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TO THE

LADIES OF THE ARMY,

WHO HAVE EVER BEEN THE INSPIRATORS AND GUIDING STARS
TO THEIR DAUNTLESS HEROES; AND AS THE MAGNET
ATTRACTS THE STEEL, SO THE EDUCATED, BRAVE
AND BRILLIANT YOUNG OFFICER WOODS,
WINS, AND BRINGS TO OUR MIDST,
THE CULTIVATED AND FAIR-
EST WOMEN OF THE
LAND.

An Old Army Woman.



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CHAPTER I.

FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN.

CAPTAIN PRESCOTT was in Maine spending the summer. The war, with all its strife and bloodshed, was over. He had won glory and distinction on the field of battle, and endured eighteen months of suffering in rebel prisons. Even the trying reconstruction days, in which he took an active part, and his long term of service at the South after the war, were now something of the past.

He had taken a long leave to quietly enjoy his childhood's home again, amid the pine and maple, of the grand old state, where the silvery waters of the Kennebec dashed past almost at the door, spark-