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“GO TELL IT TO JESUS.”

ONCE all the world was dark,
No joy I knew—
Over wood's stream my bark
So swiftly flew,
Till on the whirlpool's brink,
Trembling with fear,
Only a step to sink—
The grave so near.

I heard a voice so low,
Whisper to me,
“Go and tell Jesus, go,
He'll comfort thee.”
Tremblingly down I knelt,
Weak from my sin;
And as I prayed, I felt
Pardon begin.

Oh, the chilly waters
now
Smile upon me:
And as homeward
again I row,
“Peace,” sings the
sea;
And now the kind eye
of heaven
Smiles on my way,
The darkest clouds are
riven,
And all is day.

Oh, thou sin-weary
heart,
Hast Jesus told?
Didst thou to Him im-
part
When waters cold
Leaped round thee, of
thy sin,
And of thy woe?
Go, tell it, friend, to
him;
Tell Jesus, go!

THE LARGEST CITY IN THE NEW WORLD.

SUPPOSE, now, you were a bird and could soar and sail about in the air wherever you chose. If you were flying over the City of New York, you would behold a sight very much like that shown in the picture. New York City is on Manhattan Island, about thirteen miles long, and about two miles wide at the widest part. The river to the left of the picture is the Hudson, and that on the right the East River, leading into Long Island Sound. In the right hand corner, is shown part of the City of Brooklyn on Long Island, and on the upper left hand corner, part of Jersey City in New Jersey. Crossing the East River, is seen the famous Suspension Bridge, which is now approaching completion. It is so high above the water, that ocean vessels can pass beneath it. It slopes down on each side to the level of the ground, and street cars will run

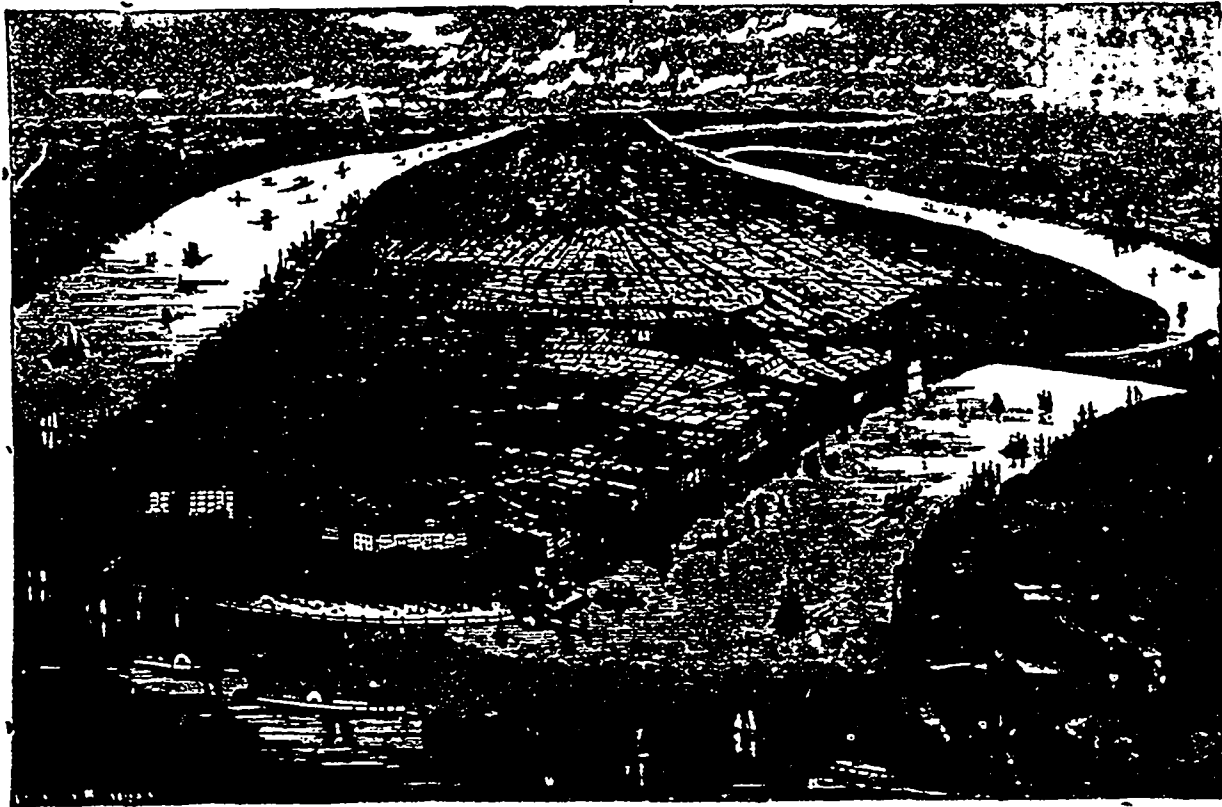
across it. Another bridge is to be built across East River higher up, and a tunnel is now being made under the Hudson. All around the two river fronts of the city, you see hundreds of vessels and steamers, which sail to all parts of the world. The park covered with trees at the point of the island is called the Battery, because it was once strongly fortified. The round building at the extreme left, is Castle Garden—an old fort with surrounding buildings. Here all the emigrants who arrive at New York are landed—sometimes two or three thousand in a day—and are kept

densely peopled than even the densest parts of London. As the greatest receiving and distributing point for the commerce of the continent, New York is destined to be one of the most important cities in the world.

Young men and young women of our churches, never let a stranger go away without notice; never let that chilling feeling of loneliness come over any person in the house of God. It should be your pleasure to make every stranger at home. Try it, and your reward will be speedy.—*Exchange.*

attracted by my breath, it had now approached the upper part of my throat. It became quite still, and the weight, pressure, and the indescribable odor which was exhaled from its body, and pervaded the whole air, so overwhelmed me, that it was only by a fierce struggling that I prevented myself from shrieking. A cold sweat burst from every pore of my body—I could hear the beating of my heart, and I felt to my dismay that the palsy of terror had begun to agitate my limbs. It will awake, that I, and then all is over. Just then, something—it might have been a large beetle—

fell from the ceiling right upon my left arm, which lay stretched beside me. The snake uncoiling its head, raised it with a low hiss, and then for the first time, I saw the hood, the fearful crest glittering in the faint light—it was *cobra di capello*. Shutting my eyes to exclude the dreadful spectacle, I lay almost fainting, until again all was quiet. Had its fiery glances met mine, all would have been over. But apparently it was once more asleep, and presently I heard my Lascar servant moving about, undoing the fastenings of the tent and striking a light. A sudden thought struck me, and in an impulse of desperation, I uttered a sepulchral



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF NEW YORK.

till they are shipped to their destination.

From the Battery can be seen a long straight street, leading northward. This is Broadway, a hundred feet wide, and about four miles long, lined with magnificent buildings and one of the noblest streets in the world.

The population of New York is over 1,200,000. There are only two larger cities in the world, Paris with 2,226,000, and London with over four millions. Berlin and Vienna have a little over a million each. Brooklyn, which may almost be called a suburb of New York—as many thousands who do business in the larger city, live in the smaller one—has over half a million. Parts of New York are more

IT BITETH LIKE A SERPENT.

A TRAVELLER in India tells us of an escape he once had from a fearful peril. He says, “I had slept in my tent one night some four or five hours. When I awoke I found myself lying on my back, and instantly found a cold creeping thing on my chest. I soon discovered, to my unutterable terror, that it was a huge serpent coiling itself up into a circle of twists, and you will own it must have been a pretty big one, when I tell you that the reptile covered the whole of my breast, and even the pit of my stomach. It was evident the loathsome creature had at length settled itself to sleep, and I felt that,

call ‘Lascar.’ “‘Sahib!’ was the instantaneous response, and my heart beat quicker at the success of my attempt. I lay still, for the reptile, evidently roused, made a movement, and its head, as I supposed, fell on my arm. Oh, the agony of that moment! I debated with myself whether I should call again or remain perfectly quiet, or whether it would not be better to start up at once and shake the hideous burthen from me. But the latter suggestion was at once abandoned, as I felt sure that it would prove fatal. I was weighed down by the heavy coils of the creature, and was weak and exhausted from terror, and I knew escape in that way was next to impossible.