BY JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Leagues porth, as fly the gull and ank Point Judith watches with eye of hawk; Leagues south; thy beacon flames, Mantauk! Loneiy ane wind shorn, wood-forsaken,

With never a tree for Spring to waken, For tryst of lovers or farewells taken, Circled by waters that never freeze,

Beaten by billow and swept by breeze, Lieth the island of Manisees,

Setat the mouth of the Sound to hold The coast-lights up on its turretold, Yellow with moss and sea-fog mould.

Dreary the land when gust and sleet At its doors and windows howl and beat, And Winter laughts at its fires of peat! But in Summer time, when pool and pond

Held in the laps of valleys fond, Are blue as the glimpses of sea beyond; When the hills are sweet with the brier-rose

And, hid in the warm, soft dells, unclose Flowers the mainland rarely knows; When boats to their morning fishing go,

And, held to the wind and stanting low, Whitening and darkening the small sails Then is that lonely island fair; And the pale health-seeker findeth there The wine of life in its pleasant air.

No greener valleys the sun invite, On smoother beaches no sea-birds light, No blue waves shatter to foam more white!

There, circling ever their narrow range, Quaint tradition and legend strange Live on unchallenged, and know no change,

Or rocking wierdly to and from In and out of the peat's dull glow, And old men mending their nets of twine, Talk together of dream and sign,

Old wives spinning their webs of tow.

Talk of the lost ship Palatine,-The ship that a hundred years before, Fraighted deep with its goodly store, In the gales of the equinox went ashore,

The eager islanders one by one Counted the shots of her signal gun, And heard the crash when she nrove right

Into the teeth of death she sped, (May God forgive the hands that fed The false lights over the rocky Head!) O men and brothers! what sights were White, up-turned faces, hands stretched in

prayer! Where waves had pity, could ye not spare? Down swooped the wreckers, like birds of prey,
Tearing the heart of the ship away,
And the dead had never a word to say.

And then, with ghastly shimmer and shine Over the rocks and the seething brine, They burned the wreck of the Palatine.

In their cruel hearts, as they homeward sped,
"The sea and the rock are dumb," they said;
"There'll be no reckoning with the dead,"

But the year went round, and when once And along their foam-white curves of shore, They heard the line-storm rave and roar.

Behold! again, with shimmer and shine, Over the rocks and seething brine, The flaming wreck of the Palatine!

So, haply in fitter words than these. Mending their nets on their patie. They tell the legend at Manisees.

Nor looks nor tones a doubt betray, "It is known to us all," they quietly say;
"We too have seen it in our day." Is there, then, no death for a word once

Was never a deed but left its token Written on tables never broken? Do the elements subtle reflections give?

Do pictures of all the ages live On Nature's infinite negative, Whence, half in sport, in malice half.

She shows at times, with shudder or laugh Phantom and shadows in Photograph? For still on many a moonless night, From Kingston Head and from Montauk

The spectre kindles and burns in sight. Now low and dim, now clear and higher Leaps up the terrible Ghost of Fire, Then, slowly sinking, the flames expire.

And the wise Sound skippers, though skies be fine, Reef their sails when they see the sign Of the blazing Ghost of the Palatine! -Atlantic Monthly, January.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION AND THE

GREAT EASTERN. ondence of the Philadelphia Eve. Bulletin. Paris, Friday, Nov. 30, 1866.—At the risk of being charged with sending coals to Newcastle, I must call your attention to the prospectus of the Great Eastern Steamship Company, which has just been issued here invtiing subscriptions at the banking pre mises of Messrs. Blacque Bros., 12 Rue de Grammont. You have, doubtless, ere this heard of the project of freighting the great ship to carry passengers between France and the United States; and I can not but suppose that the project-ors of the enterprise will take every care to make it known to the American public, upon whose patronage their success must so wholly depend. Still, French people are so proverbially behindhand in all that relates to publicity, and (amidst the grandest schemes, such as the Isthmus of Suez, for instance,) so eften forget or omit to do what is most practical and useful, that I think it expedient to give you some details on the subject. The enterprise, too, is altogether French, and proves creditably the advance which the commercial men of this country are making in maritime specu-The idea of hiring the Great Eastern for the year of the Exhibition is due to the initiative of M. Jules Despecher, an enteprising citizen of Nantes, who assumed possession of the vessel as far back as the 10th of the present month, since which time some six hundred workmen have been engaged upon her at Liverpool. The society, however, was only legally founded, it statutes signed and the necessary formalities accomplished in Paris, three days ago, on the 27th inst., so that the enterprise is, as yet, quitea novelty. Its success, of course, is based upon the supposition of the enormous influx of visitors from America to be expected in France in the course of next year, and the total inadequacy of the existing means of transport to meet the demand, The latter are reckoned as adequate to bring to Europe, during the Exhibition, not more

than 20,000 persons. The Great Eastern is supposed capable of transporting, in seven trips, some 20,000 more. But our American guests are freely talked of here, not by tens or even twenties of thousands, but by hundreds of thousands, not to say a million! Of course, vast numbers of them are here already; but still, it would seem, that far more will desire to come at once than are likely to find comfortable or safe accommodation. To a considerable portion then, at least, of these the advent of the Great Eastern upon the scene may prove a welcome event; though I doubt whether even the "big ship" will bring with her that "absence of sea sickness, unknown on board of her." which is boasted of with landsmen-like facility by the projectors of the enterprise in their prespectus. The vessel is to be fitted for the accommodation of 3,000 passengers, all of the first class; but the calculation of the receipts necessary to make the undertaking 'pay" is based upon the comparatively moderate supposition that one thousand persons on each voyage will avail themselves of her services. Should her first trips prove safe and pleasant, the above average may, I should think, be fairly counted on. The recent performances of the Great Eastern have already gone a good way toward obliterating the recollection of her previous misadventures and bad luck (except, perhaps, in the minds of those who were unfortunate enough to be en board of her on the latter occasion); and there is at least one practical answer which can be made to those who continue to think ill of and distrust the Great Eastern as a seaboat, and that is, that in spite of all the innumerable perils to which she has been exposed, she has never been lost yet!

The price of the passage out and home again is fixed at one thousand francs. The point of landing will be either Brest or Cherbourg, as may be hereafter determined The observations which I recently made on these two ports will have already given your readers an idea of their comparative advantages, both as regards risk and distance It appears that a sum of one million two hundred and one thousand two hundred and fifty francs is required to refit the Great Britain, but of this the English Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company provide five hundred thousand francs. The house of Forrester & Co., at Liverpool, has undertaken the repairs, and is to have the vessel ready for sea, with new boilers, by the 5th of March. The Great Eastern will then proceed direct to New and make her first trip York. to France early in April. May good luck attend her and all who come with her to visit us. The arrivals of the monster and the discharge of her living cargoes of thousands of human beings on our shores, will certainly not be the least of the wonders

which await us in the year of grace 1867. Still the same silence of the Moniteur on Mexican affairs, although every one has long since made up his mind as to what must happen, if it has not taken place already. The only question which still remains in doubt is with respect to the position in which French Mexican bondholder will be left. It is generally believed that their interest will be provided for by an un derstanding between France, the United States, and the government which succeeds Maximilian, and on this supposition Mexican securities have advanced slightly in the

MR. HOME'S ACCESSION OF FORTUNE. -Writing from London to the Man-as to the authenticity of the rumor lately prevalent regarding the strange accession of fortune to the well-known apostle of spiritualism in this country, Mr. Home. But I have reason to think that the facts of the case are undeniable. Some months ago the 'Wise Man of Manifestations,' as some folks term him, 'the Wizard of Table-rapping,' as the unbeliever cell him jerted. unbelievers call him, issued a circular inviting the contributions of the faithful to found a Spiritualist Lyceum, wherein to found a Spiriculaist Lyceum, wherein the principles of the faith were to be systematically taught, and where he was to be the presiding spirit. Amongst other communications in reply came one of modest amount from a lady, with an intimation she would be glad to be favored with an interview. The interfavored with an interview. The interview took place, and resulted in a further donation of £50. The lady was said to have explained that she was possessed of an ample fortune, but that being, as she conceived, neglected by her relatives and early friends, she had resolved to make use of it for the advancement of some philanthropic object; and that, being impressed with the happiness and holiness of the religion of table turning, she only desired to be satisfied as to how she might suitably promote that object. she might suitably promote that object. What thereupon took place I do not pretend to recount or explain; but one of the results has been the transfer of Consols worth £24,000 from the name of the munificent widow to that of her new acquaintance, Mr. Home, in trust, it is to be presumed, for the promotion of the cause at his discretion.'

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