

over the wide world when the monument
has long been forgotten or removed to make
way for the ever onward progress of the
Metropolis of the West.

Glorious Island City! When wearily
plodding thy pavements I may have mentioned
thy name with contempt and dissatisfaction,
but here under the line ^{where} thousands
upon thousands of miles of ocean are
rolling between us I think with pride
that I am one of thy sons.

As John Bull would say, with
a difference "Gotham, with all thy faults
I love thee still!"

With all thy din, with all the crash
of thy omnibuses, with thy dust in summer
and thy "slosh" in winter, thou art still
the City of my heart!

"Breathes there the man with soul so dead
That never to himself hath said,
'This is my own my native land?'"

If such there be, go, mark him well!

I forget the rest but at all events
I am getting sentimental, which I have not
been before, thank my stars! since we failed
and so as we sailors say (a'hem!) I shall
take a round turn and belay all that!
Still at all events much as I love

Gotham I love this broad ocean well enough
to not dive without seeing Gotham for a few
months, 30 or 40, be the same more or less.

Here I am scribbling nonsense in
when I should be engaged in the more
useful and occupation of washing out some
very dirty clothes of which I am the happy
owner. So with the permission of the
reader if I am so fortunate as to have
one I will once more haul taut & belay.

Fine weather - Monday 20th 1856
Bowling along with a
fair breeze -

As nothing important has hap-
pened to day I will get down an incident
which happened ^{occurred} about 2 weeks ago and
was on the whole too good to be lost.

A large English vessel hove in
sight and came near enough to speak
us. After the usual salutations had
been passed, "Where did you leave the
Trades?" sang out our Captain from
his quarter deck. The other Captain probably
misunderstood the question for to the
great astonishment of all hands an
answer came back in a stentorian
voice "Three punt ten, two pun in
advance!"

Probably the Englishman