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TO ALL
OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS,
WHOSE KINDNESS WE CAN NEVER FORGET,
BUT MORE ESPECIALLY TO OUR
GENIAL HOST,
RUFUS HATCH,
MORE FAMILIARLY KNOWN AS
"UNCLE RUFUS,"
TO WHOSE UNBOUNDED HOSPITALITY,
MY WIFE AND MYSELF,
ARE INDEBTED FOR ONE OF THE GREATEST
ENJOYMENTS OF OUR LIVES.

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INTRODUCTORY.

I AM not fond of Tables of "Errata," but I am most anxious to correct a few errors into which I have inadvertently fallen, and which have been pointed out to me too late for amendment in the body of the work.

The Hon. Roscoe Conkling has never been Attorney-General of the United States. He is an ex-Senator, and has been offered, but declined, the position of Judge of the Supreme Court.

Mr. E. A. Quintard, our genial companion, is a very popular member of the Union League Club, but is not the President of the Club. He is President of one of the largest Saving Banks in New York.

With regard to my remarks on the East River Bridge, an American friend writes:—
“ The opposition to opening the Bridge on the Queen’s Birthday, originated among, and was sustained by, Irish Dynamite Clubs and their sympathisers. I never heard a real native American object to it, and when, at last, some of the Irish in a ‘ League ’ or ‘ Council ’ meeting, openly advocated violence and the use of dynamite against the Bridge structure, unless the Trustees made a change in the time of opening the Bridge, the better sentiment—the American sentiment—crystallized in a day. Instantly there were universal demands that the Trustees should adhere to the day fixed, and the fidelity of the troops who were to take part in the parade and ceremony, was referred to as sufficient to sustain the Trustees, if necessary to do so, by force.”