

follow their lord & master in his many voyages round the world, & seem to thrive on it. Next to Mrs Aish Mr McDougall, partner of one of the principal printing firms in Melbourne, a very good fellow, with his wife, a nice quiet woman & cousin Miss Osborne young & pretty with 1 child about 5 on board. Next Mrs Seely, a good natured sort of woman, rejoining her husband in Melbourne, rather given to General flirtations - very large & fond of displaying the newest & highest heeled shoes in fashion - terribly trying one would think when the deck is not always level. Next Mrs Sutherland, similarly separated from her husband, quiet & ladylike & in her self-contained ways very different in her manners to her tight hand neighbour - with one nice little boy. Next Col. Thompson - poor man

awfully broken down at first by misfortune & ill as well at starting, but soon a better man in health & spirits, thanks to the cheerful entourage of board ship - has been 18 years in command of a regiment in N.Z. with a sole weakness - & that for chess. Next to him Drappen already sufficiently described, as no more cheerful features appeared during the voyage as being ~~deaf~~ beneath his somewhat disagreeable exterior - by the bye his mother was daughter of the famous Cockle of the historic & world famed hills. Next a Tasmanian family of Corbells uncle aunt & niece kept to themselves all the voyage & with no apparent love to anyone but themselves. Next Mr Gibson, a young Tasmanian native, home to Europe to buy Rams - The quietest Tasmanian