

On Board the S. Ship Egypt
in the wide wide Atlantic
Wednesday June 18th / 73

My Dear Wife

This is the first day
for us on board the S. Egypt every thing
goes on as regular as clock work we eat
and drink and sleep and sleep and
drink and eat the weather is fine in
the extreme and the sea far smoother
than I had expected to find it we
are now about half way across and
so far have scarce had wind enough
to fill the sails we have to stay passing
the Bank of Newfoundland and are
fully out in the broad Atlantic and
grand indeed it is to behold the vast-
ness thereof my mind has been filled
with it all day as I have sat by the
hour gazing upon its immensity
it makes one feel an utter loneli-
ness and nothingness in thus con-
templating its vastness we cannot
grasp either its power or its space
only by actual observation as we
sail from day to day with no object

(sure now and then a solitary sail was
visible in the distance) in view but
water water water one is nearly with
the Doublmint to both feel and exclaim
marvelous in truth 'are they works Lord
God Almighty in wisdom but these
make them all in signalled & stop
to stay quite an interesting process
it is done by means of flags of differ-
ent colors a sailing vessel wanted
to compare reckoning their signal
was hoisted asking for ours in a
very short time our latitude and
longitude were given and they went
in their way rejoicing I hope this
is a queer life at sea for a landman
yet I cannot say I detest it I
have continued to keep remarkably
well for me and feel like "throwing
physics to the dogs" Oh this is a grand
grand sail world that you were
with me to participate in the enjoy-
ment of it I almost feel like turn-
ing back to bring you of this you
may rest assured I will never
come again and leave you behind
we have an admirable ship for

The sea her tremendous length four
hundred fifty feet with curves per
fectly smooth. breadth of beam make ^{us} ride
the sea with a great deal of steady-
ness we are like a little colony on
board and certainly a very quiet or
steady one. I have not heard an angry
or cross or improper word on board yet
the officers and crew are all that
could be asked for. The utmost
vigilance and care is exercised which
creates a feeling of confidence a very
necessary feature to add to the com-
fort of travelling. The unfortunate
fate of the Atlantic Steam ship has
caused increased vigilance to be ex-
ercised on the part of the Commanders
of the different steam ships crossing
the ocean which is so much in our favor
we have passed another very pleasant
day and a run of two hundred and
ninety six miles are past the Banks of
Newfoundland and fairly out upon
the broad Atlantic proper, the water
seems to have a deeper hue the swells
more majestic in their roll and the
whole an air of grandeur and immensity.

society that I love to contemplate
our Rev. Dost who sits opposite to us
at the table is a real acquisition
a fine intelligent gentleman both
in his opinions and tolerant to
want those who differ with him
we have a stereoscopic lot of pictures
open no bright particular stars but
all inclined to be sympathetic one
towards another I cannot see the
much best way in forming acquaint-
ances but I am gradually enlarging
my circle day by day we have a very
beautiful singer in board a sweet
young and pretty she is just now
warbling forth sweet music and song
that would I am sure crack the heart
of the most confirmed crusty old be-
cheler in Christendom at least judg-
ing by our I should say so don't think
I am at all smitten by her my dear
old wife at home is the idol of my heart
and as distance separates me more and more
each day I feel that sympathetic cord
that has heretofore drawn our hearts
closer and closer in sun shine and

stem in sorrow and trial still keeps
itself closer to thee it is time again
for putting out the light I must
bring my ramblings to a close and
return to my crib.

Thursday June 19th

We are still floating over the broad
Atlantic with a good fair breeze
and a grand swelling rolling billow
the wind has increased during the
night has brought up rain which
has been falling in gentle showers all
day oh how grand the swell of the
sea has been yet our ship rocks over
the billows with comparative steady-
ness sea sickness is disappearing and
our table present quite a lively ap-
pearance to what it did for several
days about one hundred or upwards
now put in an appearance it seems to
me we might be getting our living
by eating and put in an appearance at
the table four times a day I have not
as yet gone back in a meal and shall
try to hold my own to the end we have
much good prospects to stay and are
now in the latter half of our distance

across hard unevenly ground have
been the billows to stay as they rolled
and tumbled in their immensity of
space our ship has rolled considerably
to day yet not to be uncomfortable a
small ship appeared in the distance rolling
and tossing over the billows in fine style
but too far in the distance to recognize
who or what she was or where she belonged
to a number of whales of a large size
were sporty along side the ship this
evening making quite an exciting time
among the passengers I am writing to
you at our cabin table with about
seventy five people talking laughing
playing cards the piano and various
other things it is impossible for me to
get any collected ideas to come forth
but what is mixed up with what is
going on around me two ladies in front
of me are chatting away like two par-
rots subject small talk how can one
write under such circumstances I
shall have to close up for this day and
try and join the general meeting going
to ground me

Friday June 20th There is great
dumeness in the sea going life and
it surprises me how soon we accustom
ourselves to circumstances by tomorrow
we shall not have seen land for a week
every thing is so different to a shore life
and yet we feel quite at home on
board. I have not as yet missed put
ting in an appearance four times a day
at the meal table and able each
time to do my share with my knife
and fork & spoon. The tin tea pot has
done us good service. We use it every
day for our own especial benefit and
many wistful eyes are directed to
wonder if our fare on board is quite good
enough and all seem now to wish that
food we have had no particular in-
cident occurring to stay not even a
sail or a whole been in sight. The sea
has been much smoother than yester-
day and we going along nicely under
steam and sail. I am wearing to
hear from home write me addressed
to the care of George & Co. 6 Market Street
Loughborough at first & afterwards to the
care of Rosanquet Salt & Co. Loughborough

I have arranged no programme of my
journeyings yet nor can I tell we
got to Liverpool were at present I
think I may stay a day or two and then
go to Scotland we expect to reach
Inverness Inverness on Monday when
I expect to post some letters that will
go out by the return mail on Tuesday
day so far we have a very delightful
passage which bids fair to continue
all the way across it seems very strange
to be so long out of sight of land what
a mile we appear in the great ex-
panse of water and how slight an
accident might cause us to disappear
forever I never realized it so much
as when I see us passing day after
day over the troubled waste with
nothing visible but water water wa-
ter on every side I stand in awe and
wonder at its magnitude.

I must now close this for the present
with very kind love to all individually
I am yours affectionately

Chas. Lindbergh