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The 1000-Foot Ship.

Are we next to have the 1200-foot ship?

New York is already preparing for the 1000 foot palace of the sea. She is the proposed White Star liner, Gigantic, whose proportions and appointments are, for the present, the last word in marine construction. She is as long as five Portland city blocks, streets excluded. She will have 12 decks, reached by numerous passenger elevators which means that she will be a floating skyscraper.

She will have golf links, swimming pools, gymnasium, and every other known device for the comfort and convenience of passengers. She will be a modern hotel afloat with an addition of many of the accessories of the country club.

With her double blige keel, she will banish seasickness. She will make the seven days journey across the Atlantic a seven days' pleasure vacation for the passenger.

It is an extraordinary change from the conditions of 25 years ago. In 1886, our ocean greyhounds were the Alaska, the Oregon and the America. They were vessels of scarcely 4000 tons, in com-

parison with the huge palaces of 60,000 tons in the present leviathan liners.

For the fifty years, the Great Eastern remained the isolated instance of the big ship. Her failure frightened magnates of ocean navigation from attempting the large craft.

But the spell has been broken, and we are today in an era of hugeness. As we contemplate the vessels of the present in comparison with the caravals of Columbus, we are plunged into wonderment as to what manner of ocean mammoth will sail the seas a half century hence.—Ex.

The driest place in the world is between the two lower falls of the Nile in Egypt. Rain has never been known to fall there, and the inhabitants do not believe travelers who say that rain can fall out of the sky. The wettest place in the world is Assam, between the Hamalayas and the mountains of Burma. Four hundred and eighty-nine inches in a year is the record. Torrents fall, the earth steams, everything seems about to dissolve, and then comes the dry season.—Selected.