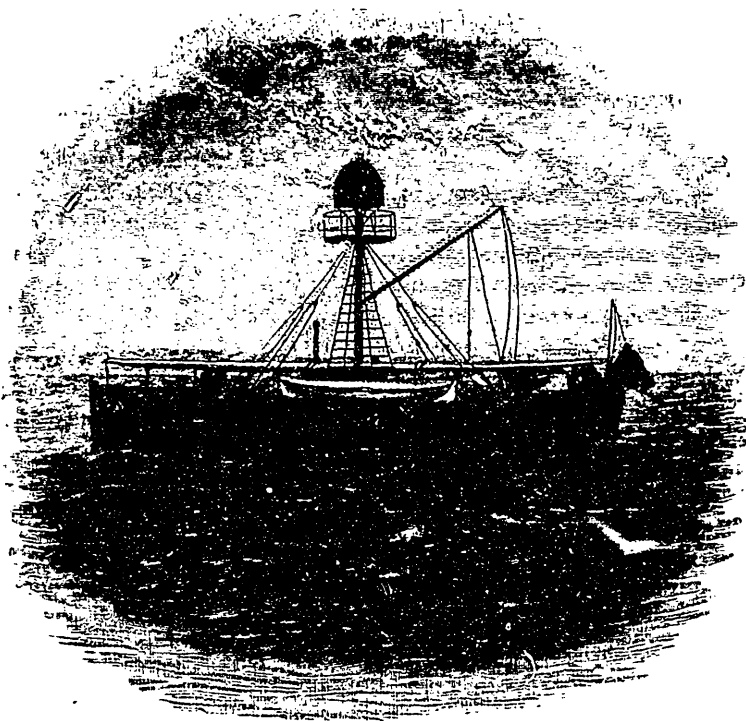


"THE LAST VOYAGE."

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XII.

QUEENSLAND AND THE EAST COAST.



CLAREMONT ISLAND LIGHTSHIP.

Monday, August 15th.—Cooktown, in spite of the preponderance of iron houses and shops, looks rather pretty from the sea. Its small port is formed by the mouth of the Endeavour River. The Palmer River gold-diggings, and some recent discoveries of tin, which have attracted a large number of miners, are the chief sources of prosperity.

Tuesday, August 16th.—Awoke about seven, feeling much refreshed, and went early on deck. Many visitors came on board, only a few of whom I was able to see. In the afternoon we went out for a drive. We passed one or two nice stations, with com-