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## CHAPTER I.

Facilities of communication and of transport to America—Advantages of Steam navigation—New York and Philadelphia packet ships—The several Liners leaving Liverpool, London, &c.—Transient vessels to America and British Provinces—Instructions in the choice of a vessel, and other preliminary arrangements before going on board—Monotony of a life on ship board—Particulars of our voyage across the Atlantic—Clearing the river Mersey—British Channel—Western Islands—Mother Carey's Chickens—A calm, its distressing consequences—Northern and Southern passage—Great Bank of Newfoundland—Gulf stream—Strange sail—Icebergs—Entanglement amongst them—Extreme danger—Soundings—The land—Anchor at Staten Island—Arrival at New York.

THE facilities of communication with the continent of North America, are now so frequent, and afford such varied accommodation, that the emigrant, or traveller, can at all times consult his personal convenience, as well as his pecuniary means, in selecting such description of vessel, as also such port in England as he would wish to sail from. The great and extraordinary improvements in steam navigation, that have marked the last three or four eventful years, in the naval history of the world, have determined, within this period, the long doubted question of the practicability of navigating the Atlantic by this