

SECTION A.

**GENERAL ATTRACTIONS  
OF THE WEST INDIES.**

**A "BIRD'S-EYE" VIEW.**

Let us imagine a traveller untied by the trammels of steamship connections voyaging at pleasure in the Caribbean Sea. A few days after leaving Bermuda he finds himself passing St. Thomas, the most important of the three Danish colonies (the others being St. Croix and St. John). From St. Thomas, proceeding southward, he reaches the British colonies of St. Kitts, Nevis, Antigua and Montserrat.

Danish

British

The French island of Guadeloupe comes next, and then British Dominica. Suddenly the bunting changes again to the French tricolour, with Martinique the birthplace of the Empress Joséphine, and our traveller is awed by the traces of the tragedy of Mont Pelée. The British colonies of St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados and Grenada follow in swift succession.

French

Our imaginary "bird's eye" tourist continues his voyage past Trinidad, and skirting the Venezuelan Coast passes the Dutch islands of Buen Ayre, Curaçoa and Oruba, and the Colombian Coast, reaches Colon, from whence by travelling to Panama it is easy to obtain a view of that modern marvel of engineering, the Panama Canal. Continuing northwards, he finds himself in Cuba, a newly-established Republic, reft from Spain in 1898, and returning southwards he reaches Jamaica, where once more he touches British soil. From Jamaica proceeding eastward, he sights the large island of Haiti, divided into two Negro Republics, and next the island of Porto Rico under the ægis of the Stars and Stripes.

Dutch

U.S.A.

Negro  
Republics

Thus faring he will have "rung the changes" upon no less than six nationalities. There is much history involved in these mutations, whilst the Spanish place-names which meet him in every direction speak most