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CHAPTER I.

THE VOYAGE—NASSAU.

HAVING been absent during the summer of 1863 for the purpose of improving impaired health of myself, when, on returning from the Catskill Mountains, instead of being benefited, fever, cough, and lassitude took hold of the system to that extent that we believed nothing short of going to a warmer climate, before the commencement of winter, would prove availing.

After making all necessary arrangements for the voyage, we took passage from the port of New York the fourth of twelfth mo., 1863, on board the

Corsica, Captain Lemesurier commander, at ten o'clock, on second day. Many of our friends accompanied us to the ship, remaining with us several hours, under feelings of great solemnity, anticipating sad forebodings as to my ever returning to my native land. We parted from each other prayerfully, desiring we might be permitted to meet again. The weather was now extremely cold, and, having no fire on board the ship, save in the furnace under the boilers, we endured much suffering from the cold; and, as I was ill, and very weak, shivering continued for many hours, notwithstanding the steward made applications of hot water by placing bottles and pitchers around me. My dear husband was under great concern and fear, lest we should not reach the island of Cuba without my enduring a severe illness, striving every way in his power to warm me, and alleviate my cough, which was now extreme. For myself, I thought it very doubtful whether I ever reached Havana; but we strove to put our confidence and trust in that God, who suffers "not a sparrow to fall to the ground without His providence."

While thus revolving in our minds the many sad events that were transpiring in our native