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New York, January 7th.

The weather here still continues excessively cold—the earth being covered with snow and ice, from an inch to six inches thick. Day and night we are saluted by merry sleigh-bells, all along the streets. The omnibuses vie with each other in the gaiety and glitter of their turn-outs, and it is one of the sights worth looking at, to stand on the side-walk and see them pass along. Not even the private vehicles, sleigh-fashion, rich as some of the caparisons are, can compete with those same omnibuses. With their superb white horses—the rims of the dash-boards arching over like the necks of serpents—and from twenty to a hundred ladies and gents ‘inside’—you may imagine what a show they present!

Just after dark sets in, Broadway presents the appearance of an illuminated carnival—even the fancy dresses are made up by the grotesque look of many of the sleighs. Outsiders seem ranacked to furnish patterns for the “fancy” to put on runners. I have noticed several sea-serpents, a mermaid or two and dolphins are quite common.

We are much concerned at the sad accounts from New Orleans respecting the cholera. It is, however, the confident supposition that before this date, the disease must have subsided, if not left you entirely. Thousands of anxious hearts listen here with eager interest to each successive instalment of the news on this melancholy matter.

In our neighborhood—the Quarantine station at Staten Island—no cases of the cholera occurred during Thursday and Friday last, and the Health Officer has ceased making any reports. Not the least alarm is felt here on the subject. Next summer I fear it will be a different affair; but let next summer take care of itself.

Ice begins to make its appearance in the East river, floating along in “pretty considerable” masses, too. at times. Some of the weather-wise predict a continuation of the severe cold, and, as a natural consequence, a hard winter. Heaven knows, if the weather lasts like it has been for the past week, the coal-yards and the provision-dealers will hang in lots of money. All work for out-door mechanics has completely stopped; immense rows of buildings in the “burnt district” of Brooklyn having been embargoed in the suddenest manner possible. And oh! what noses you may see, early in the morning, at the street corners!

Manhattan.

Letter from “Manhattan,” published in “Correspondence of the Crescent,” New Orleans Daily Crescent (January 19, 1849), page 3. For more information, see pages 1-50.