

Amenities of the Transit.

VENUS.
Over the trembling seas of ether, over the boundless
fields of light...

DOCTOR BEN.

An Episode in the Life of a
Fortunate Unfortunate.
CHAPTER V.—(CONTINUED.)

To Bridge Hill, Harper and two or three
mill-men followed the rather garrulous and
imaginative boy.

CHAPTER VI.
THOMAS MACRAE.
For the completeness of the story, it is now
 requisite that the history of Thomas
Macrae should be unfolded more at length.

Such powers of mind and body as are
brought into full and passionate play, or
suddenly and excitedly exhausted, are particularly
in the aged and delicate. Suggestion,
too, is a powerful lever in the changes
that come to men's thoughts; and the
memory of her wish to go over the sea led this
woman to cease her waiting at once.

He was bending over something. He was
looking at it intently. He was speaking
in a low voice. He was holding a book
under his arm.

He was making a sketch of those North
American cities. The fit across him, and he turned
eastward. Across country he travelled
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Steam on the Atlantic.

The Immense Number of Lives Lost.
Lucky and Unlucky Lives—Wrecks and
Collisions.

In the concluding article of his series of
papers entitled "Notes for a History of the
Steam Navigation," in the United Service
Magazine for December, Rear Admiral
George H. Preble, United States Navy, gives
a valuable compilation of statistics
concerning the amount of life and property in
steam vessels on the Atlantic Ocean.

It is the signal service station on Pike's Peak
is 14,000 feet above the sea. The operators
will have to provide themselves with long
fish-lines if they catch anything.

A cable dispatch that "a mine was discovered
in a street in Moscow, Russia," was
headed by an innocent journalist head-
writer as "A bonanza in Moscow."

Of the 144 vessels lost, more than half
were wrecked, most of the wrecks being
close along shore; 24 were classified as mis-
sings, which means that they never reached
the ports for which they sailed; 10 were
lost on the coast of Europe.

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