

To Henry Hart, Esq.,
LONDON.

MY DEAR SIR,

I had proposed during a late trip to New York to write you a series of letters, descriptive of the United States, and the impressions made upon my mind during a few months' travelling through that country. But, somehow or other, I never felt in the vein, and therefore preferred the leisure of the voyage home, and such accommodations as are to be met with in a private cabin, to give you these Rambles all of a heap, and thus save you, at least, the expense of foreign postage.

Hoping you will make allowance for the tossing of a ship, and not consider the book too curiously, but rather as the plain sentiments of a practical man,

I remain,

My dear Sir,

Your ever obliged friend,

RUBIO.

PARIS, OCTOBER, 1845.