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TO  
MY THREE COMPANIONS OF THE ROAD  
ONE LARGE AND TWO SMALL  
THIS LITTLE BOOK  
IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED





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INTRODUCTION

THE following sketches are entirely informal. They do not cover the subject of Southern California in any way. In fact, they contain no information whatever, either about the missions or history—a little, perhaps, about the climate and the fruits and flowers of the earth, but that has crept in more or less unavoidably. They are the record of what happened to happen to a fairly light-hearted family who left New England in search of rest and health. There are six of us, two grown-ups, two boys, and two dogs. We came for a year and, like many another family,