

Sir Thomas Lipton


## Historical Sketches

## a trip across the ocean.

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| :---: | noce a three-masted ship paseed clowe

ony us with tull sils es..
A thought struck me that if that ship hat struck ours we would ha
gone to bottom "unknown, unhonor
and unsung." sa many another stip and unsung," ss
company tas don
dangerous seas.
Our course next took us close to the
coast of Ireland,by the clay cliffs from which white clay pipes are moulded.
We ealso passed close to a lighthouse on the Irish coast, and not long ant.
erward were on the briad Allantic, where the weather was bright. fine and the be seen, except oceasionally the sails
of a ship in the distance. Some one may ask, How did we peass
the time durinn that seven long weeks on the water: I can only say, in ans-
wer, as best we could.
some in playing cards, in reading; some would den-
joy themselves singing the good ond
songs of the tatherland, one of which

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 In which all would join. At night.when the sea was calm, we danced till
ten oclock ten oclock, some emigrant musicians
furnishing the music. 1 myself spent
a good deat a good deal of time on the upper deck,
watehing the big tish surrounding our ship. Some of them were monsters
I also eaught some "Muther harey
chickens." as they were called. chickens," as they were called. 1
would take astrong cord and attach a piece of meat to it, throw this over
side of the vesel. Thue birds would
eageriy grasp the meat in their mouths eagnt then I pulled them aboard, atter
whieh I turned them lowe whieh 1 turned them lewse again.
They are a trifte larger than cur comThey are a trinte larger than our com-
mone blackbirds and have wet feet.
They live far out at sea: Sailers shave They iive far out at sea.
$\qquad$ The mad waves would carry curr sliti mountain high, nand the next minute
let us deep down into a trough of the let us deep down in
sea. as wes suppw

rolled from side to side, and it was
very hard for a person to keep reet. Then again would come a calm,
so perfect so perfect that for days there was not
enough or a breeze to move the ship a foot. These were lonesome, longing
days for us, and all prayed for a breeze to spring up and take us too
ation as rapidly as possible. ation as rapidly as possible.
But we came nearer and
cherished America. Our ship had taken the extreme sout hern route,and
one day we saw what was pointed out one day we saw what was pointed out
as the mountains of Porto Rico. In a tew days we passed close to the shores
of Cuba, and it was a beantiful col try to look upon.
Some days later we saw the smoke of
two steamboats. they came toward us, and one came so


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