

contentment that once were the abodes of squalor. He also said that the gentlemen who had come on board with him the previous evening had no personal acquaintance with him; but his Pittsburg friends had written them to see him off on his journey. When he left the ship at Queenston no one parted from him with a higher feeling of respect than I did, for though he was a Roman Catholic and I a Protestant we felt we had a common faith in many things, and that to do good to our fellows was something we both thoroughly believed in.

"My stormiest and roughest trip across the sea," continued my grandfather, "was on the *Great Eastern* from Liverpool to New York. When within three days of the latter port we were struck by a tornado or the tail-end of a typhoon from the West Indies. Everything on the deck was washed away, for the storm was terrific; twenty-one men were at the wheel, but to no purpose. The ship was beyond their control, and we swung round into the trough of the sea, and danced about like a cockle-shell till the sea

subsided. A company of New York firemen, with their fire-engine, were returning from London; quite a few of them broke into the bar-room and got very drunk. That night, on going to my upper berth, I remember bracing my knees against the sides of my berth and trying to sleep; but suddenly, when dozing, I was pitched out of my bed, and for the first and only time in my life I realized the possible truth and advantage of Darwin's theory, viz., that my far-away ancestors lived on the tree tops, and swung on the branches; for had I not caught on to the sides of my berth *a la* chimpanzee with both hands and held on for very life I would have had my bones smashed, and possibly my neck broken.

"The following morning, when the sea had gone down, we looked over the damage done and, among other mishaps, saw a fine team of horses, which a gentleman was bringing out to New York, had been killed, while two game cocks had survived, and were perched on the broken-down stalls, crowing as if on their native hearth.