

APPROACHES.

There are two routes by which the Bermudas can be visited; one via New York; the other via Halifax, Nova Scotia. By the former route communication is by steamer tri-weekly from November to March, and fortnightly from April to July; while between Halifax and Bermuda the steamer plies once a month only. Both passages occupy about the same time, three to three days and a half, prolonged to four days if head winds prevail.

Twenty-four hours after leaving either port a very perceptible change occurs in the temperature of the air; overcoats become useless, and the extra coverings of the berths are agreeably dispensed with; and while the comfortable warm cabin was chosen as the chief resort on leaving port, the open deck to a late hour of the night, now becomes the headquarters of those who love to pass the time in friendly chat. The voyage is soon over; yet during the time there is much to engage the attention of an enquiring mind. The Gulf Stream in itself is one of the wonders of the world; emanating from the heated waters of the Gulf of Mexico, it rushes with much force through the narrow channel which divides the Bahamas from the Florida coast, and proceeding north up the coast of the United States, yet at some distance from it, it gradually widens its limit; the western edge touching the eastern edge of the great arctic current, which, running down Davis'