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Brown also tells of being homesick and says he wishes he could see land and go to church on Sundays. His writing includes a pleasant humor such as when telling about a mock court on page 86 and the troubles among women passengers. On April 15 he sets the day he thinks they should arrive in San Francisco as May 19. On pages 166-174, after the entries for arriving in San Francisco, is the "Sermon written and preached by F.S. Brown on board the ship MASCONOMO Latitude 37 36' N Longitude 123 41'W." A few pages from the end are poems, and the last page is a "Bill of fare in the ship MASCONOMO."

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