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to take the opportunity of stepping on shore; but pray remember that I now forewarn you not to ramble too far, as the gentry who rule and govern on these voyages, will care very little, when once ready for starting, whether you are on board or not, unless, indeed, you have endeared yourself to them by the size and flavour of your brandy bottle.

There was a poor emigrant named Walsh, who, with a large family, was going up in one of the Durham boats that was lashed with ours to a steamer. We lay to at a kind of quay, and while expecting every moment to see the paddles go round, a boy from a neighbouring house brought down some milk to dispose of to the people on board the boats. Walsh, among others, stepped out to buy some; and paying for it in silver, the milk merchant wanted one copper of the change. While they were debating the point how this mighty difference was to be arranged, round went the paddles, and a cry of "step on board" settled the question. Every one had got in except poor Walsh. He, too, might easily have done so, but the fear of being left behind so bewildered him that he lost the momentary opportunity, and it was not until his boat had receded too far from the quay to leave him any chance of reaching her, that he seemed disposed to make a desperate spring, when he must inevitable have been plunged into the water. We could see him in some time after, running like one distracted along the water's edge, probably in the vain hope that the steamer would be stopped in order to take him in. Fortunately he had only about thirty miles to travel to reach Prescott, and be re-united to his anxious and terrified family.

Each of the Durham boats is furnished with a metal stove, in which you can boil a kettle, &c. but you will have to forage for firewood as you go along, which you can easily do, as there will occur many opportunities of stepping on shore; but it will be the better plan to bring provisions ready dressed, so that you may have as little occasion for their stove as possible.