

Made in all state; Neptune with his wife & daughter capitally dressed, even to the chignon of his wife, made of spungum, quite a fashionable shade. attended by his barber doctor policemen & band, paraded the poop; made an oration, shaved one victim before the ladies with dry flour only just to let them see the way, & then after a few songs retired to the waist where the real business commenced, & all who had not crossed before & were not general favourites had to undergo the tarbrush & razor, but all good humouredly enough, one of the stowaways who had been skulking all through the voyage being the only victim who caught it badly. They were determined to give it him, for tho' he produced papers to show he had been across, the seaking told him it was all gammon, & gave the wink to the barber, who certainly

shaved him in such earnest that it is to be hoped for his own sake he will be believed on another occasion. By 5 o'clock all was over. decks washed & order restored; and as the money collected for them was left in the chief mate's hands, there was no fear of their getting tight. The said stowaway was a regular schemer: before the end of the week he refused work, although he had been as fairly treated as he deserved, & in consequence was put in irons & afterwards consigned to the stoke hole, to have it taken out of him as a trimmer, which was all the satisfaction he got - the hardest & hottest work on board & no pay. By the bye I was lucky enough one night to win a prize in a raffle; some passengers forward got one up with 2 prizes. a Yorkshir ham & a wiltshir cheese tickets of each. & to my surprize and em-