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This book relates to that quaint Nantucket which existed for two hundred years before the island was discovered by "the summer boarder." The materials from which it has been written comprise the original town and court records, various letters, account books, sea-journals, and other private manuscripts, including the record books of the Quaker Society of Nantucket. None of these valuable materials have been used heretofore for such a purpose.

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Not often does the world hear from Nantucket -- except, during summer months, while steamboats from the mainland are carrying pleasureseekers to the island, and bringing them away. Its history stopped nearly half a century ago; when when prosperity had departed, and new men and new manners began to take the places of the old. It is to preserve its former life from oblivion that I have written the book.

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