

no necessity for him to cross on that particular date ; so, instead of taking a berth he felt sure he would not like, he postponed the date of his departure a week or two, and selected a berth on the "Britannic," whose departure was fixed for the following Thursday three-weeks.

Besides calling at the steamboat office, he had also to visit his hosier, boot-maker, hatter, and tailor ; cautioning the latter, in particular, that he wanted some clothing of the lightest possible description, as, although the winter in the northern states is so rigorous, the heat in summer is far greater than anything experienced in England.

During the interval that elapsed between finally deciding upon taking the tour and actually starting, Smith called several times upon his friend William Brown, as he was naturally anxious to obtain from him any information that might prove of service, and which his friend was of course very willing to impart. Among other things he recommended him to take a folding-cane, or carpet-garden chair, for use on the ocean voyage, and which he would have no trouble with while touring from place to place in the States, as on arrival at New York he need not take it from the quay, as he could book it there, and leave it with the company, who would take care of it until he returned, free of charge. At Brown's suggestion also, before the day of sailing came, he called at the Bank, and obtained through the manager a Banker's circular letter of credit, so as to be able to draw small sums of money from different banks in the various American cities