

a complete hurricane." Such were the words of the log-book. The ship rolled dreadfully; the sea, a short cross sea, running high, so that we often appeared to be under water, with heavy seas almost touching our topmast; the bulwarks five feet high under water at every roll; the captain standing on deck in water up to his knees. One sea knocked him over, but he was unhurt. His skill and persevering attention were most conspicuous. He never left the deck from the morning of the 24th, until the morning of the 25th, at half-past five, when he paid a very welcome visit to the ladies' cabin to tell us that the gale was abating. At six o'clock we went to bed, but the rolling of the ship put sleep out of the question. The President proved herself an admirable sea-boat, and was as tight after the gale as before. No serious accident happened, excepting the loss of part of our live stock.

Easterly winds, which prevailed on our approaching the British Channel, prevented our reaching the Downs until the 25th May, when we landed at Deal.

I should not again be disposed to prefer a ship on her first voyage. There are always omissions in fitting her out. In our case, some of them were inconvenient enough. What is worse, new rigging stretches so much, than in a gale the masts are more likely to give way. Our greatest risk on the 24th April was from this cause, or from the ship not steering well and easily.

THE END.