
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<td>On hand.</td>
<td>$3.10</td>
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### CASH ACCOUNT. OCTOBER.

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<td>31</td>
<td>On hand to carry.</td>
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### CASH ACCOUNT. NOVEMBER.

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<td>5</td>
<td>On hand</td>
<td>$3.10 over</td>
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Dec. 14 | On hand. | $17.55 |
15. | For repairs to insignia | $6.50
" | ] [dittos for: 15. For] books. | $4.00
" | [dittos for: 15. For] ticket to Lincoln School Ex | $0.50
16. | Fare to Oakland & back | $0.50
20. | Pillboxes (wooden 4 oz. 1/2 gross) | $1.40
21. | Cottonwool | $0.30
" | [dittos for: 21.] Borrowed of Stearns. | $0.25
" | [dittos for: 21.] Paid for Tellina cumingii, &c | $0.25
23. | Book for Mary Stearns. | $0.50
24 | Button rings | $0.50
26 | Lunch. & Stearns. | $0.65
27 | Key. | $0.15
28 | Dental instruments | $0.30
28 | Glass globe for aquarium | $1.00
30 | Fare & expenses to Oakland | $0.75

| Totals | $17.80 | $17.80 |

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### Cash Account

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<td>1</td>
<td>$3.10</td>
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<td>Borrowed of Stearns.</td>
<td>20.00</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Paid for coat.</td>
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<td>Paid for new boots.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; repairs to old ones.</td>
<td>.75</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; Hair cutting</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; new watch crystal.</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; dinner.</td>
<td>.75</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; Diary.</td>
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<td>&quot;Lent Wright&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; Black for Derringer.</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; Chappel.</td>
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<td>Rec’d of Wright</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>&quot;[ditto for: Rec’d]&quot; W. N. T. Co, to Dec.1.</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>Paid for binding new Diary</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; overcoat.</td>
<td>15.00</td>
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<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; purse.</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; eider.</td>
<td>.50</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>&quot;[ditto for: Paid]&quot; flowers.</td>
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**Totals** | $146.60 | $129.05 |

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### Bills Payable

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Letters Received
14. L. H. Seudder

In all 9.

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BILLS PAYABLE (struckthrough) FEBRUARY (preprinted)


RECEIVABLE (preprinted)

In all 20. Since Jan 13. 29.

MARCH (preprinted)


RECEIVABLE (preprinted)

2. S.H. Scudder, and mother. 4. Allie Cleve- 6. land, and an estray the second in a few days, one to Wm. H. Doll. The other to Wm. H. Dale and 7th another to W.N. Dole. 11. Mother. Thomas Newell 11. Allie Cleveland. 12. Mother and Uncle William. encl. $50.00 L.L. Shaxter. 13 Sadie 14 Aunt 14 Henrietta Bailliere Bros. 17. Mother (superscript)3 (superscript)
Grandma 17 Healey Aunt Marian Aunt Fannie Uncle William (superscript)2 (superscript)
Sadie 18 Mother 19 Mother 22 (superscript) in all 24. Since Jan. 13. 53.
Letters written April

18 Mother & Sadie Father E.W. Blatchford
19 Mrs Kennicott
27 Mother, Grandma Dall, Mr Collyer
31 S.S. Greeley

In all 9.
Since Jan 13. 88.

Recd none
Since Jan 13. 53.

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Cash a/c transferred, June.

June Amts brought forward $44.65 $34 95
27 Recd of R. Kennicott 8.00
  Paid for repairing boots 2.50
28 Fare to Oakland .25
29 Leash .10
30 Paid for Carpenter on Microscope 4.50
  " " Chessmen checkers 1.50
--- $52.65 $43.80
43.80
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on hand- $8.85

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Letters taken in charge from St. Michaels to Frisco
Dr Bannister. Miss Adams°. Mrs. Denison° & daughter° Mrs. Kennicott.
Geo. C. Walker. Prof. S. F. Baird. Miss Klinkofström°. Consul
13. -

° Delivered in Person at San Francisco.

5 Sent by Bark Behring, Capt Lane to San Francisco. Oct. 20. from
Petropavlovsk in advance of ourselves.

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[[preprinted]] BILLS PAYABLE, [[strikethrough]]
[[/strikethrough]]
[[/preprinted]] Letters written. [[preprinted]] MAY.

DATE. NAME. DOLLS. CTS. [[/preprinted]]

2 F.L. Langford, Mrs. Jno. A. Kennicott.
4 Dr. Thos. M. Brewer.
14 Sadie. 18. Scudder, Mother (encl phot.) 19. Sadie
23 Sadie (incl ph.) Prof Baird, Putnam, Scudder & Thaxter
Chas. Carret.

In all 15.
Since Jan 13. 68. 103.

[[preprinted]] RECEIVABLE [[/preprinted]]
2 Ellen M. Wilde. Jno. G. Anthony. Mrs Kennicott
13 Father encl. from Mother. 19. Miss Merriam.

In all five.
Since Jan 13. 58
[[line across page]]
Delivered to R.K.
Sept 16 Indian goods to the amount of $22.00
Rifle
6.00
Bullet mould. & cap cover (1.00) 1.25
Cash [[strikethrough]] Re [[/strikethrough]] 20.25
Rec'd
Sept. 16. Cash
4.80
Indian goods to the amount of 25.76
[[line across page]] $49.50 $30.56
[[line across page]]
Due me $18.94

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BILLS PAYABLE JUNE.

3 Miss Merriam, F. Langford, Temple Prime, Mrs. G.A.P.,
Healy, Mrs. Ino, A. Kennicott, Sadie. (Photos.)
13 Sadie & photo. 16, Thos. Newell. 29, Grandma Healey
29 Grandma Dall, Mother.
  Total. 11.
  Since Jan 13. 114.

BILLS PAYABLE JULY.

2 Ellen M. Wilde. 5, Mother. 9, Sadie, Aunt Marian
9 Wm. A. Nason. 13, Mother. Miss Klinkofstrom.
  In all seven.
  Written since Jan. 13. 121.
  Rec'd none. Since Jan 13. 66.
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<td>M. Klinkofotrom, Mother &amp; Sadie</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>Prof. S.F. Baird</td>
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<td>Mother + Sadie. 19. Father. 21. Miss Langford.</td>
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<td>21</td>
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Letters written --

Nov. 11. Prof. Henry: Prof. Baird, 12. Prof. Torrey
14 Miss Anne Newman: 22. J.T. Scammon
24 Ed. D. Cope. Alex Agassiz. 25 Henry Ulke --
26 L.L. Greeley, 27. Mrs. Coburn. Mrs. G.P.A. Healy
27 Mother + Sadie. 24th Prof. H. Bannister D.D.

Dec. 7 Mother. Miss Merriam. 10. Mother (paper.)
16 Prof. S.F. Baird. 18 Mother. 22. W.C. Clifford.
22 Prof. S.F. Baird. H.W. Elliott. 25.Mother + Sadie

Written, 32. " " " 182.

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Posted in San Francisco. Dec. 6. for str. of 9th

12.25
1 Geo. C. Walker. Oct. 2. 11.) (one for Bischoff.)

Dec 2. Mrs. KennicottNov. 9. C apt Scammon City. Father Sep 8
22

Frazer River party to meet the[u]Yukon party, composed of
Frank Pope, J.T. Rothrock. Ralph Pope. G. Frost
Leoville, Birney, Maynard, Butler, Bannister
Elliott, Yates, Field,

Bannister sent back as unfit; Field, Frost
Maynard back out. Elliott comes back
All finally discharged except Pope, Rothrock +
Yates who winter at Tatala Lake

Kamchatka Party[u]
Major S. Abasa: Jas. A. Mahood. Geo. Kennan
Richard J. Bush, Mr. Dodd, (the last added at Petropavlovsk.)

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It is very pleasant here at sea, with the vessel going smoothly before the wind, heading for Sitka with yards squared and wheel easy. Sitting in the cozy low cabin on the lounge, with the little stove puffing its generous air about, with the little round table, just in front, and Grant, Sherman, Lincoln, Johnson, and the Shubrick, looking down at us, from black walnut frames, made by sailors out of an old table leg; with the red curtains hiding the black ports behind us and the waste of waters outside faintly plashing about the stem post, the rudder giving now and then and plaintive creak, as of a secret longing after some placid harbor. The captain bends for ward and looks up at the restless binnacle, and speaks up to the faithful quartermaster outside in the chilly night air and says "Howmany Knots Quartermaster"? "Five and a half, steady, Sir"; "All right. Keep her full." and we fall a talking a gain. Now it is of the whales and whaling; the strange sights one sees a whaling, the whales scientifically considered, and in fact stripping all that is valuable from the subject, whether blubber or bone. Now it is of dear old Boston and the good ship "Leonore" and of the China Trade and the African Trade, and James Deshon, the Avola, the Candace, the Lylph and her last hard voyage, the Marshall, and
her pleasant little master from Medford, of Medford girls and ships; and of poor Jack and his vices and virtues, and of seabirds, Jewlets among the feathered tribes, of Mother Carey and Davy Jones and their chickens and lockers; of the floating crabs and pteropods and barnacles, pelagians, and wanderers. And of the family and old farm in the seaboard of the Granite State, of the old father making name and fame in the pinetree State and the boys all doing well, and now honorable and respected men in their several stations; of the family romance; what family has not its romance? with the tearful interest of life and reality in it, of courtship and marriage of true women and fickle flirts, of the girl I left behind me; of home, of science, of disinterested love work for Natural History, of generosity, daring, truth, in fire of Youth. Four bells and I bid the Captain good night and pleasant dreams, and with my guiding bug on my cap, for it is Sunday and muster and duff day; make the rest of my way down into the wardroom our sea parlor and to be my home, probably, for many months. Here is Ananias, the destroyer of duff and hash who on another night would be playing seven up; discussing old times in Washington and Frisco; the marine secretary, polite, witty

and small, with a weakness for puns, and gin and sugar. Father Jack Bunsby with his horsehair beard, perusing something that looks very much unlike a prayerbook: the gentlemanly adjutant discussing the latest army news, now alas! Three weeks old and likely to be older: Aristophanes discussing the ceremonies of the Greek Church with an elevation of upper lip that sets off his feeble mustache and imperial. The young man who has been a whaling and didn't get the porpoise the other day, relating some of his exploits (with the long bow?); Collyris the Quartermaster, pegging away at his writing. Ananias's "old woman", fatigued with the labors of the muster and supporting his dignity, is starting for his bunk. Our healthy little executive officer is looking on for a moment snatched from his many labors; Petropovolowsky is reading "The peanut womans secret or the apple womans revenge," in yellow covers with a likeness of a ten cent piece there on. Last but not least the Scientific cuss is posting up his log, or scratching his head over the mysteries of the ragged language of Russia, or building castles in the undiscovered country where naturalists are kings, and a new species to be got for the grabbing. Such is life on the ocean wave and our home on the rolling deep!

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Names of persons to be written to, with details of the SCI work vs. the Tel Co.

Prof. Baird, Dr. Torrey, Geo. C. Walker. Names of those to be written to, on the Natural History work.


Bring to bear on B. recommendations of my capacity to pick an outfit. Alcohol.

Prof. Bannister. K. displeased at H's obstinacy and whims but is now OK. (written)

Mrs. I. A. K. Cheerful account of things in general.


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A true copy from the original

Wit. W.H. Dall. (Sir. Geo. S. Wright)

At Sea. Oct. 8th 1865 (St. Michaels. Sept. 8th 1865.)

Dear Sir,

You are assigned to duty, as chief of Explorations in R. Am.


Michel LeBarge! Lewis F. Green. Andrew Gronberg! Jay Chappel. O. de Bendeleben!

Richard Cotter! (13) Of this party you are chief in command and will assign to each his respective rank and duty. Major Pope and party or any part thereof will report to you for duty while in your division. At this place supplies will be left, in charge of Storekeeper Jas. M. Bean, from whom you will draw, giving him receipts for the same. The object of your explorations is to explore the Kwichpak River, prove whether it is the Yukon, and determine how far we can use it for our purposes. The map accompanying this has the shortest line traces for our purposes, and it is desirable to keep as near this as the topography of the country will admit and to this end your explorations will be directed. You will treat with the Indian tribes for labor and supplies and pursue a course that will render them useful in a further prosecution of our work and you are authorized to employ such persons as you may deem expedient for purposes of exploration, construction, and repairs. I enclose with this, orders to Maj. Pope; failure on his part will not interfere with vigorous action on yours. In case of his failure, a winter party should be pushed through Babine Lake if possible, and communications sent to any + all parts of the coast. Your judgement and discretion must guide as facts unfold and the unknown region you visit becomes familiar. As already in our experience the clouds that were so threatening in the distance dissolved into this mist on near approach, so I feel certain you will encounter no serious obstacle and that success will attend your patient persevering effort. Resp'y. C.S.B Maj. Robt. Kennicott Chf Ex. R. Am
Mr. Fredk, Whymper, Artist, W.U.T. Ex. 3 Lots comprising 3 spec & 10 individ.
Richard Cotter, W.U.T. Ex. 2.
Capt. Fish, Brig Victoria S.J. 1.
Mr. Tripp. Mate 1.
Chas. Fronefield, Petropavlovsk, 2.
J. C. Gove 1.
H. Bolander 2.
Total rec'd outside of Sci. Corps. 60.

Collected before leaving San Francisco 5305 individuals of 349 species, do after do, 5160 individuals of 451 species. The opportunities for collecting at Sitka were 6 days, at Ounga 1 1/2 at St. Michaels 1, at Plover Bay 2 1/2 and Petropavlovsk 8; in all 19 days; making an average of 272 species of 21 species collected per day. Beside these there were collected by Mr. Kennicott at Victoria a very large number of specimens, which he forwarded without preserving a record; and a large number of specimens undoubtedly collected by Ferdinand Bischoff, at Sitka after our departure. The same may be hoped of Bannister at St. Michaels. Also it may reasonably be supposed, that the gentlemen at Victoria and elsewhere, who professed themselves willing to add to our collections, have succeeded in obtaining specimens, sooner or later to be rec'd from them. The Telegraph work and the Scientific work notwithstanding the lateness of the season at starting, have been crowned with evident success; and it cannot be doubted that the sagacious mind which combined and fostered these enterprises, will carry them steadily on to a glorious and speedy consummation.

I remain very respectfully
Wm H. Dall
Acting Director, Sci. Corps

Col. Chas. I. Bulkley
[signature]

Special Notes

No. I. Ounga Island. This spot possesses a peculiar interest in an economical point of view, on account of the beds of lignite of good quality which are exposed there.
These beds are in layers of from one to eleven inches in thickness, separated by thin layers of fossiliferous shale. They are capped with shales and sandstones which where exposed are of a loose and crumbling character. They have a slight dip to the N.W.

From the fossils found here, the rocks were referred by Mr Bannister and myself to the Cretaceous formation and are at least in all probability, later than Jurassic. These beds could readily be worked at a moderate expense, and if the fuel be of a satisfactory quality as I should judge much of it is, it might effect a considerable saving to the Company. The excavations would for some distance at least require to be roofed on account of the crumbling character of the superincumbent rock, and if the extracted fuel would...
have to remain long on the ground, it would be necessary to afford it some rough protection from the weather. The dip is on the wrong slope for natural drainage, but it would probably be some years before that would be of importance enough to require attention and it could then be easily remedied. Estimates can readily be furnished to show the force and expense required to work these beds to advantage. The scientific interests of this beautiful spot are very great, not only on account of its geographical position but because it affords a good collecting ground in every branch.

No. 2. Alcohol. It is respectfully recommended, that in case of purchasing alcohol for scientific or other uses it be procured in this (at the same cost.) as the loss by evaporation of this valuable article, when kept in the wood, as this season; is very great.

No. III. The snow shoes in use among the Kamchadales are of the Norwegian pattern, and the following dimensions. Length 5 feet four inches, width six inches, curve 11 inches, deflection three inches. Made of tough wood impossible to split, shaved thin and covered with dried seal skin with the fair on, fastened with flour paste and a few tacks at toe and heel. The sledge or Narka Tolat width 21 inches. runner 3 in wide, 9 feet long 16 in high Seat 8 in high, hoop 32 in. in the arch. Made of hard wood entirely without nails and lashed with raw hide.

[extract from letter of Dec. 16. to Prof. Baird.]

I see in a letter from Stimpson to R.K. which was here when we arrived; and which I opened according to K.'s directions; an observation to the effect that he was soon going to Washington and should endeavor to procure the academy's share of the collections already made by us on the Expedition. Now it seems self evident to me that the collections of every kind, particularly the alcoholic ones, should be left positively untouched and undisturbed till our work is completed. If this is not done the unity and value of the observations and collections and notes, will be greatly and irreparably impaired, and any publications made on these disturbed materials must necessarily be incomplete and unsatisfactory. Another matter chimes in with this which I shall mention for the first and only time. Since my arrival here, it has been said to me by several persons knowing the management of the Institution "Your collections of Mollusks will be sent of course to Carpenter." Now my ideas with regard to this disposition of this part of the collections are as follows: It was a tacit understanding between Mr.
Kennicott and myself, and has been so expressed by him to many persons, that I should have; in completing the work as far as may be; the right to work up that part of the collections, including the description and determination of species which might be undescribed, and the right to a set of the specimens after the Smithsonian and Chicago cabinets had been supplied. There was of course, no written or other agreement, other than this understanding.

Now I am willing to work early and late for the advancement of Natural History, and to give up, the undeniable right, which this bodily labor entails, with regard to the shells, in favor of Carpenter or any other competent naturalist [underlined] provided [underlined] it is clearly shown to me that it is for the benefit of science in any reasonable way. But with regard to it, beyond the facts in my note and the examination of the specimens collected in person by me, both of which you will shortly possess, there is not likely to be any information which might be embodied in a rehash of any ones working up my results; in fact the credit, which I feel to be justly due me, on account of hardships and exposure incurred in the field; can only be received by one person.- the first describer of the collections. I do not think that

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in saying that- in saying this much I have been selfish and egoistical. If practicable, I would be willing to devote five or ten years of hard work to the mollusca of the west coast, north of Puget Sound; to produce work, not like the loose descriptions of Mr. Carpenter of shells which he has never seen alive or collected in person; but work like Stimpson's on the East Coast Mollusks, going into every detail of every species, Thoroughly and well.

Do not suppose that I undervalue Mr Carpenter's work, his mistakes are the inevitable consequence of describing from specimens only. Every west coast Conchologist will sustain me in this opinion. His work when completed will be of immense value, as the mistakes are those which may be corrected by any field observer, and all the rest is what is inaccessible to most of them indeed to all on this coast. I do not wish to make half way work but would devote my time and strength in making the proper investigations for a thorough review of the mollusca of the Pacific North of Puget Sound. But if you consider it as incompatible with the interests of Natural History. I repeat

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I will readily give up my right and title to the results, and endeavor to work as earnestly for Carpenter, or any other, as if I was to receive the reward of my exertions.

It may be that this is all unnecessary and that your views are in correspondence with mine. In any case I will abide by your decision, and only desire the thing to be definitely settled as soon as possible.
Calls made in Frisco.
Winter.
Miss De Ro. Dec. 1, 12, 19, 28.
Mrs. Stebbins. Dec. 11.
Mrs. Taylor.
Mrs. Denison, Dec. 1, 14.
Mrs. Lewis.
Dr. Ayres. Dec. 2, 27.
Dr. Newcomb. Dec. 16, 30.
Sam'l Hubbard. Dec. 6, 26.
C. C. Low. Dec. 3, 10, 27. x
Mr. Bacon.
Mr. Ames, Dec. 3, 10, 27. x
Mr. Bolander. Dec. 14, 30
We're Bound to Go.
(Tune of Homeward Bound) R.J. Bush

Off toward the North with its mountains of snow
We're bound to go - bound to go!
Though the waves & billows roar
We're bound to go - bound to go!
We heed not the cold nor the arctic icy wall,
We dread not the bear, nor the "Rory boreal",
Then bundle on furs boys & let your whiskers grow,
We're bound to go - bound to go!

[[line]]
Our band is young & brave with a hero at its head, &c
To girdle round the world with electric wire thread, &c
Tho' we lack the wings of Puck & others of his race
Who would girdle round the world in a 40 minute space
But with stubborn steady work we accomplish it we know!
Lo were bound to go - bound to go!

[[line]]
There are many lofty mountains, & craggy peaks to pass, &c
With wild & raging torrents as well as deep morass, &c
But when old rigid winter with his icy grasp
Shall forest lake & river, as [[insert]] as well as [[insert]] people - clasp
Then perhaps we'll think of home, but whether so or no,
We're bound to go, boys - bound to go!

[[line]]
High amid the icy peaks our merry songs shall ring, &c
Of home friends & memories, our distant band shall sing, &c

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Through dangers & hardships we'll force our weary way.  
We stretch a chain from land to land across old Behrings Bay,  
Then clear the way ye Polar Bears, ye monarchs of the snow  
For we are bound to go, boys - bound to go.

[line]

Farewell to feather beds, as well as cake & pie, &c.  
Farewell to every thing that we'll miss by & by, &c  
Walrus meat is very good, I've often heard it said  
When stewed upon a piece of ice & spread upon your bread,  
But when our wire is firmly laid, our story you will know  
Till then we're bound to go - bound to go -

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