

orm. The *Spaniards* have another Name for it, (though I take even this to be a *Spanish* or *Portuguese* name, and a corruption only of *Corpus Sanctum*) and I have been told that when they see them, they presently go to Prayers, and bleis themselves for the happy sight. I have heard some ignorant Seamen discourting how they have seen them creep, or as they say, travel about in the Scuppers, telling many dismal stories that hapned at such times: but I did never see any one stir out of the place where it first was fixt, except upon Deck, where every Sea washeth it about. Neither did I ever see any but when we have had hard rain as well as wind; and therefore do believe it is some Jelly: but enough of this.

We continued scudding right before wind and sea from 2 till 7 a'clock in the morning, and then the wind being much abated, we set our Mizzen again, and brought our Ship to the wind, and lay under a Mizentill 11. Then it fell flat calm, and it continued so for about 2 hours: but the Sky looked very black and rueful, especially in the S. W. and the Sea tossed us about like an Egg-shell, for want of wind. About one a'clock in the afternoon the wind sprung up at S. W. out of the quarter from whence we did expect it: therefore, we presently brail'd up our Mizzen, and wore our Ship: but we had no sooner put our Ship before the wind, but it blew a Storm again, and it rain'd very hard; though not so violently as the night before: but the wind was altogether as boysterous, and so continued till 10 or 11 a'clock at night. All which time we scudded, or run before the wind very swift, tho only with our bare Poles, that is, without any Sail abroad. Afterwards the wind died away by degrees, and before day we had but little wind, and fine clear weather.