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FROM NEW YORK. 1857.		FROM HAVRE. 1857.	
Fulton, Saturday, Aug. 22		Arago, Saturday, Jan. 9	
Arago, do. Sept. 19		Fulton, do. Feb. 6	
Fulton, do. Oct. 17		Arago, do. March 6	
Arago, do. Nov. 14		Fulton, do. April 3	
Fulton, do. Dec. 12		Arago, do. May 1	
		Fulton, do. May 29	
FROM HAVRE. 1857.		FROM SOUTHAMPTON. 1857.	
Arago, Tuesday, Aug. 25		Arago, Wednesday, Aug. 26	
Fulton, do. Sept. 22		Fulton, do. Sept. 23	
Arago, do. Oct. 20		Arago, do. Oct. 21	
Fulton, do. Nov. 17		Fulton, do. Nov. 18	
Arago, do. Dec. 15		Arago, do. Dec. 16	
1858.		1858.	
Fulton, do. Jan. 12		Fulton, do. Jan. 13	
Arago, do. Feb. 9		Arago, do. Feb. 10	
Fulton, do. March 9		Fulton, do. Mar. 10	
Arago, do. April 6		Arago, do. April 7	
Fulton, do. May 4		Fulton, do. May 5	
Arago, do. June 1		Arago, do. June 2	
Fulton, do. June 29		Fulton, do. June 30	

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Saturday, June 20,	1857	Wednesday, June 24, 1857
Saturday, July 4,	1857	Wednesday, July 8, 1857
Saturday, July 18,	1857	Wednesday, July 22, 1857
Saturday, Aug. 1,	1857	Wednesday, Aug. 5, 1857
Saturday, Aug. 15,	1857	Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1857
Saturday, Sept. 12,	1857	Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1857
Saturday, Sept. 26,	1857	Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1857
Saturday, Oct. 10,	1857	Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1857
Saturday, Oct. 24,	1857	Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1857
Saturday, Nov. 7,	1857	Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1857
Saturday, Nov. 21,	1857	Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1857
Saturday, Dec. 5,	1857	Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1857
		Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1857

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For the benefit of strangers and others who may desire to visit any of our public institutions, we publish the annexed list.

PUBLIC PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.
Academy of Music, (Operatic,) corner of Broad and Locust streets.
Arch Street Theatre, Arch, above 6th street.
Parkinson's Garden, Chestnut, above Tenth.
National Theatre and Circus, Walnut, above Eighth.
Sandford's Opera House, (Ethiopian,) Eleventh, below Market.
Walnut Street Theatre, northeast corner Ninth and Walnut.
Thomen's Varieties, Fifth and Chestnut.
Thomas's Opera House, Arch, below Seventh.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.
Academy of Natural Sciences, corner of Broad and George streets.
Academy of Fine Arts, Chestnut, above Tenth.
Artists' Fund Hall, Chestnut, above Tenth.
Franklin Institute, No. 9 South Seventh street.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.
Almshouse, west side of Schuylkill, opposite South street.
Almshouse (Friends'), Walnut street, above Third.
Association for the Employment of Poor Women, No. 292 Green street.
Asylum for Lost Children, No. 38 North Seventh street.
Blind Asylum, Race, near Twentieth street.
Christ Church Hospital, No. 8 Cherry street.
City Hospital, Nineteenth street, near Coates.
Clarkson's Hall, No. 163 Cherry street.
Dispensary, Fifth, below Chestnut street.
Female Society for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, No. 72 North Seventh street.
Guardians of the Poor, office No. 56 North Seventh street.
German Society Hall, No. 8 South Seventh street.
Home for Friendless Children, corner Twenty-third and Brown streets.
Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, Cherry, east of Eighteenth street.
Masonic Hall, Chestnut, above Seventh street.
Magdalen Asylum, corner of Race and Twenty-first streets.
Northern Dispensary, No. 1 Spring Garden street.
Orphans' Asylum, (colored,) Thirteenth street, near Callowhill.
Odd Fellows' Hall, Sixth and Haines street.
Do. do. S. E. corner Broad and Spring Garden streets.
Do. do. Tenth and South streets.
Do. do. Third and Brown streets.
Do. do. Ridge Road, below Wallace.
Pennsylvania Hospital, Pine street, between Eighth and Ninth.
Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, corner Race and Twentieth street.
Pennsylvania Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, Sixth and Adelphi streets.
Pennsylvania Training School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Children, School House Lane, Germantown, office No. 152 Walnut street.
Philadelphia Orphans' Asylum, northeast cor. Eighteenth and Cherry.
Preston Retreat, Hamilton, near Twentieth street.
Providence Society, Prune, below Sixth street.
Southern Dispensary, No. 98 Shippen street.
Union Benevolent Association, N. W. corner of Seventh and Sansom streets.
Will's Hospital, Race, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.
St. Joseph's Hospital, Girard avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth.
Episcopal Hospital, Front street, between Huntingdon and Lehigh avenues.
Philadelphia Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, S. W. corner of Chestnut and Park streets, West Philadelphia.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.
Custom House, Chestnut street, above Fourth
County Prison, Passyunk road, below Reed.
City Tobacco Warehouse, Dock and Spruce streets.
City Controller's Office, Girard Bank, second story.
Commissioner of City Property, office, Girard Bank, second story.
City Treasurer's Office, Girard Bank, second story.
City Commissioner's Office, State House.
City Solicitor's Office, Fifth, below Walnut.
City Watering Committee's Office, Southwest corner Fifth and Chestnut.
Fairmount Water Works, Fairmount on the Schuylkill.
Girard Trust Treasurer's Office, Fifth above Chestnut.
House of Industry, Catharine, above Seventh.
House of Industry, Seventh, above Arch street.
House of Refuge, (white,) Parrish, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third street.
House of Refuge, (colored,) Twenty-fourth, between Parrish and Poplar streets.
Health Office, corner of Sixth and Sansom.
House of Correction, Bank Hill.
Marine Hospital, Gray's Ferry road, below South street.
Mayor's office, S. W. corner Fifth and Chestnut streets.
New Penitentiary, Cantes street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.
Navy Yard, on the Delaware, corner Front and Prime streets.
Northern Liberties Gas Works, Maiden, below Front street.
Post Office, No. 237 Dock street, opposite the Exchange.
Post Office, Kensington, Queen street, below Shackamaxon street.
Post Office, Spring Garden, Twenty-fourth street and Pennsylvania Avenue.
Philadelphia Exchange, corner Third, Walnut and Dock streets.
Philadelphia Gas Works, Twentieth and Market; office, No. 8 S. Seventh street.
Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Broad and Pine streets.
Penn's Treaty Monument, Beach, above Hanover street.
Public High School, S. E. corner Broad and Green streets.
Public Normal School, Sergeant, above Ninth.
Recorder's Office, No. 3 State House, east wing.
State House, Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.
Spring Garden Hall, Spring Garden street, west of Sixth street.
Surveyor General, Commissioner's Hall, Spring Garden and Thirteenth streets.
Union Temperance Hall, Christian, above Ninth street.
United States' Mint, corner of Chestnut and Juniper streets.
United States Arsenal, Gray's Ferry Road, near Federal street.
Naval Asylum, on the Schuylkill, near South street.
United States Army and Clothing Equipage, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets.
United States Quartermaster's Office, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets.

COLLEGES.
College of Pharmacy, Zane street, above Seventh.
Eclectic Medical College, Hatfield street, west of Sixth.
Girard College, Ridge road and College Avenue.
Homeopathic Medical College, Filbert street, above Eleventh.
Jefferson Medical College, Tenth street, below George.
Polytechnic College, corner Market and West Penn Square.
Pennsylvania Medical College, Ninth street, below Locust.
Philadelphia Medical College, Fifth street, below Walnut.
Female Medical College, 229 Arch street.
University of Pennsylvania, Ninth street, between Market and Chestnut.
University of Free Medicine and Popular Knowledge, No. 68 Arch street.

LOCATION OF COURTS.
United States Circuit and District Courts, No. 24 Fifth street, below Chestnut.
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Fifth and Chestnut streets.
Court of Common Pleas, Independence Hall.
District Courts, Nos. 1 and 2, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets.
Court of Quarter Sessions, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.
American Baptist Publication Society, No. 118 Arch street.
American and Foreign Christian Union, No. 144 Chestnut street.
American Sunday School Union, (new) No. 1122 Chestnut street.
American Tract Society, new No. 929 Chestnut.
Menonist, Crown street, below Callowhill street.
Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bible Society, corner of Seventh and Walnut streets.
Presbyterian Board of Publication, (new) No. 821 Chestnut street.
Presbyterian Publication House, No. 1334 Chestnut street.
Young Men's Christian Association, No. 162 Chestnut street.
Philadelphia Bible, Tract, and Periodical Office (T. H. Stockton's,) No. 635 Arch street, first house below Sixth street, north side.

Traveller's Guide.

RAILROAD LINES.

Penna. Central R. R.—Depot, Eleventh and Market.
7 A. M., Mail Train for Pittsburgh and the West.
12.45 P. M., Fast Line for Pittsburgh and the West.
2.30 P. M., for Harrisburg and Columbia.
4.30 P. M., Accommodation Train for Lancaster.
11 P. M., Express Mail for Pittsburgh and the West.
Reading Railroad—Depot, Broad and Vine.
7.30 A. M., Express Train for Pottsville, Williamsport, Elmira and Niagara Falls.
3.30 P. M., as above (Night Express Train.)
New York Lines.
4 A. M., from Kensington, via Jersey City.
8 A. M., from Camden, Accommodation Train.
7 A. M., from Camden, via Jersey City, Mail.
10 A. M., from Walnut street wharf, via Jersey city.
2 P. M., via Camden and Amboy, Express.
3 P. M., via Camden; Accommodation Train.
6 P. M., via Camden and Jersey City, Mail.
6 P. M., via Camden and Amboy, Accommodation.
Connecting Lines.
8 A. M., from Walnut street wharf, for Belvidere, Easton, Water Gap, Scranton, &c.
8 A. M., for Freehold.
7 A. M., for Mount Holly, from Walnut street wharf.
2 P. M., for Freehold.
2.30 P. M., for Mount Holly, Bristol, Trenton, &c.
3 P. M., for Palmyra, Burlington, Bordentown, &c.
4 P. M., for Belvidere, Easton, &c., from Walnut street wharf.
6 P. M., for Mount Holly, Burlington, &c.
Baltimore R. R.—Depot, Broad and Prime.
8 A. M., for Baltimore, Wilmington, New Castle, Middletown, Dover, and Seaford.
1 P. M., for Baltimore, Wilmington, and New Castle.
4.15 P. M., for Wilmington, New Castle, Middletown, Dover, and Seaford.
6 P. M., for Perryville, Fast Freight.
11 P. M., for Baltimore and Wilmington.
North Pennsylvania R. R.—Depot, Front and Willow.
8.15 A. M., for Bethlehem, Easton, Mauch Chunk, &c.
8.45 A. M., for Doylestown, Accommodation.
2.15 P. M., for Bethlehem, Easton, Mauch Chunk, &c.
4 P. M., for Doylestown, Accommodation.
6.35 P. M., for Gwynedd, Accommodation.
Camden and Atlantic R. R.—Vine street wharf.
7.30 A. M., for Atlantic City.
10.45 A. M., for Haddonfield.
4 P. M., for Atlantic City.
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For Westchester.
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" Westchester 3 P. M.
Westchester Direct Railroad, open to Pennellton, Grubbs Bridge.
From northeast Eighteenth and Market streets.
Leave Philadelphia 6, and 9 A. M., 2, 4, and 6 P. M.
" Pennellton, Grubbs Bridge, 7, 8, and 11 A. M, and 4 and 6 P. M.
On Saturdays last train from Pennellton at 7 A. M.
On Sundays
Leave Philadelphia 8 A. M, and 2 P. M.
" Pennellton 9½ A. M. and 6 P. M.
Germantown & Norristown R. R.—Depot, 9th and Green.
6, 9, and 11 A. M., and 3, 4.45, 6.45, and 11.15 P. M., for Germantown.
6 A. M. and 3 P. M., for Downingtown.
6, 8, 9, 10, and 11.30 A. M., and 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 P. M. for Chestnut Hill.
6, 7, 8, 9, 10.10, and 11.30, A. M., and 1, 2, 3.10, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.30 P. M., for Germantown.
Chester Valley R. R.—Leave Philadelphia 6 A. M. and 3 P. M.
Leave Downingtown 7½ A. M. and 1 P. M.

STEAMBOAT LINES.
3.30 P. M., Richard Stockton, for Bordentown, from Walnut street wharf.
9 and 11.45 A. M., and 4 P. M., for Tacony, Burlington and Bristol, from Walnut street wharf.
9.30 A. M., Delaware, Boston, and Raritan, for Cape May, first pier below Spruce street.
7.30 A. M., and 2, 5, and 6 P. M., John A. Warner and Thomas A. Morgan, for Bristol, Burlington, &c.
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MERMAIDS AND SEA-SERPENTS.

What the Sea-serpent is in this country, the Mermaid is in Great Britain. That year is dull which does not produce a regular sea-serpent story in America and a regular mermaid yarn from the old country. Oddly enough, the serpentine legends became stronger from the time when Professor RICHARD OWEN, one of the best authorities on Comparative Physiology, published an indignant letter in the London *Times*, containing the most emphatic abnegation of the existence of the sea-serpent,—denying, in fact, the very possibility of such a creature's existence. That season, as if to give the lie to the Professor—to show the superiority of fiction over fact, we had more sea-serpents seen (or said to be seen) off these shores than ever. About this time, too, sea-serpents began to flourish in our great fresh-water lakes. A tremendous fellow was described as floundering in Lake Superior, and has since been spoken of at intervals.

There is something audaciously cool, if not impudent, in the attempts of what goes by the name of Science to put down all our ancient legendary faith. In this country, where we are so practical that even a baby is supposed capable of calculating, to a fraction, the market value of the nutrition which his tender mother affords him—here, we say, we have no belief in fairies, sprites, chrlcauns, or fetches, and even give very little credence to a ghost story, however well authenticated. But the human mind *will* have a lingering after the supernatural; and, therefore, ghosts and fairies being at a tremendous discount, we go in boldly for Spiritualism, table-rapping, table-moving, writing media, and all those sort of things. Above all, we pin our faith, most relyingly, on fortune-tellers, and cheats of that description. There are at least a bakers' dozen of fortune-tellers in New York, who are consulted, not only by foolish girls and idle women, but by business men.

We do not believe in fairies, but we enable "A Physician, whose sands of life have nearly run out," to make a fortune out of credulity. He advertises that he has discovered a certain remedy for all diseases under the sun, particularly for consumption, and that—benevolent being!—he will forward the *recipe* on receipt of a shillings' worth of postage stamps: three cents to pre-pay his letter, and the balance to post-pay the advertisement. This wonderful philanthropy attracts attention, and the newspaper reader states his own case, or the case of a relative. By return of post, comes a letter from Jersey City, enclosing a *recipe*. You apply, in vain, to every druggist in your neighborhood to make up this prescription. It mentions one thing of which none of them had ever heard before. You write again to the "Physician whose sands of life have nearly run out," and he kindly informs you that the desiderated medicine does not specifically come into the Pharmacopeia, inasmuch as it is a rare herb which he discovered in the East Indies, but that he can spare you a little, and, measuring his charges by your presumed gullability and capacity to *bleed* (in purse) he supplies the wonderful curative—at any price between three dollars and fifty. So, the aged physician (actually a young man of thirty or thereabouts) makes a fat living out of his neighbors' credulity.

We have no belief in fairies; but, as we *must have some* belief, we pin our faith most relying on what are commonly called quack medicines. Instead of consulting a regular physician, who has a character to make or to retain by his treatment of diseases, we consult the brazen, impudent, lying puff-advertisements, which form prominent features in the columns of most of our public journals. No one in his senses could believe that one and the same medicine could cure a hundred different diseases, and be adapted, without modification, to the complaints of five thousand different individuals. Yet people, commonly considered sensible, will dose and drug themselves, day after day, until they totally ruin their health, with quack medicines, which commonly *create* disease instead of *curing* it.

To the sea-serpent, however, we *do* cling. Every now and then a good account of the appearance of a sea-serpent runs through the newspapers, and makes the heart rejoice. The larger the creature, the stronger the affidavits and certificates of his having been seen. Don't we know "the critter" as well as if he had sat for his portrait? The great head; the bristles on his upper lip, like a moustache; the enormous length; the small fins; the body, resembling a line of whale-oil barrels, and the stupendous *tale*. N. B.—We have not had a good sea-serpent story for some time, and recommend some of our country contemporaries, who have more leisure and imagination than ourselves, to get up a good one with the smallest possible delay. Continued neglect may wound the feelings of the animal, and, moreover, the public expect the story.

It gives us pleasure to notice, from a paragraph in THE PRESS of yesterday, (copied from a Scotch paper with a name wholly unknown to us,) that the wounded feelings of the Mermaiden family have been considered. Two Argyleshire fisherman have solemnly signed a declaration, that, on the 4th June, about 6 P. M., they saw from their boat, off the western coast of Scotland, at the distance of only six yards, "an object in the shape of a woman, with full breast, dark complexion, comely face, and fine hair hanging in ringlets over the neck and shoulders." The weather was fine, it seems, and they had a full view of it, "and that for three or four minutes." It was above the surface of the water to about the middle, "gazing at us and shaking its head." All this is very particular. What a pity that they did not see more of its person, to be able to decide whether the mermaid's extremities terminate in a fishy, scaly tail—as represented in engravings. The fine hair is in character, but the *color* should have been mentioned,—popular belief holding that sea-green locks distinguish and adorn the mermaid. There is no mention, either, of a mirror and tooth-comb—but every body who ever saw the portrait of a mermaid knows that she is invariably represented holding a looking-glass in one hand, (how does she keep the salt water from playing the mischief with the quicksilver?) and combing her long locks with the other. As the certificate is dated "Islay," where the best Scotch whiskey is made, we wonder that the fishermen did not *see double*. Indeed, it is probable that they had made a little too free with the whiskey flask—which would explain why the mermaid, who would be a, top-totaler, of course, had shaken her head at them, without previously having undergone the ceremony of being formally introduced. All points considered, however, this Mermaid story is promising. We shall look out anxiously for further accounts. Mermaids have become scarce since Mr. TENNYSON took to writing songs about them, mentioning how he would conduct himself if it was his hap to make their acquaintance "*under* the sea." The familiarity with which he spoke of them must have offended their modesty. We are glad that they are giving symptoms of vitality.

Apropos of sea-serpents! Has any one seriously reflected whether this species of creatures will submit to the telegraphic cable? That is an intrusion, beyond all doubt. Terms of amity should have been made with the leviathan, whale and sea-serpent before ever that cable was confidingly entrusted to their mercy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM NEW YORK.

[From an Occasional Correspondent.]

NEW YORK, September 1, 1857.

Vague rumors having reached Philadelphia relative to the utter ruin of New York, it struck me that, ere that once prosperous city was utterly annihilated—clean swept off the face of the (commercial) world—I would run over and have a last look at her. I went over on Friday afternoon, dreading very much, of course, to meet the ruin. No sooner had I reached New York, than I saw the outward and visible signs of annihilation. Between the foot of Courtland street, where the Jersey City ferry-boat landed me, and the Metropolitan Hotel, where I intended to stop, nearly every shop was closed. Yes, *nearly every shop was shut up*—to be sure, as the hour was close on 11 P. M., *that* might have occurred under ordinary circumstances.

Next morning, I sallied out with sad heart. There was *apparent* business on hand, all down Broadway. The fact is, multitudes were buying and selling like mad—intending, no doubt, in their despair, rare with them, to lose money, to prevent its total confiscation by some dreadful volcanic burst in Wall street. I peeped in at some of the stores, and noticed that the fair and flashy New York *belles*, just returned from the watering-places, with "nothing to wear," were eagerly, and, indeed, recklessly, buying *barages* and *organdies*, Mechlin and Valenciennes, wonderfully trimmed hats, and surprisingly delicate kid gloves, manufactured in (and out) of Paris, out of rat-skins. Stewart's was inundated with be-flounced and extensively hooped *demoiselles*, and a long line of handsome equipages, (drawn by teams worth $1,000 and $1,200 each, on an average,) stood from the corner of Duane street, far down, round the corner, into Chambers street. The unfortunates, seeing their papas and husbands with long faces, and knowing what a *very* little way a few hundred dollars would go, against the tide of bankruptcy, quietly eased them of as much money as possible, determined that Ruin, if it *did* come, should find them handsomely attired at any rate. This is high spirit!—what was done at Stewart's was copied, on a smaller scale, all over the city. Despair seemed to take the shape of Extravagance on this occasion. Lower down Broadway, crowds were rushing into Barnum's, throwing their odd quarters into the treasury there to see Mrs. Anderson and "that blessed baby," which Mrs. Cunningham (late of 31 Bond street and now of the Tombs) had "produced," with the remark that the little darling had Burdell's eyes and nose. It is a fat, healthy little biped, and its mother seemed terribly fagged. The exhibition would be perfect if Mr. Cunningham were added to it, with her trio of accessories, Mr. District Attorney Oakey Hall and Drs. Catlin and Uhl.

In Wall street there was great excitement, but no great sign of ruin. I brushed by Jacob Little, who was apparently in good spirits. "Goodness gracious!" I exclaimed to a friend, "is not that the man who has just failed for five millions?" I was told that he had only *thought of* failing, but that the brokers, who considered him as their King, would not allow him to abdicate, and that he did business as usual. Wall street, I assure you, did not seem even *alarmed*, so far ruin; the idea is laughed at there.

Delmonico's, where the old Irving House was, used to be crowded in prosperous times. Now, though it, it will be a solitude, for people have not money to pay for their dinners. So I went in, and had a little soup, some *riz de veau*, and a few glasses of sauterne. But, my dearest PRESS, there was scarcely a vacant table at Delmonico's. Despair had driven in half the world there to get one good dinner, ere, like John Thompson, they were "had up," and held in custody on suspicion of debt.

In the evening, I had further evidence of the tremendous condition of affairs here. I dropped into Niblo's Theatre, which is still advertised as "Niblo's *Garden*." There was a benefit there, in aid of the American Dramatic Association Fund, and the unhappy New Yorkers, to dissipate their cares, had assembled in crowds, splendidly overdressed, glittering with any amount of (California) diamonds of unmentionable value, and (to deceive the public) apparently as happy as if there had been no crisis in the week. I left three thousand people at Niblo's, and walked up to Burton's, buying, on my way, the twenty-ninth edition of the *Express*, which contained the valuable news that they had nothing particular to announce.

At Burton's, in cruel mockery of the existing despondency, the satirical and misanthropic magnet had announced the comedy of "Blue Devils," and was making an immense audience split their sides with laughter at his amusing representation of *Megrim*. After that, Signora Vestvali played the part of *Charles V.* in the opera of "Ernani," and displayed the beauty of her voice in the music, and the symmetry of her limbs in the becoming attire, of that regal part. There was scarcely room for any one to stand, so thronged was the theatre, and I went away, more persuaded than before that, in utter hopelessness, every one was enjoying himself to the uttermost, "regardless of expense."

Next day was Sunday, and as I was pleasantly wending my way to church, I was hailed by an old friend, though a young man, who sat behind a splendid team, "Jump in," he cried, "I am going to Hastings." There was no time for thought, so I—no, I did not *jump* in, for I am stout, but *got* in with deliberation, and we cut away, "over the stones," as fast as the pair of bloods could go.

Twenty miles from New York to Hastings, and we *could* have done it in an hour and a half. All the way up were cumulative evidences of more New York ruin—splendid villas, almost palatial, and in all varieties of architecture, with grounds beautifully laid out, and all that much wealth, and occasional good taste, could create. All up the Hudson is a line of these superb villas—symptoms of ruin, of course. Mr. Forrest's castellated building, outside Yonkers, stands proudly among smaller erections, like a monarch amid his satellites, and is already assuming a new aspect, Archbishop Hughes being busy in converting it into a convent for the Mount St. Vincent sisters, and getting up a chapel close to the castle.

A pause of twenty minutes at the Gotty House, an immense square structure, with a pretty miniature park in front, in the very centre of Yonkers. They have ten thousand people in that village, Mr. PRESS, and two newspapers. Gotty House, which is really a splendid hotel, was crowded with city visitors, and must be doing well. My friend fell in with M