

his treatment of passengers, and often does not give a very civil answer to a question; but no doubt it is necessary not to talk too much to passengers. A *canard* is forcible of him, that he swears best, and reads the service best, of any man in the service. There was a little German clergyman on board who wished to read the service; but Captain Judkins told him that he did all the preaching on board himself, and he did it even to the singing; and I must testify, as far as outward appearance, the whole service was done with great taste and faithfulness. The culinary department was in great abundance and variety, but sometimes not specially well cooked. There must be great waste on board such vessels. There are a great many stewards or waiters on board, and who are ready to say "Yes, sir," to every thing. I remarked, that if we would say to our man, "Charles, stand on your head!" he would at once say, "Yes, sir." Of course there was a variety of characters on board—a great many Yankees, going over to buy goods. One of their favourite amusements was, after dinner, to toss up shillings, and the shilling that fell on the seam of the deck lifted all the rest. There was also great betting about the run the steamer would make in the twenty-four hours. On the most absurd things bets were made. I saw a man put his hand on the dish-cover before it was off, and say, "Eight to one this is so-and-so." As a rule, the passengers were very well behaved: only one poor fellow was tipsy out of between two or three hundred. A few were pretty free, and champagne was the usual