

for governesses, the second, eighteen, is decidedly good looking, with  
very pretty hands, but none of them are better than they ought to be,  
the fifth child is a rude uncouth boy of fifteen though not without  
his good qualities, after him come four girls from ten to five years  
old; then a boy of four a stout little fellow in knickerbockers nick-  
named "Niggerinus", every inch his father, and as fond of climbing  
as ~~his father~~ a monkey, one day he was nearly over the vessel's side.

Mr. Speckley has improved upon acquaintance, certainly  
when they came on board their conduct was the subject of general  
remark but they have decidedly sobered down ~~down~~ Mr. S. is very  
pretty, a great deal too much so for a man with dark curly hair, he  
and his wife are the joint authors of the allegory "Gabriel" (in the paper.  
At the commencement of the voyage he was always up to some "barn  
foolery" but lately he has kept himself pretty much to himself,  
being occupied with the paper and his own designs.

Mr. Delamain, about thirty, is a kind generous openhearted handsome  
fellow but somewhat spoiled by a lengthened residence in the New  
Zealand bush, Mrs. D. is a pretty lady like person, as kind as her husband,  
with dark hair and eyes and three nice little children, the youngest  
a year old, a pretty bright dark eyed little girl, and precocious.

Mr. Monk is a short thick set individual of Jewish extraction, harmless  
and quiet as a rule, though stormy now and then, a great draught  
player, his wife we seldom see, she has her meals in her cabin and  
spends most of her time with her brother and sisters who are amongst  
the deuce passengers, during her husband's absence in India she  
kept a small knickerbocker shop.

The three young gentlemen  
with Mr. Delamain are little else than school boys, Mr. Delamain  
one of them however is a very gentlemanly pleasant young fellow  
and would make a very handsome young lady, he is the son  
of a certain Lieut. Col. Delamain who distinguished himself  
in India.

Mr. Wood though only eighteen looks four & twenty  
and is six foot two, he keeps himself pretty much to himself  
though lately he has been rather thick with the Greensons being  
apparently enamoured with the charms of Miss G. or she with  
him rather, but a day or two ago was cut by Mr. G. because he  
signed the testimonials to the doctor!

Mr. M. Donnelly  
is a gentlemanly young man with finely cut features, the  
son of a clergyman he possesses a law organ accordion  
which he is constantly performing on, he plays with decided taste  
he is good natured but intensely lazy.

Mr. Britton is an out  
and out farmers son, good natured and easy, a regular John Bull  
who one evening when the moon was new asked if it was a full  
moon! There has been very little drunkenness, though some  
have <sup>been</sup> noisy once or twice after champagne supper.

The Captain,  
the Doctor, Mr. Delamain and Mr. Speckley play whist nearly every  
evening for trifling sums, otherwise there has been scarcely any  
amusement, on the whole we have been a very sober well conducted  
happy company.