

two thousand miles, was not to be wondered at ; but they looked as hard as nails, or as he did himself. Whatever was the cause, he jogged slowly on ; and I watched him, with feelings of mingled curiosity and awe, until his quaint form was lost in the distance. The only other excitement of the drive was a break-neck race with another waggon, when we went a pace which was a " caution to anything short of locomotive doings," in which we were both very nearly smashed, and which had the advantage of hurrying us over five miles of our journey before we knew it, and of bringing us in time for the train a little after dark. We did not see much of Warren in consequence, but ensconced ourselves in the most comfortable corner of the car we could find, and gave ourselves up to the luxuries of rapid locomotion and civilisation. We were now in Illinois ; our Far West experiences were fast drawing to a close ; and before daybreak we found ourselves at Chicago, that emporium for western produce. The history of its rise and progress has been fully discussed by recent travellers ; and all the world knows how, twenty years ago, there were only a few log-huts here, exposed to the depredations of savage Indian tribes ; how, since then, it has been increasing with untold rapidity ; how, within the last three years, the population has risen from 38,000 to 75,000 ; how railways diverge from it in all directions—the arteries of that magnificent country of which it is the heart ; how its lake commerce rivals its rail-