



A TOUR ROUND THE GLOBE.

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LETTER I.

R.M.S. *Empress of India*,

February 28th, 1891, Red Sea.

THE water of the Red Sea is a dark blue. The day is dull, temperature 80 deg. Fahr., and we are going thirteen knots. We muster nearly 170 passengers, of whom about forty are ladies. The sea is smooth, and only a slight roll, which causes no inconvenience, is the result. We have a numerous company of Americans, Canadians, English, and a very few Germans. We have a splendid ship of 5,700 tons gross, well-officered, destined hereafter to carry the mails between China, Japan, and Vancouver, thence by the Canadian Pacific Railway to the Atlantic border, and thence to Europe. As the railway is about 5,000 miles long, a considerable saving of time will be effected.

It was by the advice of my medical attendant, who told me a long sea voyage in warm latitudes would restore my health, and probably add ten years to my life, that I took this trip. The advertisements called it "a trip round the world," the course being from Liverpool to Gibraltar, Marseilles, Naples, Port Said, Suez Canal (with a trip to Cairo for those who cared to visit the Pyramids), Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, Woo Sung, Japan (three ports), Vancouver, across the railway and back to Liverpool by any line of steamers one pleases.

We sailed from Liverpool on February 8th, and had a wonderful passage right to Gibraltar, the sea across the

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