

The powers of steam have fortunately come to their aid, enabling them at a trifling cost to indulge this new propensity; and now, with little premeditation and less preparation, with carpet bag and hat box, and the receipts if not the gains of the preceding week, the merchant and the trader, their clerks, shopmen, and servants of both sexes, put themselves in motion to see a little of the world, which is now undoubtedly of smaller dimensions than those announced to us by philosophers of old.

2. A trip across the channel to Calais, thence to Paris for a week, down the Seine to Havre, and back to Southampton, gives, it is supposed, sufficient time and opportunity for any reasonable person to see France, and to become acquainted with the French people.

But why not make a longer excursion? Steamers run to Spain and Portugal and the