

livered in the evening sitting of the British Parliament are sometimes printed entire in the New York papers published on the following morning; and a Gladstone's stately eloquence or a Disraeli's epigrams are read by American readers and British readers almost simultaneously. During the Franco-Prussian war, the sanguinary battle of Gravelotte was described sooner and more fully in a New York newspaper than in any of the London journals. Similarly, all the quick phases of European politics, the rise and fall of cabinets, tales of adventure and enterprise, narratives of shipwrecks and conflagrations, are immediately recorded for the benefit of American readers. But not only these greater and more important events which affect the fortunes of states and peoples, but tender private histories, touching domestic secrets, are whispered, so to speak, into the ear of the sea; words of love, happiness, and home, or of sorrow, pain, and death. Distant families, as well as distant nations, are united as by a sympathetic nerve, along which the swift current of human thought and feeling moves incessantly to and fro.

And thus the Atlantic Telegraph, so long regarded as the dream of a visionary, is now a mighty reality, which plays an important part in