

rays ; or down the lake to the Great Manitoolin Island, where the annual distribution of presents to the Indians is to take place under the auspices of the governor. If both these plans — wild plans they are, I am told—should fail, I have only to retrace my way and come down the lake, as I went up, in a steamer; but this were horribly tedious and prosaic, and I *hope* better things. *So evviva la speranza !* and Westward Ho !

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On board the Jefferson, River St. Clair, July 19.

This morning I came down early to the steam-boat, attended by a *cortège* of amiable people, who had heard of my sojourn at Detroit, too late to be of any solace or service to me, but had seized this last and only opportunity of showing politeness and good-will. General Schwarz and his family, the sister of the governor, two other ladies and a gentleman, came on board with me at that early hour, and remained on deck till the paddles were in motion. The talk was so pleasant, I could not but regret