

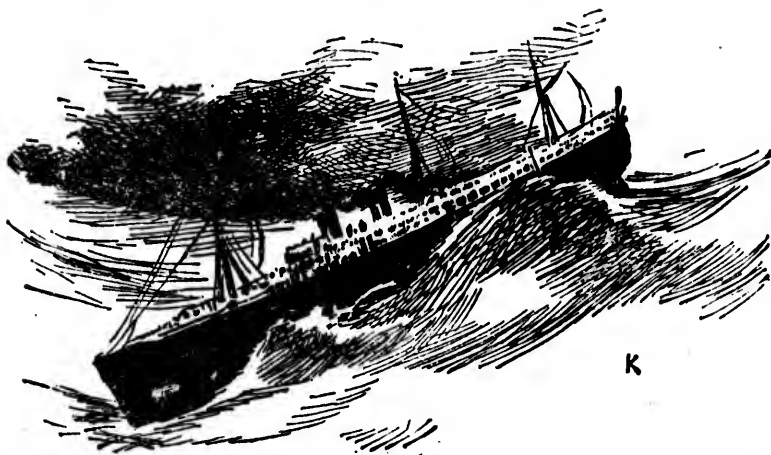
A FRENCHMAN IN AMERICA.

CHAPTER I.

*Departure — The Atlantic — Demoralisation of the
"Boarders" — Betting — The Auctioneer — An Inquisi-
tive Yankee.*

On board the "Celtic," Christmas week, 1889.

IN the order of things the *Teutonic* was to have sailed to-day, but the date is the 25th of December, and few people elect to eat their Christmas dinner on the ocean if they can avoid it; so there are only twenty-five saloon passengers, and they have been committed to the brave little *Celtic*, while



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