

mail of the 19th ult., arrived yesterday, at 2, *p. m.* at Boston ; the information reaching Montreal by the circuitous route of Buffalo and Toronto, and which we might have, as probably we shortly will, in one hour, when the line shall have been established direct from Montreal to Boston. Truly, in this respect, times are changed since the close of the last century, and for the better. Who can say that before the close of the present, an over-land trip hence to the Columbia or California, and voyage thence to the blooming isles and Edens of the Pacific, including Hawaii and its magnificent Volcano, the mighty Mauna Loa, to which Vesuvius, Ætna, Hecla, are said to be mole hills, *en route* for Europe, via China and India, to spend the winter in St. Petersburg or Paris, may not be fashionable, and of more frequent and easy accomplishment, than is, at the present time, a voyage to Naples or Gibraltar, Madeira or Teneriffe ?—when the whole may be done in fewer weeks, peradventure days, than it took Sir George Simpson months, to perform his famous overland expedition—and a tour of the globe, from Quebec, by that route, looking at London and the lions, on the way home, in spring, but an agreeable excursion during winter, of four months at most, including stoppages at Delhi, Tobolsk, Constantinople, Vienna and Berlin !”

This prediction is now become a fact, and an almost identical trip to that supposed by the Historian is announced in the March number of Cook's excursionist. For the sum of \$1050 the tourist may purchase in New York, a first class ticket which will entitle him to the following journey :—New York to San Francisco. (with choice of seven different routes.) Thence to San Francisco by rail. From San Francisco to Yokohama by Pacific Mail Steamer.

From Yokohama to Hong Kong, Singapore, Penang, Ceylon, Madras, and Calcutta by Peninsular and Oriental Steamer ; from Calcutta to Bombay by East India Railway ; from Bombay to Suez by Peninsular and Oriental Steamer.