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rough weather of having the ports closed. However the weather has been as yet so fine, that we have not been worse off than those above; and at the worst we shall soon steam through the best weather. Even with ports closed we are well ventilated, & the deck is quite open from the after companion to the mainmast & there is always a splendid draught between the two. Our cabins too are only enclosed with lower boards, so they <sup>get</sup> the benefit of it all. Had I taken my berth in a cabin intended for 2 I should have had it to myself most likely, as only one of these has 2 passengers - all the rest only 1. But we have plenty of room in ours; all my traps are under my bed; Morgan has 2 large boxes along one side which serve famously for seats. His eccentricities are quite harmless; among these is a wonder-

ful mania for changing his dress 3 or 4 times in the day. I suppose he does not put on which colour harmonizes best with his hair & whiskers. He cannot learn the knack of having all he is likely to want handy: to get a clothes brush he must unblock 3 boxes at least. I have by this time learnt the necessity of order on board ship, if nowhere else; but Morgan won't learn either by precept nor example.