Straits of Belleisle is 2,693 miles; but from Liverpool to New York in the United States is 3,025 miles. Subtract 2,680 from 3,025, and we shall see how much further it is to the chief port of the United States than to the British port of Halifax. Now a glance at the map shows

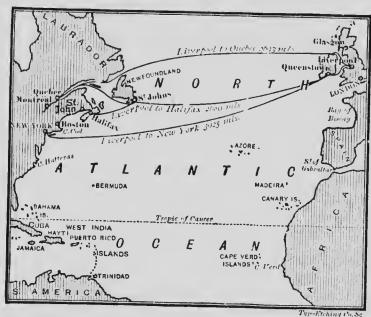


FIG. 3. -STEAMER ROUTES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

that New York is a good deal further from Liverpool than Halifax, and a little further than Quebec. But from the map we cannot well understand how great the difference is, and we must look at the globe before we can do so. The lines which circle the globe and are known as parallels of latitude grow longer and longer as they get near to the centre line or Equator.

The further north the shorter the distance around