

large quantities for manufacture into fertilizers. It is a low-lying city, built upon a peninsula between the Ashley and Cooper rivers, just inland from the sea, and presents an air of comfort, yet, at the same time, of decadence. Its many wooden houses are varied with others of brick and stone, some of much pretension; and here the dwelling architecture begins to present the tropical features of open verandahs, spacious porticos, and broad windows leading out upon gardens in which the typical palmetto tree grows. At the point of the peninsula is the battery, a park and popular promenade, overlooking the bay and having several fine residences fronting upon it. From this park, where the people were taking their afternoon promenade, an attractive view was given of the harbour entrance, about seven miles below, with the celebrated Fort Sumter like a small dark streak across the distant horizon. In the bay some vessels were at anchor, the chief one of them the British steamship *North Durham*, loaded with 5,200 bales of cotton, bound to Sebastopol, The *Atalanta*, Jay Gould's yacht, also was there awaiting her millionaire owner, who is said to be contemplating a voyage in her to the West Indies, but just when he cannot tell, as he has too much business at present in Wall street to think of leaving home. The crop of negro children in Charleston must always be good, judging from the way they swarm the streets, and, in fact, the blacks everywhere outnumber the whites; and in this unusually cold season they showed a decided tendency to cluster around the fires in public places, and to get into sheltered locations where the sunshine is warm. The city has several fine public buildings, and in many ways shows its reverence for the great apostle of "State Rights" and Secession, South Carolina's favourite statesman, John C. Calhoun, whose remains lie in St. Philip's (Episcopal) churchyard.

Charleston harbour, formed by the two rivers, is a broad estuary below their junction, completely landlocked, and having an entrance from the sea about a mile wide. On the northern side is Sullivan's Island, dotted with wooden cottages facing the sea, and a favourite summer resort. Here is Fort