

a busy, bustling city occupying both sides of the river, across which a number of bridges have been built. These are broad and strong, and make a way for railroads and street cars, as well as for people and carriages, to cross the stream, and great numbers of people pass continually.

12. This is the city of *Minneapolis*; and here are the Falls of St. Anthony, the last which the river makes in its course toward the sea. The people who first came here saw what a fine place this would be to build mills; for the water could be made to turn a vast number of mill wheels. And now the banks are crowded with mills, and the falls are hidden by timbers, so that one can hardly see any of the original view. Here our first river trip must end,—hundreds of miles from its beginning.

13. Only ten miles farther down the river, is another great city named *St. Paul*, to which we will go in a carriage. From St. Paul, the whole voyage to the sea can be made by steamboat.

VIII.—FROM ST. PAUL TO ST. LOUIS.

prai'-rie. | dan'-ger-ous. | Mis-sou'-ri [soo'-].

1. FROM the little lake which makes the cradle of the Mississippi, all the way to Minneapolis, groves of trees are everywhere in sight; and, once, nearly that whole country was covered with forests. Southward from this place, even before the white men came to cut down the trees, there were great treeless spaces, covered with rich grass and bright flowers.