
A ROUND THE WORLD CRUISE

CHAPTER I

QUEBEC TO THE PACIFIC COAST

LEAVING Quebec towards the end of January, in a temperature of 20° below zero, with several feet of snow on the ground, we travelled by rail to Chicago. In the Windy City we embarked on one of the cross continent trains, and started for Los Angeles, on a tour around the world.

Across the American continent, a distance of over 3,000 miles, in hot, stuffy railway carriages, until we should board the ship at San Francisco, upon which we intended doing the rest of the journey to New York towards the latter end of May, was not a pleasant contemplation; but one must never compare the inconveniences of railway travelling on short distances with those upon long ones, for the railway companies realize the difference, and do their utmost to add to the comfort of travellers on lengthy rail routes.

Then, again, travelling in a train filled with Western Americans is a delightful