

or two & wet to the skin; but so were the others for the matter of that. And afterwards when we were sitting at tea, another sea broke clean over the poop & came in through the skylight over our heads, making us skeddaddle. It spoiled a plateful of bread & jam to which I had just helped myself. It was voted too rough for evening service. On Wednesday afternoon I got a nasty rap myself, as I was standing on the main deck which was slippery with the sea which had ^{been} coming over. The ship gave a great kick & I was sent flying across, just missing the engine room skylight & the body hatch, & launched all my length against the lee poop ladder: & then to complete it down I came flat in the

scuppers, while the sea shot up through the lower hole & gave me a tidy wetting. I was bruised from my shoulder all ~~down~~ my left side when I hit the ladder, in fact the blow was so hard as not only to smash my watchglass, but to dent the 2 sides of the ^{with the 2 ends of the pin} case on which the hands work. I got some arnica & doctored my side, so that the worst was taken out of the bruise, but I felt decidedly shy of wet decks when the ship was lurching for a little while.

Leather has been seedy too, & so nothing has been done in the musical way, & my time has been divided between looking after him & a little reading, sleeping like every body else be-