

myself and friends, not having taken time to pen disquisitions on the character of the American people. I might even now—not having forgotten what I saw or heard—interperse a few anecdotes of American humour and peculiarity, but I prefer that this "Souvenir" should appear as the simple record it was originally intended to be. There are, of course, numerous eccentric individuals to be met with in travelling through the States—indeed, one is sometimes *bored* with people trying to *guess* other people's business, or "calculating" to extract information by forced questions; but there is no avoiding recognition of the restless "go ahead" spirit of the people, or that decided lack of the conventional which, to our sorrow, governs us all so much at home.

In conclusion, let me say that if a perusal of the preceding pages should induce any of my personal friends to go where I have gone, and the information as to prices and routes prove of use to them, I shall consider that I have not printed in vain.

