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PREFACE.

THE design of the series of volumes, which it is intended to issue under the general title of *MARCO PAUL'S ADVENTURES IN THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE*, is not merely to entertain the reader with a narrative of juvenile adventures, but also to communicate, in connexion with them, as extensive and varied information as possible, in respect to the geography, the scenery, the customs and the institutions of this country, as they present themselves to the observation of the little traveller, who makes his excursions under the guidance of an intelligent and well-informed companion, qualified to assist him in the acquisition of knowledge and in the formation of character. The author will endeavor to enliven his narrative, and to infuse into it elements of a salutary moral influence, by means of personal incidents befalling the actors in the story. These incidents are, of course, imaginary—but the reader may rely upon the strict and exact truth and fidelity of all the descriptions of places, institutions and scenes, which are brought before his mind in the progress of the narrative. Thus, though the author hopes that the readers, who may honor these volumes with their perusal, will be amused and interested by them, his design throughout will be to instruct rather than to entertain.

MARCO PAUL IN BOSTON.

CHAPTER I.

THE STONINGTON ROUTE.

WHILE Marco Paul was under his cousin Forester's care, he occasionally went with him to New York, to visit his parents and friends, who resided there.

On one occasion, after making such a visit, they concluded to go by the way of Boston on their return, in order that Forester might show to Marco, what there might be that was interesting to a boy of his age, in that city. In going from Boston to New York, they concluded to take the Stonington route.

There are two great routes for travellers between the cities of Boston and New York. One is called the Norwich route, and the other the Stonington route. By looking upon any map, which contains Boston and New York, and the intermediate country, the reader will be able to

trace these routes, and see the reason for the names which they bear.

Norwich and Stonington are towns in Connecticut, and both are situated between Boston and New York. Norwich is on the river Thames, at some distance from its mouth. Stonington is on the coast of Connecticut, a little beyond the mouth of the Thames, towards Rhode Island. Now there is a railroad from Stonington to Providence, and another from Providence to Boston. And there is also a railroad from Norwich to Worcester, and from Worcester to Boston. There is also a steamboat, almost every evening, to leave New York and sail along the sound, to go to Norwich, and also another to go to Stonington. So that travellers may take the boat at New York and go to Norwich, and there take the cars and go to Worcester, and thence to Boston; or they may take the boat to Stonington, and thence go by the cars to Providence, and from Providence to Boston. They have large and excellent boats, and good cars, and powerful locomotives, on both these routes. Some travellers prefer one of these routes, and some the other.

It happened that Forester was not under the necessity of choosing which of these routes it would be better for him and Marco to take; for on the evening on which they had concluded to go there was no boat for Norwich. The Stonington route was therefore the only one which remained to them.