

quantity all day long, could really have arrived. Our doubts were soon settled, especially when we heard that we must go on board as soon as possible, that the steamer might clear port in the flush of the tide. Excitement ran high for awhile. Many of our company were away; some had gone to bed; the steamer chairs of the majority had been remanded to the ware-room from which they had come, and the keeper thereof could not be found. Hasty packing, with the help of our obliging porter, soon prepared us for our departure, and in a very brief space we were in our state-room on the Corona. Our ship is new, well arranged, and well, even elegantly, furnished. It was built by Neafie & Levy, of Philadelphia. This is its first voyage in Alaskan waters, but it made the trip around Cape Horn with great satisfaction, and since then has been plying between San Francisco and the ports of Southern California. We find all the conveniences of our modern ocean steamers here, and we have the prom-