

the current does not remind one of the poetic images of the bard; but does remind us of the fact that the harbor and the Charles nearly surround what Ralph Waldo Emerson fondly calls —

"Thou dailing town of ours,"

and leads him to say in other expressive and suggestive words —

"The rocky nook with hill-tops three
Looked eastward from the farms,
And twice each day the flowing sea
Took Boston in its arms."

In another moment the train is passing into East Cambridge, where is located one of the Middlesex County court houses and jails. As the train rounds a slight curve, looking to the left backwards, a pleasant view is caught of the much be-praised Boston, of which her versifying son Holmes has written,

"And, sun like, from her Beacon-height
The dome-crowned city spreads her rays;

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Peace, Freedom, Wealth! no fairer view,
Though with the wild-bird's restless wings
We sailed beneath the noon-tide's blue
Or chased the moonlight's endless rings."

Sweeping through the region of sugar refineries and manufactories and up the grade to cross over the Fitchburg Railroad, a look to the right gives a clear view of Charlestown and Bunker Hill with its historic monument, and close at hand the McLean Insane Asylum. Now the line passes through the suburban villages comprising the city of Somerville. Between Winter Hill and College Hill is Powder House Hill,



on the left, where may be seen a round wind-mill tower of brick which has a history. Originally a mill for grinding corn, tradition says it was the trysting place of two lovers, who were pursued by the maiden's irate father. She took refuge in the loft, standing on the trap-door, he on the mill-stones, when she pulled the rope which set the fans in motion and started the machinery, by which the father was so maimed that it caused his death. Superstition led

to its abandonment as a mill and subsequently it was used for a powder house, such as every town was required to possess for the storage of ammunition against time of public danger. It was in such use in 1775, and upon rumor that the British intended its capture, a part was removed to Concord, and the enemy secured the remainder; so that in the Concord and Lexington fight, April 19, 1775, both parties used powder from the stock originally stored in this powder house. Just