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Hard knocks & bruises all the other were fetched in pieces of time but very slowly as the last party came on board the steamer at one in the Morning sometime after this an individual contrived to get up another Joint Stock company of a little different character to the last the man who got this up bore about him a slight cast of respectability but he was in reality an awful Swearer & Drunkard — there happened to be on board the boat in the cabin an old Dutchman who had sailed with us from St Louis but singular enough he had no hat from the commencement of the voyage this dissipated man like many others of the same stamp like Satan seeking how he might & whom he might devour pitched upon this poor old no hat'd Dutchman who could not speak a word of English as the ground work of his villainous plot he went round to all the passengers pulling a very long face & acting very hypocritically & quite out of character & said that he that he had ^{to go} round on the present business which was one of begging ~~as~~ he was a very bad beggar but he was forced to it from feeling of pure humanity as he could find no one else to take up the case though he had tried again & again he said the case stood thus there was a poor man on the cabin how he managed to get there he could not tell but he believed he had not got a cent in the world & as he was standing outside the cabin for a little further the wind blew off his hat & he was an old man & had no money to purchase another & was in a