

THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW

than I did all the time I was at school, seeing the places seems to drive it straight into your head, and make it stay there better than all the reading of a lifetime. Dr. W— is a splendid guide, he seems to know the city as well as his own house, I try to keep near him so as to hear all he says. After tea we went for a walk to Chateau Frontenac. There is a large promenade in front of the Chateau, which must be a delightful place to go after the labors of a hot day, it overlooks the city, the most refreshing breezes come from the river beyond. From here can be seen the artificial harbour, where the ship can ride at anchor when the tide is coming in. The Chateau is a beautiful building, so large and spacious, and just like a palace inside. In the Cafe is a large grate which they lit for our special benefit.

Everywhere the people are so obliging, and so anxious to do all they can for you, it makes travelling so much more pleasant.

Miss W. has just reminded me to tell you that we saw some chimney pots, they are the funiest things, and we quite appreciated seeing them after your description.

I will have to wait till my next letter to tell you about the people on board, by that time I will know them better.

This is a rather peculiar looking letter, I have been in almost every part of the ship writing scraps in every place.

We stop at Rimouski to-night, and then??

Yours,
H. E. H.

GRANDFATHER'S CORNER. IMPROVED, BUT NOT CURED.

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Dear Boys and Girls: -

In addition to witches and wizards, there were sorcerers and magicians. "The witch derived all her power," says Grose, "from a compact with the devil: a sorcerer commanded him and the infernal spirits, by skill in charms and incantations." And there were enchanters, who worked with medicinal herbs and gums, and ceremonial forms of words; and conjurors who, according to King James I., made circles triangular, quadrangular, round, double or single, and standing therein, invoked the attendance of certain familiars, of whom and their doings the less we know the better. Sometimes it was said these spirits would speak, and Lilly gravely informs us—although I must declare it is difficult to believe him, despite his gravity—that "there pronunciation is like that of the Irish, much in their throat."

Astrologers, too, figured amongst these established institutions, with stuffed alligators, black cats, preserved snakes, retorts, bottles, vampires, bats, toads and lizards, as indispensable adjuncts and inseparable companions. While our ancestors were thus made lively, they were bothered by the persistent visits of ghosts, who came in all sorts of shapes, at all sorts of times, and did all sorts of things for all sorts of reasons. They exposed murder, predicted death, announced marriages,—always with their very deepest groans, and with still deeper sighs,—and grave warnings innumerable, and advice invaluable. In fact, you couldn't keep house, in those days, with any sort of respectability, without one or two belonging to the establishment, and the number of spirits in a tumble-