

BOAT SONG.

BY HARRIET E. PRESCOTT.
"O' sweet the flight, at dead of night,
When up the immeasurable height
The thin cloud wanders with the breeze
That shakes the splendor from the stars...

AMERICA IN ENGLAND.

Speech by Mr. Handel Cossman, at Bristol, Eng.

At a recent meeting of the Bristol Emancipation Society, Mr. Cossman, one of Sir Morton Peto's party of tourists, made an elegant speech from which we make the following extract:

Mr. Cossman rose to address the meeting and was very loudly cheered, as indeed he was throughout his very lengthy address. He said--I think it is only right that I should acknowledge thus publicly the kindness and generous feelings that have prompted the gentlemen of this society to have the pleasure to act in connection with the Bristol Emancipation Society, to give up this demonstration, mainly, I know, in consequence of the fact that the principles on which the American continent, but also to some extent, in honor of one whose heart has always been true to the cause of the North...

think I have said enough to show that America means to be honest. But there is another guarantee that we have of this fact, namely, that the debt is really, and I may say almost entirely, due to her. It is not that America has not borrowed the money to carry on her war from foreign countries...

I was, I know not, one of a party of gentlemen who went out to America for the purpose of examining into the condition and future prospects of the Atlantic and Great Western Railway in that country, in which they held a very large stake...

While in New York, it was my privilege to come in contact with many of the leading citizens, bankers, mechanics, and others, as well as with the leaders of many of the philanthropic and benevolent associations, and I could not help being struck with the general intelligence, shrewdness, and civility of the people.

I am now speaking of the average intelligence of the country, and here they stand out in a different world. I never met with a boy or girl above ten years of age who could not read and write; I asked hundreds the question, and hardly ever allowed an opportunity to pass of testing the matter, and must confess to my astonishment, that the question is important--How is this brought about? And I find upon inquiry, that in every town and village in every town, they have everywhere public schools, free to all, without any charge, and that the parents, and especially the mothers, visit many of these schools, and testify from personal inspection that on the whole they are well and wisely conducted...

pressions of America and the American people, compared with our overworked and over-crowded European people. And, first, I could not help contrasting the rough, unfinished, and common-looking streets of the New World with the neat, trim, and highly cultivated and picturesque gardens, lawns, parks and fields of our own country.

All is new, changing and temporary. The most striking aspect of the New World is, I think, that the present may be but a passing scene. Another thing that strikes a stranger, who may have been a spectator of the old world, is the absence of poverty and want. No one ever asked me for alms all the time I was in the country, nor did I see any one who appeared to want bread or clothing...

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After such a war, after the sacrifice of blood and treasure which the North have made, did they expect to find the country at any rate be suspicious and somewhat revengeful towards the South. I found, however, nothing of the kind. From one end of the country to the other, so far as I was able to glean, I found sorrowing for the losses that the war had occasioned. I found homes where dear ones were missing, and hearts broken by grief on account of sons, brothers, and friends whose bones are now bleaching on the hills of the South, and whose blood has watered the soil of Southern States. But I found no bitterness, no revenge, no angry feeling, but a determination, if the South should prove really loyal, to forget the past and try by the introduction of Northern capital, Northern skill, and Northern enterprise, to heal the wounds and repair the damage that war has done in the South. Look at the magnanimity, the generosity, and the Christian kindness with which the Southern people and even the Southern leaders are being treated! Show history of the world. Show me any rebellion that England has put down with so little of the spirit of revenge as is exhibited by the North towards the South. So long as the South remained in arms, they were determined to determine and earnest resolve on the part of the North, but the moment Lee surrendered and Davis was captured the night of the North, was blended with mercy, and the hand of power in the North lined with velvet.

I hope even the South, from motives of self-interest, if not from any higher considerations, will do what they can to lessen the dangers and relieve the distresses that will arise from this rebellion. I have already said that England, that has always been true to the cause of the slave, will lend a helping hand; it will do much to lessen the feelings of irritation which have so often been produced during the war. Remember that America sent help to our distressed brethren during the cotton famine, and the kindness. Let it be done; let it be done at once, and let it be done in a way and to an extent that are worthy of this great country, which is now in bonds of peace and good-will with two or three times as many people as we are.

From Boston. Boston, Dec. 22.--The formal reception of the battle-flags of Massachusetts to-day was the occasion of a very wearing and interesting display. There were in marching column, regular soldiers and men in marching column, representing sixty regiments, and displaying some two hundred and fifty battle-flags. All along the line, in a very conspicuous manner, and their banners were voted most enthusiastic manner. On marching to the State House, Major-General Couch, on the part of the Massachusetts volunteers, presented the colors to the Keepers of the Commonwealth, in an appropriate address, to which Governor Andrew responded.

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