

FIRST IMPRESSIONS
OF
THE NEW WORLD.

LETTER I.

VOYAGE.—ARRIVAL AT NEW YORK.—BURNING OF QUARANTINE BUILDINGS.—CABLE REJOICINGS.—DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN.

New York, September 3, 1858.

WE landed here yesterday afternoon, at about six o'clock, after a very prosperous voyage; and, as the Southampton mail goes to-morrow, I must begin this letter to you to-night. I had fully intended writing to you daily during the voyage, but I was quite laid up for the first week with violent sea sickness, living upon water-gruel and chicken-broth. I believe I was the greatest sufferer in this respect on board; but the doctor was most attentive, and a