

sides, and in which stands the capstan. At its extremity is the chimney of the furnaces, by which means the enclosure is kept tolerably warm even in cold weather. Provided with seats, it forms the outdoor lounge of cigar-smokers, and those who do not know what to do with themselves. Besides being dry overhead, the capstan-gallery is kept dry to the feet by means of open wooden work laid on the deck; so that when the sea washes over the vessel, passengers can remain here without being wetted.

Beyond the capstan-gallery is the kitchen; adjoining is the open deck, with the ventilators for the engine-room. Clearing this spot towards the head of the vessel, we have, first, the mess-room of the officers, a small apartment erected on the deck; and in continuation, the sitting and eating saloon for the fore-cabin passengers. This saloon is smaller than that for the first-class passengers; but it is neatly fitted up with hair-cloth sofa seats, and has stewards for its own special attendance. Beneath it are the sleeping-berths for this department; and from all I could see, they equal in comfort those of the higher class, with the disadvantage, however, of being exposed to the noises incidental to the working of the paddles and the concussions of the waves on the forepart of the vessel. All that part of the deck, beyond the second-class saloon, is the proper field for the sailors.

So much for what stands on the level of the deck; and with so many incumbrances, the space left for walking amounts only to a stripe at each side of the saloon, unless we choose to mount to the poop, which is the entire roof of the saloon, steward's apartment, and capstan-gallery, united in one long sweep. The poop, enclosed with railings, and furnished with seats, affords a fine airing-ground, and from the binnacle, or stand for the compass, to the great red tube forming the