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for the Rail Roads. Several towns were passed through by the way having no special claim to notice either for their present appearance or historical importance.
The people where we saw any were happy looking. The wheat harvest in progress. Apple orchards were frequent. Toward Evening we reached Dover the nearest point to the Continent of Europe & that at which Julius Caesar having conquered Gaul made his first descent on the Island. Its White Cliffs must have been very plainly visible as the channel at this point is only 18 miles across and we see the shores of France though they are not so high & white as these. Albion was then an unknown land, or at least but little known to Rome

except possibly as the distant source from which Carthage, that dreaded rival, a colony of Tyre drew some of the wealth which enabled her to compete with Rome for the power over the world so coveted by both. Since then Britain has arrogated to herself the Empire of the Seas Rome & Carthage, now "point a moral and adorn a tale". What shall be the end be of their successor and when shall it come?
The Cliffs of Dover rise perpendicular from the sea & are white as chalk. One of them is destined to immortality as the scene from which Lear is made to utter his memorable description. They are crowned by a castle covering still the site of Roman fortifications. The houses of the town itself are scattered irregularly along the beach. Most of them are old