

Towards

July

Hobson's Bay

Took in light sails, and single reefed Topsails,
wind N. N.W. Course S.E.

Wednesday 4th

Commenced with a fresh breeze from N. At 5 AM
wind died away, at 8 AM came out from S.
At 12 M. double reefed Topsails & single reefed
main sail during the rest of the day showery
Lat 33 S. Lon 6 W. At 12 O'clock last
night the day was ushered in by three discharges
from a small swivel, which made a great deal of
noise, rousing up all who were asleep, as soon
as the smoke cleared away and the dead, and wounded
were mustered, it was found that it had not been
without execution, all the glass on one side of
the house being shattered (a loss not easily repaired)
a port blown out, and the wading (made of rope yarn
& very hard) had passed one through the head
of a new water cask, and the other through the
new fore Topsail which had not been bent a
week. The wind which had been strong from
aft the day before, during the middle watch

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died away, and was succeeded by a calm, until 4 1/2 AM
when a stiff breeze from the South sprang up accom-
panied with showers of rain. At 12 M all hands
were called to reef, while reefing the fore Topsail
the parrell of the yard gave way causing a great
deal of trouble, and keeping all hands from dinner
It was 3 1/2 PM before our watch got below to their
plum duff, which had been allowed in honour of
the day. The rest of the day was rainy with wind
constantly varying, keeping us constantly
hauling on the braces, thus closed the most
miserable 4th of July that I have ever yet spent.

Thursday 5th

Calm, and light airs from all directions
At 12 AM close reefed Topsails, while furling
the mainsail a man fell overboard from the
^{main} fore yard but caught a rope that was thrown
to him and was hauled in

Friday 6th

A fine clear day with light air, and calms