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PORTLAND, MAINE, THE BIRTHPLACE OF LONGFELLOW—A PICTURESQUE  
HARBOR AT SUNDOWN — THROUGH THE CITY —  
ROUTES TO NOTED TOURIST RESORTS.

"Often I think of the beautiful town  
That is seated by the sea;  
Often in thought go up and down  
The pleasant streets of that dear old town,  
And my youth comes back to me."

THE entrance to Portland harbor, after passing the light at Portland Head, is through the broad ship channel with the Cape Shore upon the left, and Cushing's Island forming the right extreme.

An extended view of Portland's summer hotels and cottages may be had from this point. The Cape Shore is lined with the summer homes of the city's business men, many of them most imposing subjects of modern architecture. This shore also bears pleasant hotels, the Cape Cottage and Ocean House for example, many boarding-houses, and the coast defences of the city whose sunset gun speeds the departing day.

Upon Cushing's, to the right, rises the broad roof and dome of "The Ottawa," the finest hotel in the harbor, new in 1889, to replace one destroyed the previous season. Beautiful cottages also adorn Cushing's, which is the most exclusive of Casco's isles.

Immediately after rounding the point of this island the city bursts upon the view from its commanding position upon the peninsula heights three miles distant.

The view from seaward in the approach to the city is incomparable, and is, indeed, the only point of view which shows Portland to advantage. The time of arrival at this point is most opportune for sight-seeing. The sun, yet well up in the heavens directly above the city, behind whose roofs and spires it sinks into the west with most charming cloud effects of ever-varying hue.

The harbor scene is most attractive, for the mammoth steamer is now in the path of the many excursion boats plying between the city and its cottage-covered suburban islands. Among them our ship seems colossal, and we are, for the passing moment, the centre of attraction to the gay groups who throng the decks of the smaller craft, which now are dancing