John Jacob Astor.

John Jacob Aster, the founder of the American branch of the family, was born at Walldorf, Baden, on the 17th of July, 1763, His father was a small farmer with a large family. Jacob was the youngest of four sons. When 17 he left home and walked to the nearest seaport, where he embarked for London. Soon after his arrival Astor determined to carry out his long cherished desire of establishing himself in the New World. One third of his fortune was paid for steerage passage on board a vessel bound for Baltimore. The vessel left London early in November, 1783, and after a long and stormy voyage arrived in the Chesapeake about the middle of January. The winter was a very severe one and the bay was completely frozen over. For nearly two months the vessel remained ics-vound, and it was not until the 10th of March that the harbor of Baltimore was reached.

THE PROVERBIAL ILL WIND.

This long detention in the frozen waters of the Chesapeake Bay, which, perhaps, was regarded as a great hardship at the time, was the origin of John Jacob Astor's fortune. On the passage out he made the acquaintance of a German employed in the fur trade. Over their pipes during the long winter nights in the bay, he beguiled the tedium of the hours by relating to John Jacob his adventures among the Indians in search of furs. With German frankness he imparted to the young emigrant the secret of the business -how, for a few trinkets, skins could be bought from the Indians and sold with great profit to the furriers of New York, but that the most profitable mode of dealing in furs was to buy in America and sell in London, where skins were worth five times more than ln New York. Astor treas ured up this information, resolving at no distant day to avail himself of it. Soon after landing in Baltimore, Astor and his companion hastened to New York.

Early in the summer of 1784 he hired himself to one Robert Bowne, who is mentioned as a "kind hearted old Quaker." His principal duty was to beat turs day after day, summer and winter. His wages were \$2 a week and his board. He worked hard, and at the end of the first month his wages were raised. This was the first introduction to the fur business, to which he was indebted quirer: for the commencement of the largest fortune ever accumulated by a single individual in America half a century ago. He loved fure, and in his latter years was accustomed to have handsome specimens hung up in his sponded the policeman. counting-room, as other men have pictures. He took pleasure in seeing, showing and admiring them. He was not satisfied to remain long a worker for another. In 1786, with a few dollars capital, he set up for himself in a little shop on Water street. He did everything for himself, for he was too poor to employ others. He brought, cured, beat, sold and packed his skins, laboring from dawn to dusk. With a pack on his back | Poor." and on foot he made long and dangerous journeys to the Indian country, climbing mountains, wading or swimming rivers, until he reached the home of the Mohawks, Senecas, Oneidas and other Indian tribes. ON THE ROAD TO FORTUNE.

On Astor's first business voyage to London he found a ready market for his furs, at an immense profit, and invested the proceeds in goods suitable for the American market, which he put on board a ship bound for New York. Having a few days of leisure he amused himself by viriting the objects of interest. Among other places he went to the East India house, and, ascertaining that the governor was a German with a name very familiar to him, he sought an interview and was admitted. When he entered he said to him: "Is not your name William ---, and did you not go to school in the town of --- ?"

"I did, and I remember you very well; your name is Astor," repled the financial magnate.

This led to long talk over old school days. The gov rnor invited Astor to dine with him and asked if there was anything he could do for him. He said no, he needed neither cash nor credit. The governor press. ed him to mention what present would be acceptable. Astor again declined his friend's offer. Finally, two days before he sailed, Mr. Astor call ed to bid the governor goodby and was handed two papers with the quiet remark : "These may be of use to you." One of the papers was a Canton price current, the other a handsomely engrussed parchment authorizing the ship that bore it to trade freely and without molestation at any of the ports monopolized by the East India company. This was the origin of John Jacob Astor's splended commercial transactions with China, which he continued with immense profit for seventeen years. His first ship sailed for the East in the year 1800 and his share of the profits amounted to \$55,000. On the outward voyage the ship touched at the Sandwich Islands to take in water, fire-wood and fresh previsions. When the vessel arrived at Canton a mandarin came on board and noticing the fire wood asked the price of it. The captain laughed at the question, but the mandarin said he wanted to buy it, and offered \$500 a ton for the lucrative sandal wood trade.

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"Be good enough to direct me to the residence of the Governor of the city," said the

"I don't know where that is, either," re-"What ! not know where the Governor lives? I shall report you to morrow. I am

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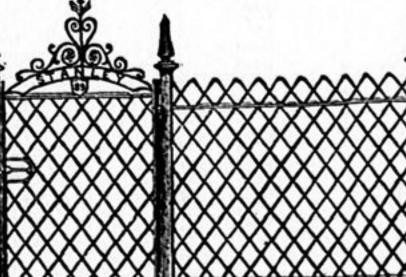
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