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face with tar, and shaving him with a rusty knife. It was exhilarating to hear the children's merry laughter;—poor little things, they seemed quite reconciled with their situation! I learned that many of these emigrants had never seen the sea nor a ship, until they were on board. They were chiefly from the county Meath, and sent out at the expense of their landlord, without any knowledge of the country to which they were going, or means of livelihood, except the labor of the father of each family. All they knew concerning Canada was, that they were to land in Quebec, and to go up the country; moreover, they had a settled conviction that the voyage was to last exactly three weeks. In addition to these there were a few who were going to try their fortunes on their own account. One of the latter was a Connaught "boy," who having lived upon the coast and spent his time partly in fishing, made himself useful about the brig, and thereby ingratiated himself into favor with the captain, and the consequent jealousy of his fellow-passengers, who, thinking him rather soft, took pleasure in teasing him. Two young men from Kilkenny, and one from the county Clare, completed the list. The former used to astonish the Meath-men with the triple wonders of their native city.

Saturday, June 5th.

As the passengers had a great inclination to infringe upon the after-deck, the captain drew a line, the penalty for crossing which was the stoppage of a day's water.

I observed the sea to be crowded with myriads of slimy looking objects, which the sailors called "slobbs." They varied in size, form, and color; some of them resembling a lemon cut in half. How beautiful also was the lumi-