



### MR. EBEN HOLMES OF EASTPORT.

**B**ELIEVE I'm up against it, when I try to fix in rhyme,  
 The activities of these Eastport men, who hustle all the time:—  
 Who, like Holmes, ship lumber southward in their coastwise barkentines  
 And take certain time from lumber and devote it to sardines.  
 Thirty years he's been a working, with a deal of honest toil,  
 To extend the ready markets of the little fish in oil;  
 Till his name is known and honored where the can-opener's to be found  
 Which, I hardly need to mention is the whole wide earth around.  
 I said "I'm up against it when I try to fix in rhyme,  
 The business of these Eastport men who hustle all the time,"  
 But I have one line in meter that I really want to use  
 To set forth friend Holmes's business, in the way of boots and shoes.  
 Four years, he's been a hustling in a most successful way,  
 Building up a growing business—more progressive every day—  
 And in real estate he's active; knows the price of corner lots,  
 Pushes hard for Eastport's business—Board of Trade and other sorts  
 And in every way, an active and progressive business man  
 Who, for old Eastport's wealth and progress, will do everything he can.