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GERMANY


Having safely reached our destination, and settled down to the busy cares of a student's life, 1 iake pleas-
ure in furnishing your readers, agreeably to promise, with a few scattered thoughts that were impressed upon my
mind as we crossed the ocean and journeyed through the low-lauds of Ger-
many.
Satorday noon, Oct. 6th, found us
safely quartered in the "Weser," a safely quartered in the "Weser," a large aud elegantly furnished steam-
ship of the "North German Lloyd" line, which is, financially, the most powerful of all the lines whose vessels
ply the Atlantio. The time provious to our starting was spent in reconnoitering the,ship. Every available nook
and corner was carefully examined whilst tho sailors were busily engaged fixing sail, changing ropes, carrying ing Two o'clock, the time advertised for our doparture, passed by, and still the work continued. Passengers were has
teuing to end fro seeng to their lug. gage, fathers and mothers were there bye ere their departare to foreign lands, friend, with downcast head impatiently waiting the hour of depar
ture, looked upon friend; in all, the scene though lively was yet a solemn from them the thought that they were leaving their native land--leaving their friends and all that was dear
them, yet, under such circumstances it certainly is a difficult matter. The culprit who is sentenced to be hanged
may think and ponder over his future destiny, but he can form no adequate conception of the awfulness connected with that-last moment until the time has arrived and he is led upon the ecaffold. So with him who has undertaken an extended journey ; not until
he is losing sight of his native land does he fully realize that he is going into a strange country to associate with a strange people.
everything read $\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{c}}$ At three the band on board ship began playing, the U. S. Mail-consisting of about twenty large canvas sacks-was then brought the "Weser" left the pior midst the
noise of music, waving of handkercbiefs, hats, caps, umbrellas or any-
thing that chanced to be near at hand. We steamed slowly down the river and out into the ocean, followed, in the or of the Cunard line, bound for England, and another of what line or
destination I could not learn.
favorable; and when once in the oceas all sails were hoisted, enabling us to speed along at the rate of twelve miles
per hour, and before the evening shad pers had fully closed around us, we had lost entire sight of land. We retired all necessary arrangements in case we
should be suddenly attacked with that inuch dreaded malady termed sea-sicknepe. Notwithstanding our fears, wo
arose next morning agreeably surprised at finding ourselves none the
worse of our first night's experience on board ship. Not so, however, with ath. There were not a few vacant seats
at the breakfast table that morning and the sounds-resembling some what
the distant roar of a cireus lion-the occasionally came forth from some near state-room, fully demonstrated
that this "up and down process" is not Breakfest over, we went on deck, nod the sight that met the writer' pal, Several of the steerage passenger were lying upon the deek, apparently
unconscious of what was going on around them, and, undoubtedly, ether lag they could. Others were leaning York, or, for aught I know, whales.
I am thankful such sights are not to be Heen duriag an antire voyage acrose hoge whose constitutions do n
vine services on board ship on the Sabbath. In enso there is no minister the captain officiates. Notwithstand ing the fact that we bad n minister on toard, services were held either of the
to mo Subbaths we spent on the ocenv. The favorable wind with which we started changed on Sunday night to a strong bead-wind, which retarder progress a very considerable. came in fuil view of the Scilly Islands, off the coast of Euglaud. This was our first sight of land since leaving that coul 1 be desired, the deek was consequently crowded with merry pas. sengers foasting upon the delightfu hours afterward the const of England, with its accompanying ragged rocks, water, gradually becoming more and more distinot until houses and cultivated fields could be seen with ease. By the aid of a glass the writer was able to discern cattle grazing in the ficlds, while others asserted they could even see men digging potatoes. We
moved through the channel with grea rapidity, ever and anon passing a vil lage-to say nothing of the inoumera ble ships, yachts, schooners, \&c. I do
not believe there was a day during the not believe there was a day during the
entip that we did not espy seve ral vessels
Southampton, our first stoppin place, was renched about 11 o'clock
Wednesday night. Several passengers Wednesday night. Several passengers
left us here, when we moved on, enter ing the North Sea next morning, and Hamburg line, which had departed rom Nev York wo days in advanc abled, in a degree, by the storm which prevailed along the coast the nigh Bremenheven a small though iful city, situated near the mouth he Weser river, and three thousand five hundred miles distant from New York, was reached Friday, Oct. 19th fter a tedious voyage of thirteen day reated on the ship, having the best of everything to eat, receiving many ac and especially our waiters-each of whom is a jolly, good, kind hearted lening to good music pleasyre of with all these luxuries and comforts and pleasures, each seemed glad to set Bremen, one of the free cities Germany, and about thirty miles up the river from Bremenhaven, was
reached at $3 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{M}$. In appearance it is ather ancieut-looking. On either side of the Weser-which, by-the-way, di-
vides the city into two parts-stand many odd as well as old-looking build stories high; this is true of nearly al the principal buildings in the German visiting. The Custom House situate visere is a fine building of modern arch iture, and adds greatly to the looks of that part of the city in which it is sit-
uated. The "Ratbskeller," un uer the "Rath-haus" (City Hall), is a place much frequented by both ladies and I may add, tested, if such be the deyou enter the larger room, along th left side are several casks, each
which will hold one huudred barrel or abont four thousand gallons, filled
with wive three and four centuries old. Other places of interest were visited
while in that eity of which I bave no time to write,
We left early next morning, baving to pass through the Custom House be fore entering the cars, in order to have
our baggage examined; but soon dis covered that they aro either not as par
ticular here as they are in America when they see him-undoubtedly the hatter; at any rate after a few wor from our interpreter, and a glance
the young Americans, they paste heir tabs on our luggage and permi ted us to
tion.
Our

Our route lay through the northern part of Hanover via Uelzen and Salz Magdeburg and Halle, All these are cities of some note, being celebrate tutions of learaing. The scene through-
out Hanover is olie of unwonted beat

America would be considered too wanupy for working is hero thoroughly aultived and brought under the fincst cultivation, Even the oultivation of treos receives no little attention here. Every few miles I ohserved large groves of pine, planted with much regularity, and being kept in good order by careful trimming, presunt to the
eye of one unaccustomed to such sights eye of one unaccustomed to such sights
an exceedingly beautifol picture an exceedingly beautifol picture
These groves were especially noticeaThese groves were especially noticea-
ble after leaving Stendal, where the ble after leaving Stendal, where the arees were planted in straight rows and appearavee of largo forests.
appearance of large forests.
I cannot but remark, that the Germans havo proven conclusively, not only here, but wherever they have
gone, that they possess that spint of gone, that they possess that spint of and practice that degree of economy s nation or any people.
Onr ignorance of the language plain Iy demonstrated the many embarras encounter who travels through a land where a language is spoken with which dicrous scenes through which we ha to pass on account of this. One, which as it was laughable to myself, was the sitting down opon and complete de molishing of a silk hat belonging to a
rather corpulent German gentleman who, unfortunately, occupied the same compartment of the car in which we
were. As my companion was unable to make an apology, in consequence of the writer, with all his knowledge o that language, was, with difficulty could explain that he (the offender could speak no German, the scen
which followed can be imagined better than described. That ever-failing
Harper's Phrase Book was examined for au apology, but as usual there wa nothing just suitable fir the acension fully indicated his sorrow.
It was late when Leipzig was reach
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those who have had the patience to follow
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