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1 The Authors Journey from New York to Kansas

Oct<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1854 we embarked on one of the large Steam boats  
running between New York & Albany (I forget the name)

I had taken a berth in the Cabin & was proceeding towards it when

A ruffian came up I suppose employed by the proprietor & says

going to Albany Sir. I answered yes & cabin passage first Class —

this is the way then he says & instead of leading me to the Cabin

takes me to the Deck the vessel was going out immediately so

there was no escape & Oh what a dreadful scene presented itself

to my view as the Vessel was just leaving the Dock the porters

was busy bringing in the freight on their trucks regardless of the

limbs & bodies of the passengers who were lying about in heaps

which would frequently produce dreadful Caths & Screams from those

who were injured Boxes beds chairs & tables was piled up in pyramids