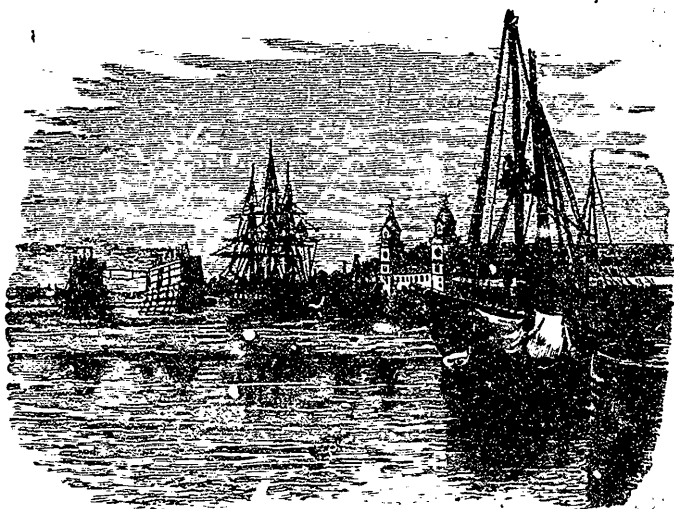


is the huge iron floating dock, shown to the left of the engraving on this page. It was built in England, and towed across the Atlantic. It can be sunk by admitting water into its compartments, and raised, with the largest man-of-war in its arms, by pumping the water out again.

After making careful thermometrical observations of the Gulf Stream,—that glorious river in the sea, sixty miles broad, tempering with the warmth of the tropics the icy regions of the far-off North,—the expedition visited Halifax. Our author is enthusiastic in his praise of the magnificence of the harbour, the beauty of the scenery, and the hospitality of the inhabitants.



CAMBER AND FLOATING DOCK, BERMUDA.

Crossing the Atlantic again, the expedition visited the Azores, Madeira, and Cape Verde Islands. Sailing southward, on crossing the line the Great Bear retired into his northern cave and the Southern Cross beamed brightly in the sky. In mid-ocean the lonely St. Paul's Rocks were reached—bare, bleak barren crags, the abode of desolation and death. See engraving on the opposite page. Bahia, in Brazil, was reached on the 14th of September. Two weeks were very agreeably spent in exploring, by rail and river, the adjacent country and in enjoying