The Pantry

The meals for the captain and mates were served from this small pantry after being cooked in the galley forward and brought aft by the steward in a covered basket. On West Coast schooners the food was the same for officers and crew - in the words of Captain Fred Klebingat of the schooner MELROSE:

"On the average schooner there was no such thing as two pots - if they ate stew forward, they ate stew aft; if one ate hash they all ate hash. But the cook in the MELROSE never repeated himself in a month - he invented a different dish for each day. He didn't have time for two pots."

Nevertheless, a schooner captain, especially if his wife were aboard, might see to it that a few "extras" were on hand to supplement the fare in the cabin. On days when the hencoop provided an egg this might make a cozy supper, prepared over a Primus stove, for just the "Old Man" and his wife.