

refreshing breeze, but I could not enjoy it, for my thoughts were in New Bedford, with those I left behind, and I felt pretty homesick - day finally dawned but I had no sleep.

June 17. In the morning we found ourselves on the edge of the Gulf Stream, the weather was calm and pleasant and all things orderly on board. Two men were sent at the mastheads to look out for whales, one on the foremast and the other on the mainmast. Every one has his turn at the masthead, and the watch up there lasts two hours. The rest of us were employed in getting the boats ready for action and prepared to catch any whale that might come in sight. At noon an observation was taken, and we found ourselves in the latitude of Sandy Hook Light, St. George's Shoals, bearing North east. We were pretty busy all day and every one seemed to work with good will and all appeared in fine spirits. The weather towards evening was calm and refreshing, the moon rose in all its splendour, and we had another beautiful night on the ocean. When every thing is quiet on board ship at night, the stars shining &c. there is much to make a person thoughtful, and I felt so indeed, my thoughts were on anything but a pleasant subject, but they did me much good. I thought of my past conduct, on the contrary I had given my kind parents; I saw the danger I had been in, and I thanked divine providence more and more and I arose fully determined to follow a new course. There is also a great deal in a seafaring life to make a man religious; the glorious ocean, spanned by the sky, the heavens at night gemmed with stars; the sun his guide by day and the moon and stars by night may well lead men to reflect on the Being, Creator of these stupendous works. man is also lead to cast a glance at himself and see how far inferior to that Being he is, how unworthy he is of that kind Father of all men, he is lead to think of the future

and he trembles at the thought for he is not ready to meet his saviour face to face, he then sees how desirable it would be to be always prepared as much as it lies in his power, and being desirous of enjoying future happiness he takes the resolution to change his course of conduct and follow that which becomes a christian. Always conduct be yourself before men so as to deserve their esteem, and command their respect for one happy in himself is happy every where; and the following maxim is but too true. "Our own happiness we make or find." A vessel bound on a long voyage like ours reminds one of a little republic, in which each one depends more or less on the efforts on the other. the Captain acts as governor, and the crew constitutes the people, over whom he exercises his authority as he thinks best, he makes common interest with them, and this is one reason why these vessels are generally successful. I have not yet been able to devote myself to study, but in a few days the midships where I sleep will be cleared and fixed up so that I can study. I have not yet been sick and think I will get along pretty well. The weather was very fine all. a great many of the crew are sick. Latitude $40^{\circ} 27'$ longitude $69^{\circ} 20'$

June 18. During last evening light breezes prevailed, and the Sunday ship made but very little headway. During our watch on deck we saw ten ships bound here, but they were at too great a distance for us to speak them, one had a French flag and the other a Dutch one. When I awoke this morning, I was much surprised to hear hammering and on going on deck I found all at work. the Captain told me that we would have to work to day so as to finish preparing the boats for service but that hereafter there would be no work done on sundays. The weather was very fine, and we were almost becalmed, a light breeze however soon sprung up from the

longitude west $69^{\circ} 57'$