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## LITERARY.

### A Trip to Central America.

"See here, Puss, lets's leave this old hole and see what the world is like?" "All right, I'll go you one; where shall it be?" After this much discussion followed and South America was the country among others singled out for our wild goose chase. Our preparations for a hurried and rather undignified departure were soon completed, and after a few days sojourn in Houston we went to New Orleans whence a steamer was to carry us to the land of our expectations. But man proposes and God disposes. After a diligent search and much consultation of various volumes containing all the steamship lines in the world, we found that we would have to go by way of either New York or Amsterdam to reach our destination. This did not suit us at all, and we cast about for other opportunities. In the meantime we were enjoying a winter in the South amongst blooming orange trees

and sweet scented flowers, for winter in its severest form is not known in New Orleans, the Crescent City of the South West. The climate of the city is very much and unnecessarily abused. It is not half so unhealthy as people would make you believe. Those who get such an idea from a casual glance of the city, generally do not get beyond the docks and manufacturing part of New Orleans. I shall not try to glorify those, but it is surely true that any city of its size has its dirty corners and gloomy streets. Having seen Broadway, Unter den Linden and Canal street, I think that the last compares very favorably with the former, it being at once roomier than Broadway and at least as imposing as Unter den Linden. And in regard to the people congregating there; I have never seen so much beauty in so short a time as I did when strolling of an evening along its pleasant promenades.

But this is swerving from the sub-