

ON THE HUDSON
RIVER.

"Of course I mean to work hard."

"Yes, but do it, and with purpose and profit. The men on the treadmill work hard, but there is no profit. You may have the best intentions, and yet not put your shoulder to the wheel of your good fortune, and roll it forward. I saw a man once on the Liverpool quays the last time I went over, and he had just

had his kit given him—that is, his bedding and tin plate, and so on for the voyage; and instead of buckling to and trying to carry them all aboard himself—for of course he was going at the cheapest rate—he stood in hopeless bewilderment with one or two of the things in his hands, and said, helplessly, 'How am I to get all these things

on the ship?'"

"I guess he had been doing that pretty much all his life, saying feebly, 'How am I to do this or that?' Believe me, my lad, self-help is the thing, and then folks are more likely to help you when they see you really helping yourself. I said that fellow would never make a successful emigrant, and he did