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The first eleven pages have newspaper clippings glued over the log entries. One of these, dated 1853, mentions the threat to the Earth from a comet. An entry dated October 21, 1852 describes violence on board when the cook threw boiling coffee in the mate's face and hot water at the captain. The cook was put in irons. On the vessels arrival in Valparaiso, all hands were discharged and new hands hired.

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