

Borrowed "Adam Bede" from Mr Adams had a good long read at it in the afternoon till my head was inclined to ache. Am not extraordinary well just now. For the first time could not eat the bread at tea time to night owing to its being hardly done.

In the morning Mr Renshaw the Acrobat fixed a pole & went thru several performances on it.

Saw the "Southern Cross" for the first time. The Electric Light went out for more than an hour to night, twas rather amusing to see some of the people, standing in the wench supper they had bought from the cook. Saw some stormy Petrels flying about to day.

Mr Pydie seemed very attentive to Miss Bright all night. The Jeweller gave me some pudding when I went to bed.

Friday 6th

Our nights keep getting shorter now, one reason because they alter the chips time at night. Got up about 7 o'clock. Lay down after breakfast & read "Adam Bede" began writing to Sheffield in the hopes of its being posted at the Cape which we are fast approaching. Saw land about 11 a.m. to day the first since we passed Cape Verd. Kept in sight of land all day. Signalled about 4 p.m. & also at 6 p.m. but don't think it was responded to. We saw the Table Mountain among a range of them, they looked very grand. Don't think we went any nearer than about four miles to the shore. We saw the houses at Cape Town but not very distinctly. There were several sharks around the Cape, also