

was at a loss to distinguish between snow and hail, although I had a faint idea that hail would be something like coarse drops of rain solidified, and so I thought the best way to get out of it was to ask some one. With my usual impetuosity I approached the first man I saw at leisure and politely asked, "what those things were that descended from the sky like soap-bubbles." "Hail, of course," was the reply. Then I strutted away, highly delighted that I had (as I thought) made my first great discovery, only to find when I reached Toronto that I had been misinformed. It was no hail, but snow. Then having left one of the wharves in New York city, with my baggage in an express cart, I was hastily taken to the New York Central. When I got there I felt almost frozen to death, having no overcoat nor yet a pair of gloves; after being at the railway station some time I felt quite revived (being now in a warm place). Then I thought the next best thing for me was to purchase my ticket, and so I found myself at the first pigeon-hole and asked for a ticket to Toronto. "Not here," was the answer I got from the ticket seller. Then I jaunted to another, and to the next, till I struck the right place. Having got my ticket I began looking around for an overcoat. Leaving the station I went a couple of blocks, and everywhere doors were shut - a most unusual sight for one coming from a tropical country. I, however, ventured into what I thought might be a store, and without looking around to see where I was, I quickly asked for an overcoat. "Man alive! can't you see this is a grocer's shop?" I felt foolish, but just turned out to try another place. After calling at a few places and not being able to get one sufficiently cheap yet good, I came to the conclusion that I had better bear it all till I came to my friends in Toronto; and so I set about finding the railway station. It took me full two hours to accomplish this great feat, although I was only distant from it a couple of blocks. Being somewhat excited and entirely overcome with the magnificence of this great city it never occurred to me that I might be hungry. I remained at the station from ten o'clock in the morning to eight o'clock at night, when being put on my train I journeyed north. It was not till what I then thought was about five o'clock next morning, but which really was nearer eight o'clock, that we reached