

tween whiles. The ship however has been going while we have been sleeping - good runs every day except Tuesday when the wind was so unsteady as to necessitate a return to the old screw for a short time. Part of Thursday she went quicker than I ever saw a ship go under canvas. Up to 5 o'clock in the afternoon the wind had slackened & we were going perhaps 8 or 9 knots only, when it suddenly freshened & we must have kept up to about 15 or 16 most of the night, for our next day's run was 279. Harrold has been useful in giving us all a little excitement both the betting men & the general public in

this state of comparative inaction; for though it began with the betting fraternity it soon became universal: though Harrold had not many supporters, and all, save his backers, would have liked to have seen him wrong. Old Harrold, who has travelled about a bit in his time, like the man in the song, & has always got his eyes open, has got a very good idea generally of what pace the ship is going; and as he is always thinking, & at sea hasn't much to trouble his head about, most days is pretty near the mark when he tries to guess the probable run. Some of the clever ones found this out & turned it to advantage; & at last Smith got 10 bold as to