

prevent, as far as possible, the daily frauds practised on them at the sea-ports *.

Persons who are deliberating about leaving their native country, should especially guard against those who are connected with the hiring of passenger ships, for the mere gains of passage money: that is, the difference between the freight which they pay the ship owner, and the amount they screw out of the passengers †.

From the little regard observed by these people, first, in obtaining money, in advance, for passages, from unwary country people whom they lure to public houses for the purpose of seducing them to the United States, and afterwards in making little arrangement for the comfort of emigrants, who are ignorant both of ships and the sea, this business has obtained the far from false designation of the "White Slave Trade." The people engaged in it, (the White Slave Traders,) give, therefore, the most glowing accounts of America, particularly of the United States, while they conceal all the diffi-

* At Liverpool, for instance, there are numerous places, principally cellars opening to the streets, with a huge sign-board over them, on which is painted in large letters, the words, "American Passengers' Office." These dens and the crimps who keep them, are vile beyond conception.

† Varying from 10s. to 15s. for each passenger; besides certain allowances which they receive from public houses for bringing to them the custom of passengers.