



DREDGING ON THE PARAMATTA RIVER, SYDNEY.

CHAPTER VII.

MELBOURNE (VICTORIA) TO SYDNEY (NEW SOUTH WALES) AND
WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND).

Melbourne—The city and suburbs—Visit to Ballarat—The city—Its gold mines—Melbourne to Sydney—First sight of Sydney Heads—Arrive at Sydney, New South Wales—Anchor in Farm Cove—Sydney Harbour—Picnic on Mount Victoria—Zigzag on the Great Western Railway—The Blue Mountains, and Valley of the Nepean—The city—Paramatta River—Rhodes—The dredging picnic—Entertainments during our stay—Early history of the colony—Leave Sydney—The stormy weather—Return and anchor in Watson's Bay—Sydney to New Zealand—Daily soundings—Rough weather—Anchor for shelter in Port Hardy and Queen Charlotte Sound—Man washed overboard and drowned—Sight Palliser Heads—Anchor off Wellington—Port Nicholson.

VICTORIA is the wealthiest of all England's colonial possessions; her trade exceeds thirty-two millions