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We are looking slightly north of west across the East River from the Brooklyn end of the great bridge. Long Island stretches out behind us. Blackwell's, Wards and Randall's Island are up-stream at our right. The southern end of Manhattan, with Battery Park and Castle Garden looking out down the great harbor are a mile away at our left. That 22-story building with the high, dome-shaped cupola is the home of the *World* over in the heart of the newspaper region.

The place of that mass of shops and factories around the New York terminus of the bridge was an elegant residence district little more than a century ago. While the first Congress was holding its sessions in 1789, President Washington lived in a house standing where one of the bridge piers rests at this moment. In those days a four-horse stage-coach for Boston used to start three times a week from a point near that pier, carrying twelve passengers and taking six days for the journey! It was when old Manhattan had only 33,131 inhabitants, whereas now the population of that one borough of the city is considerably over 1,850,000.

The building of this bridge was begun in 1870 and finished in 1883. The distance covered between the ground level here in Brooklyn and reaching the ground level over in New York is nearly 1 1/4 miles (6537 feet). This granite tower and its fellow on the west side are each 278 feet high and where their deep foundations have to stand the incessant rush and wear of current and tides they present solid masses of masonry, 140 x 59 feet. That graceful curve of the middle span where the boats are passing is 135 feet above the water and 1505 feet long. These four main cables, each 15 3/4 inches in diameter, are bundles of galvanized steel wires that were subjected to the severest tests of strength. The four cables alone, without counting any of those myriad other steel ropes, contain over 14,350 miles of tested wire.

Brooklyn Bridge, Looking from Brooklyn Towards

New York, U. S. A.

Le Pont de Brooklyn, vue de New York depuis

Brooklyn, E. U. d'A.

Die Brookliner Brücke, mit dem Blick nach West

Port, Ber. Staaten.

El Puente de Brooklyn, visto de Brooklyn hacia

Nueva York, E. U. de A.

Brooklyn-bron, öfverblick från Brooklyn till New

York, F. S. A.

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отъ Бруклина до Нью-Йорка (С. С. Штатовъ)

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