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It seems appropriate at the present time, when the ocean-steamers between the United States and Europe are so numerous and still on the increase, to republish a paper on the "Steam-Lanes across the Atlantic," written in 1855 by M. F. Maury, LL. D., &c., then a lieutenant in the United States Navy. The adoption of these or some similar prescribed routes for the passages to and from Europe would most assuredly give greater security to life and property and reduce the dangers of this navigation to those which may be encountered on less frequented routes.

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