

hundred and fifty dollars cannot be more profitably spent for a summer vacation, and this is more than it costs from New York to the icebergs and back. Think of it! hardly the price of a French costume, a ring, or a bracelet, and yet the memory of such a trip will outlive them all. The pleasure is much enhanced too by the fact that those who are your fellow-passengers are apt to be ladies and gentlemen, by which I mean persons whose good breeding naturally tends to a regard for the comfort of their companions; and among them you will find men and women, young and old, of bright intelligence, who, devoting their time to travel, are full of fact and anecdote—scientists, savants, authors, and artists of renown from all parts of the world.

[*Entre nous*, I have heard of and seen more than one friendship, commencing on an Alaskan trip, which has ripened into mutual pledges "for good or for bad, for better, for worse," and especially of one wealthy and much-travelled Benedict, who was accustomed to congratulate himself that

"A bachelor
May thrive, by observation, on a little;
A single life's no burthen";

but who fell a victim in Alaskan waters to female charms, in furs and ulster, resulting in

"A contract of eternal bond of love
Confirmed by mutual joinder of their hands,"

and, happily, there are no regrets.]

If you take this trip as I have taken it, you will return home with a theme which will force you to