

called to him to move on. Ever eager to see new lands and new scenes, he was able to convey this same spirit to his brothers and after a siege of coaxing and cajoling, persuaded both to accompany him on a voyage from San Francisco to Australia. The pleadings of the mother and father availed nothing against the persuasive tones of Harry's voice, and ere long the three were making preparations for their departure.

## II

### The Voyage and the Fair Passenger

Judge and Mrs. Osburn went with their sons to the dock where they boarded the vessel which was to take them on their way. Farewells were said, handkerchiefs were waved and ere long the ship was out upon the ocean, heading toward the west.

It was a clear day in September. Not a breath of air was stirring. The sea was perfectly calm and smooth. Nothing but the wild cries of the sea gulls, as they hovered overhead, disturbed the tranquility of the scene.

Engrossed with the scene the Osburns stood at the stern of the vessel and watched the shore line gradually receding from sight. The scene was something new to both Jim and John and they remained on deck all afternoon, enjoying it to the fullest.

In the evening they strolled leisurely about the deck, conversing with each other in brotherly fashion. They walked up toward the bow of the ship, paying little attention to anybody who might be around, until they noticed a young lady seated in a steamer chair and near her an old gentleman. Harry, the first to see her, little imagined that this young woman was to play an important part in the lives of his two brothers and himself. The girl was talking earnestly to her companion whom they found was her father. She was pointing out the beauties of a sunset at sea. The three at once paused and were immediately attracted to her. Her face shone with admiration of the scene as she talked to her parent. Sympathy, affection and queenly character—all were portrayed in that beautiful face and that tender voice.

She was tall and slender and her dark eyes shone with the intimation that she was a young woman of culture. There was something in the look of those eyes that at once drew the brothers to her and made them all long to know her. She, however, paid little