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**TO MY DEAR WIFE
WHO HAS FOR MANY YEARS STOOD
BETWEEN ME AND THE TELEPHONE
THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED**

"Oh, Thou who didst with Pitfall and with Gin
Beset the Road I was to wander in,
Thou wilt not with Predestination round
Enmesh me, and impute my Fall to Sin?"

Quatrain LVII, First Ed.
Rubaiyat.

PREFACE

IN the writing of this book, the author has had always one object in mind and that was to bring before the minds of medical men, as well as the public at large, the many pitfalls into which they are ever in danger of being precipitated.

If the warnings contained in the following chapters should have the effect of opening our eyes to certain dangers, thereby preventing any future mistakes, I will feel that its object will be fulfilled, as we all know "It is human to err, and to forgive divine."

The chapters are taken from notes of twenty years' experience and—barring some frills—are true to life, showing the many peculiar incidents—tragic and otherwise—that crop up in the life of a doctor.

As to the author's connection with what is written here, all that may be said, my dear reader, is that they are only "Twice-Told Tales."

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