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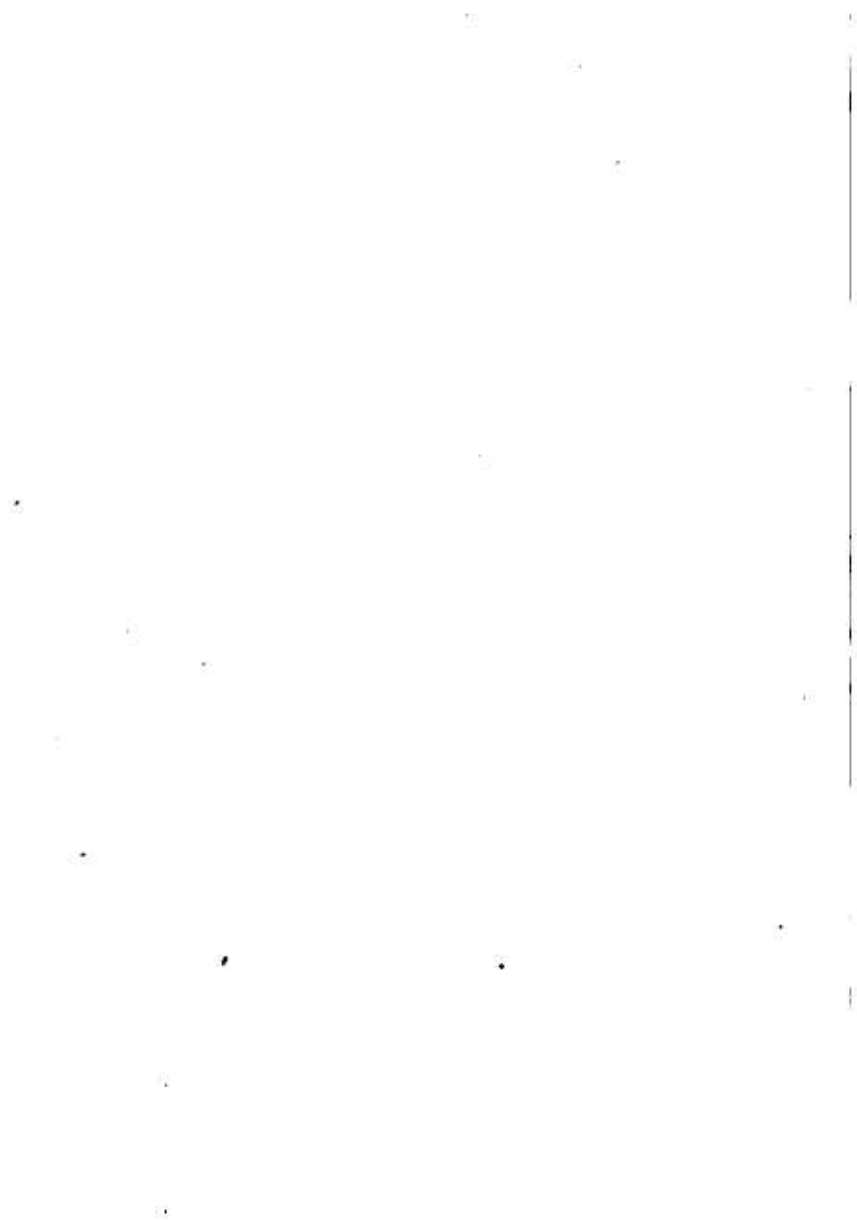
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## P R E F A C E .

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As brevity is said to be not only "the soul of wit," but the art of letter-writing too, the same principle may be applied to book-writing also; admitting this, the paucity of the following pages may prove no real hindrance to the favourable reception of the book. The author, however, rests not his claims to public patronage on so flimsy a basis, but ventures to hope that the sprinklings of humour and satire, found here and there, may not merely interest the reader, and fully compensate him for its many rythmical irregularities and imperfections, but make amends also for its numerous deficiencies. And as the "Random Readings" are not published on account of any supposed poetical merit, but simply as "Rae's Rhymes" of sufficient interest and convenient length for recitation, and adapted to the sensational tastes of a laughter-loving community, this eccentric little volume is now placed in the hands of the reader, whose unbiass'd award is calmly and confidently awaited by

THE AUTHOR



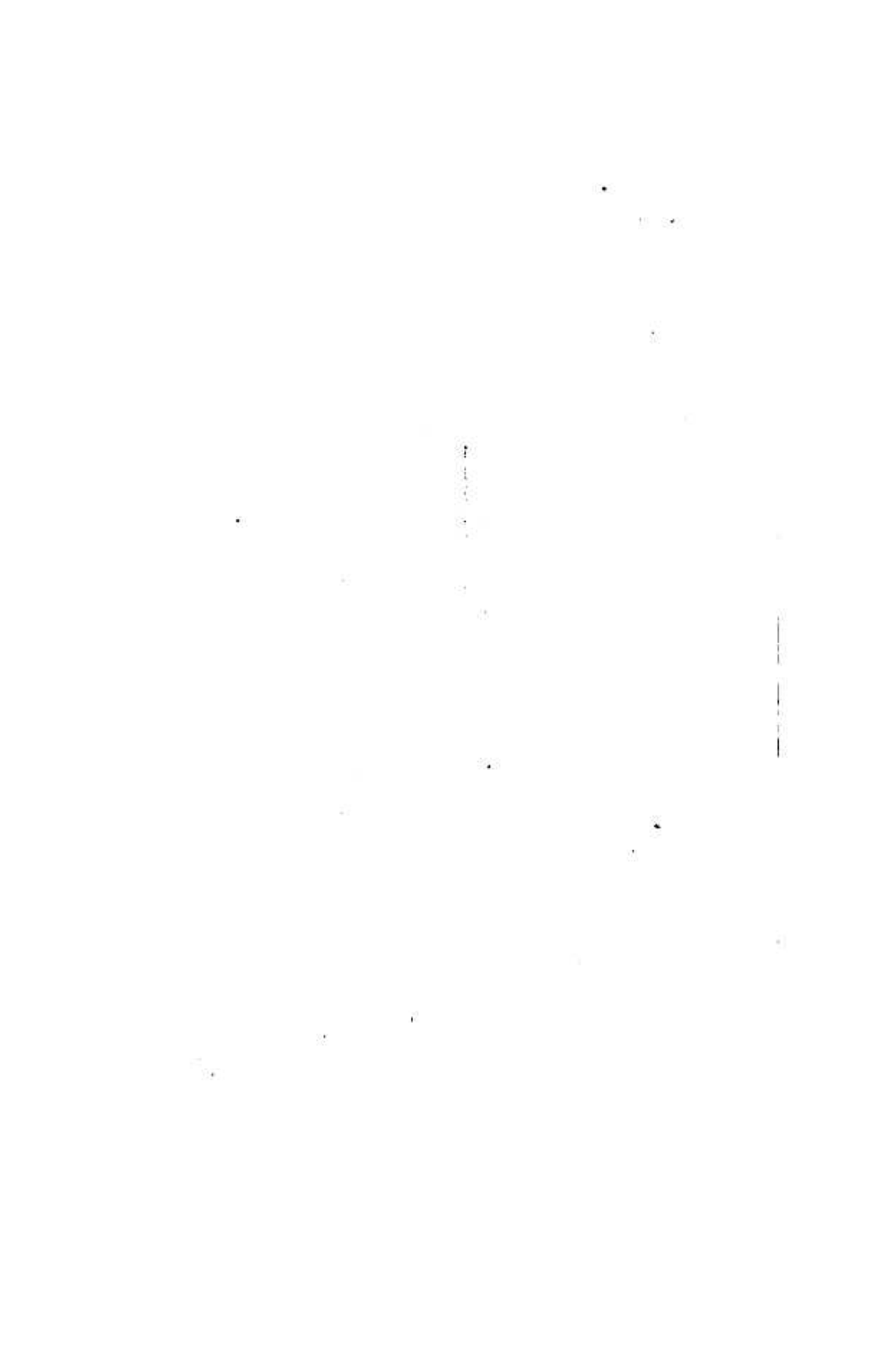


D E D I C A T I O N .

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TO

THE LOVERS OF THE LUDICEROUS,  
THE ADVOCATES OF FUN,  
TO EVERY ONE WHO LOVES A JOKE,  
OR RELISHES A PUN ;  
TO ALL WHO SCAN ITS TITLE PAGE,  
AND CON THE " READINGS " O'ER,  
THE AUTHOR DEDICATES HIS BOOK  
BOTH NOW AND EVER MORE.



## Random Readings, in Racy Rhyme.



### THE RAILWAY SOLITAIRE

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John Bull is quite hysterical about this sad affair,  
Which fills with fear and wild dismay each "Railway  
Solitaire ;"

Not only those of wither'd frame are fraught with  
nervous fears,

Athletic men are timid grown as those of tender years.  
Folks used to travel up and down, and not to feel afraid,  
Till Muller's monster-tragedy such great commotion  
made ;

But now to every human mind 'tis palpable and plain,  
That though insured, life's not secure, upon a railway  
train.

I always was a nervous man ; and, speaking candidly,  
Have often paid a heavy fine for my timidity ;  
In public places of resort am very seldom seen,  
So, though I'm growing very *grey* continue rather *green*.