

# THE WHITEHAVEN ROUTE

BETWEEN

EUROPE AND AMERICA.

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The problem of how to shorten the passage of the Atlantic and cause it to be attended by the smallest possible degree of danger has for many years taxed the ablest, shrewdest and most far-seeing business minds of the world. Science and human ingenuity have done much in their way to provide, at least, a partial solution. The progress made in ocean navigation during the past ten or fifteen years is a fruitful source of amazement. Sailing vessels have been almost completely discarded by the traveling public. Not many years ago it was considered a very creditable performance if a steamship traversed the distance between New York and Liverpool inside of fourteen days. At the present time it is not considered in any way extraordinary and noteworthy that the *Britannic* or some other swift vessel makes the trip from the Mersey to the Hudson in seven days and thirteen hours. It may be safely asserted, therefore, that the enormous degree of speed attained has reduced the time consumed in crossing the Atlantic nearly 50 per cent. In addition thereto the thousand-and-one appliances for the production of comfort on steamships have shorn the ocean passage