

September. which reached the Length of the House of more than three Feet in Width, with a Light at each End; and on the other Side of such Passage were a Row of Cabins for the Officers of both Ships, half to one, half to the other. The lower Story, in the Middle of which was the Stove, was also divided, one Side belonging to one Ship's Company, the other to the other. In this Story the Surgeon had his Cabin; the Mate, the Carpenter, the Cook, the Captains Servants, and others whom it was necessary to have, for sawing the Wood for the Stove, lighting the Stove, and other necessary Jobs, were also lodged here. And the Cabins were so conveniently contrived as fourteen of the *California's* People were entertained in the House, exclusive of the Captain. This Story had no Light, but what came in by the Doors (as the upper one had) was floored, and each Captain had a Cellar underneath the Floor.

The Stove was supplied, and lighted, one Week by one Ship's Company, the other Week by the other, so alternately; and was always in Capt. *Smith's* Week, lighted in the Morning, at Noon, and at Night. To fire these Stoves they artfully, within the Stove, in about a Foot of the Stove's Mouth, pile up, one on the other, Pieces of Wood about eighteen Inches in Length, three in Circumference, until the Stove is full to the Top; then place dry Pieces, of less Size, before that Wood, to which they put a Light, and the Draught

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