

which was formerly east is now 23 west ; but has for the last few years been gradually working back to east. In the Mozambique Channel the compass is so unsteady that no reliance can be placed on it.

*June 7th.*—A mild kind of mutiny broke out amongst the emigrants, commencing of course with a general scrimmage amongst themselves, and ending by a violent onslaught on some of the second cabin passengers, who had tried to settle the dispute. By the captain's request, we got up our weapons and collected in a body on the poop, when he addressed the rioters: nothing more serious than a few broken heads was the result; frequently lives are lost in these emigrant riots.

*June 11th.*—Reached soundings on the great Banks of Newfoundland—on the look-out all day for icebergs, knowing, from the sudden decrease in the temperature, that we were in their neighbourhood. Blowing fresh, and fog so thick that you could not see twenty yards a-head of you. It is nasty work slashing across the Banks, with a ten-knot breeze, in a thick fog, during the month of May, as independently of icebergs, which would make short work of the largest vessel that ever swam, the banks at this season are thronged with vessels from all parts of the world, anchored on the Banks for the cod-fishing. It must be most miserable work remaining at anchor three or four months, kicking about, many hundred miles from shore; there is always a heavy sea, and generally a thick fog, and the nature of their employment prevents the men from having a dry stitch on; moreover, from lying right in the great highway between Europe and North America, they are not unfrequently