

the passengers for Ireland will probably have left before this time to-morrow."

"The provisioning has been very good throughout the voyage, any one not satisfied must indeed be hard to please."

"I think so too. Here we have had both English and American dishes."

"Is there much difference between the food in American and in English hotels?"

"Yes, I noticed several things that to me at least were novel. For instance Clam Chowder soup, or, in fact, clams in any form, then Blue fish, Bass fish, and soft shelled crabs, also the bear flesh, that was occasionally to be had at the tip-top hotels; and the large variety of hot bread that you eat, and which, for the most part, I did not like at all; besides sundry vegetables and fruit quite new to me."

"Such as what?"

"Well, Green-corn, for instance, is quite unknown with us, and then, again, the immense number of tomatoes the Americans eat quite astonish an Englishman. Tomatoes for breakfast, tomatoes for luncheon, tomatoes for dinner, tomatoes for supper, tomatoes raw, tomatoes boiled, tomatoes baked, tomatoes stewed, tomato sauce, tomato soup, &c., in fact tomatoes everywhere and always. Then, again the great abundance of peaches, sweet melons, and canteloupes, which I thought very nice, as also the blue berries, so plentiful during August in Lower Canada. There was another thing with which I was a good deal struck, and that was the number of eggs you use, and the great variety of ways in which you cook and eat