

unfortunately took the measles, & at the latter part the health officer ordered the family on shore till they could get a clean certificate - thus putting them to great expense which they can ill afford. They just managed to get rid of the infection to sail with us, & so we have them with us.

Monday - Saturday July 5-10.

This our first whole week at sea has passed off uneventfully but pleasantly: people are beginning to find their peculiar affections and to cultivate them; and as regards the body public, enterprising spirits have begun to enliven it with life. The weather in the first place has been every thing that could be wished. The Bay of Biscay has put a very smiling face on what can be ugly enough when it chooses, as I well remember, & the light breeze, tho' necessitating the use of the screw, has been as balmy in its feel as the lover of these charmed latitudes could wish. Of course our daily runs have not been much, but still such weather is expected leaving England at this time of year; & one has only to consider what would