

Capt. Carroll to command our ship. He is the most skillful captain in the employ of the Pacific Coast S. S. Company, and the best acquainted with Alaska. Capt. Huntington has had the command until to day. He now returns with the Mexico to San Francisco.

Our first amusement after being moored was to inspect, as best we might, the (to us) strange assortment of very curious things which the sea had deposited upon the huge piles which support the pier at this place. The barnacles and mussels covered them up to high water mark, and as the tide was now low we had a good chance to see them. Just below the surface of the water were the largest and prettiest sea anemones I ever saw, pink, yellow and white. Several star fish, too, one a pinkish-purple, larger than any our museum can boast, lay comfortably on the logs. To see these things within apparently easy reach, was only to beget the determination to have them, and so the male portion of our passengers, especially