



THE ST. JOHN ROUTE IN DETAIL.—SIGHTS ALONG THE COAST FROM
BOSTON TO PORTLAND—THE ISLES OF SHOALS,
OLD ORCHARD BEACH, ETC.

BOSTON is the grand focal point to which converging lines from ALL AMERICA concentrate the throng of eastern tourist travel, each season growing larger as the manifold attractions which the country holds are advertised, and advertise themselves, as no pen can, to the health-seeking, pleasure-seeking summer visitor.

There are rail routes and water routes for again distributing this throng, but only one line, the International Steamship Company, offers the attraction of a "thro'-by-daylight" sail via Portland. This is a distinctive feature. Then, too, the sea voyage has ever been the panacea for human ills of the brain-wearied, *ennuied* order, so we will fancy the tourist—for the outing is to be a search for combined health and pleasure—embarked upon one of the good ships of the line, for the voyage, Eastward, Ho! The route skirts the coast for a great part of the distance, so there is little fear of *mal-de-mer*.

All in good time the steamer bears away, at an hour when the harbor scene is brightest, and the points of interest are clearly in view, past Fort Independence, with Deer Island, on which are the city institutions of charity and the house of correction, and the main land of Winthrop upon the left. The seventy-five islands and islets which exist within the encircling arms of the three—Dorchester, Quincy and Hingham bays, which constitute the harbor of "The Hub"—are clustered in the seaward landscape.

Looking toward the city the united Charles and Mystic rivers are seen entering the sea, dividing East Boston from the city proper; while in line with the former rises Bunker Hill Monument above the heights of Charlestown.

From the city of Boston to the final point of egress from its harbor, the outlet of the main ship channel, the distance is about seven miles. The passage is filled with interest throughout. After leaving the harbor the ship's course is shaped along the north shore of Massachusetts Bay, with the tall white beacons, discernible from the decks, standing singly