

25th May 1864 Wednesday

At 5.30 a.m. Mac and I turned out and had a bath in a large tub of salt water we got into our hammocks again and waited anxiously for breakfast time, with only our pipes to comfort us, the sea air certainly does give one a good appetite. Howells and Morly ill today, the effect of sudden change of climate. We find our hammocks make a very pleasant lounge in the day time under the boats.

Morris rather overcome by ardent spirits but as this is the Derby day it is easily accounted for

26th May 1864 Thursday

Had a cold bath in the large tub at 6 a.m. The sun rise this morning was exquisite. The sea as far as the eye can see is like a large sheet of glass. The sails hang against the mast without a perceptible move, nothing can equal the beautiful colour of some of the millions of fish that move round the ship.

Morly & Howells much better today. All the second class passengers have their beds and bedding out on the fore castle awning today.

About 2.10 P.M. a large turtle passed close by us

Thermometer in the sun

112 deg.