

learn all this in the winter 1843-44. But in 1845 I turned servant, and went to Reikjahlid, and served the old priest, Sir John, in his farmhouse. I worked for a fee of 20 dollars a year, but had always much to do of severall work, especialli in the hay harvest.

"But about this time I got a great longing to go abroad to Denmark, and learn one or other profession; this I told to the old priest, and imediately got permission of him and his son Peter (whom I served some months of the year), and besides the reverend priest assisted me in my intention. In autumn of 1847 I prepared myselv to the voyage, with money and clothes, and had then in possession 220 dollars, and did not, however, sell my land in Vogum, but my garments and other things that I possessed, and thus I prepared myselv to the voyage, and took leave with all my frennds and relations, not without a mixet and perturbed mind, both of sorrow and joyfull hope, for I had then great longing for to see and sojourn in foreign country, and besides to learn ther the joinery. My mother followed me on horseback to the town Husavik, then I took leave with her and also my only sister. I went on board a yat, called "Neptunus," that was loaded of mutton. She departed from the harbour Oktober 14, 1847. It was my first day on sea; I had therefore many things to observ. I began also to write a memorandum or day-book, and have continued it from this time, both in Denmark and Iceland. I can therefore easily and exaktly recollect all the adventures during my sojourn in Copenhagen.

"At this time it was agreed that I should live for 3 sussesive years at my master's hous, which was the appointed time for my apprenticeship to learn the joinery, and this agreement vere then written on stamped paper; it was likways in the contract that I should pay 80 dollars to him for his instruction, and besides he promised to learn me drawing. I was fond of the trade and worked asseduously. We got upp at 6 o'clock every morning, but stoped at 8 o'clock in evening. Therefore I had always hours free before I went to bed (!) and as I was greatly fond of books, I borrowed them, as many as I could read, all of course in Denish language, and read perpetually. A Jew, the owner of the hous, had a little library and lent me several amusing