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Description: Log book of ship Rising Sun written by Samuel Skolfield, captain, from the year 1863. Recounts harrowing voyage from Callao, Peru to Queenstown, Ireland with a cargo of guano.

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fittings of after house, the caboose broken,
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