Their ships sail on every ocean; their merchants are found in every country, and their travellers have visited every clime.

7. This brings me to announce to my readers the object of the present work—to relate the adventures of the famous John Ledyard. His life was a succession of hopes and disappointments. No man ever had nobler plans; none greater enterprise. He smiled at danger; and was superior to those calamities which bear down and even crush men of more ordinary minds.

8. Ledyard has been called, by way of distinction, "The American Traveller." We have given him the more appropriate title of "The Yankee Traveller;" and were he living, who believes that he would despise the name?

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