

open water which foamed, and its paddle turned. The Captain generally stood on the paddle and conducts the passengers to every landing, as Charlton, Blackwall, Deptford and Greenwich. I laid down the back of my neck on the edge of the steamboat, and looked to the blue sky and soon my cap dropped into the river. And when I saw the cap, which sailed very fast for a long distance, and soon disappeared. This frightened my idea and therefore I burst into tears, and begged the watermen for it, but they can't help it. The Captain, on the paddle, who moved with compassion as soon as he learned that I was deaf and dumb, and gave me one penny, and said nothing to me about the ticket. That was not said by me. Soon after I returned to the Pier, and from there I went without my cap on. I paid one penny for a pigmy boat and then got home. As I went on and by chance, I found the bottle was cracked into some pieces in the basket which I carried along. My mother asked me if the bottle was safe, but I made no answer to her that it was cracked. She felt sorry and informed me nothing about losing the cap and bottle. After some days I made up my mind to take a sail to see more of the river and banks, as long and as far as I liked; so I also entreated my mother for permission to go to London, who did not understand what I meant. I thought she granted me leave, and afterwards I took my little brother Henry, in such glee, and we walked together a long distance from our homes. Before we reached the pier, I paid two pence for a ticket, which would pay the fare to London, but I did not know that I would have to pay to get back. The passengers only pay eight pence. After that event we went through the large wooden bridge which was lately built, which led us to the steamboat, where we took and sailed across the bosom of the expansive river, about fourteen miles, on our way to the Suspension Bridge, very pleasantly, and had a view of the gun-ships, tugs, merchant ships, hospital ships. The Steam-packets bend their funnels so as to pass beneath the bridges. Passengers are landed at these bridges, as London, Southwark, Blackfriars, Waterloo, Hungerford, Westminster, Vauxhall and Battersea. We did not get out of the Steam-packet, but stayed