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LETTERS FROM WEST IRELAND.

I.

BUNCRANA, NORTHERN DONEGAL,
August 21.

LETTERS from the West of Ireland may fairly begin with a bull, and accordingly I make no apology for dating the first from Buncrana, Buncrana being nearly the central point of the northern coast, and situated some twenty miles to the southward of Malin Head, the most northerly headland in the country. I had arranged a tour to embrace some of the most picturesque districts in the wilds of the West, but I had been told that in the outlying peninsula of Inishowen there is coast scenery almost as stern as any in the kingdom, while it is certain that it is seldom visited by tourists. In Ireland, in fact, even more than elsewhere, the tourist traffic has settled down into regular grooves. English visitors, and great numbers of Americans who are dropped or picked up at Queenstown by the Atlantic liners, hurry off on flying trips to Kerry or Connemara,