

16 and alliances male & female are entered into in a  
rash way, knowing that in nine cases out of ten they  
are intended only to last out the voyage pour passer  
le temps; & only for so long a portion of that time as they  
are mutually agreeable. of course the bigger the ship  
the greater the choice of companions & the more frequent  
the changes of friends, if you can call such temporary alli-  
ances friendships: so that the voyager who views his fellow  
travellers in this philosophical & perhaps selfish light, for  
it seems slightly selfish when put down in black & white, need  
not find 60 <sup>days</sup> very monotonous, though the little events of the passage  
may appear decidedly trifling, & what are looked upon as

genuine excitements when they happen may seem to any  
one reading a log as hardly deserving so serious a name.

As I said before it takes a few days to shake passengers  
together - so I will class Friday & Saturday as the recollections  
of each are of the same unformed character. But first  
and foremost I found out the name of my unknown friend  
with the captivating voice. It is Gubbins - & his appearance  
is as taking as his voice: not so his name you will say -  
But he could not help his name. He is very ready to strike  
up an alliance & appears well read, gentlemanly -  
to have plenty of opinions of his own of the same quaint  
innocent nature as his voice - but with more common