

paddles and the lengthening wake in our rear, gave us notice that we were on our way across the broad Atlantic.

The comfortable accommodations which the West India Mail Steam Packet Company afford their passengers is of the most complete description, and their boats are unequalled, save perhaps by those of the Peninsular and Oriental, or the Cunard line of Steamers, by any in the world.

The gentleman-like bearing of the captains and officers toward the passengers, and their efficient co-operation in all that regards the management of the ships they command, are too well known to need any eulogy from my pen.

On the voyage, I may mention to my reader in strict confidence, our passengers were of the most mixed description, English, French, Germans, a sprinkling of Dutch and Russians, and no end of Spaniards. The propensity to eat their meals like Christians is not a peculiarity of the latter named; and, the having a gentleman opposite you at breakfast who indulges in a "pot pourri" of ham and marmalade, sardines and custard, I cannot recommend as an infallible cure for sea sickness.

To the attentive observer of human nature, few situations afford more opportunities for exercising his faculty than that on board ship. The variety of passengers of different nations, the individual good nature or selfishness of each, their sympathies and their jealousies, form a constant source