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EDITOR'S PREFACE

A PRETTY good-sized drawer, locked and padlocked, was found filled with the manuscripts from which these Passages were taken. I have presumed to give them the title they bear, the author of them having departed this life. It is very evident they were not designed for the public. They were written purely for occupation, there is not a doubt of it. The author, a reader and thinker, though an invalid, could not be idle. He read and he thought, and sometimes he recorded. He has said some things that have not been said before, and has said them in his own way. Except in the earlier pages, almost all that related to his aches and ailments has been omitted, — the editor knowing perfectly well that his many complaints would very soon weary if not disgust the reader, when

the purpose constantly in view was to entertain and enlighten him. Another effect has been to keep down the bulk, as the fashion seems to be going out of rating books by the pound.





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