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A Lady endowed with the best Gifts of Nature and Culture, and adorned with all Womanly Graces, - this volume is inscribed by her Friend,

The Author.



PREFACE.

ABOUT ten years ago, at the instance of my friend, JAMES T. FIELDS, Esq., and with much misgiving, I ventured on the publication of a volume of poems. For the favor it has found with the public, - as evinced in a demand for sixteen editions of the book ; and with the critics, - as shown in many kind and scholarly reviews, --- I take this occasion to express my grateful acknowledgments. Of the little which I have written since the first publication of that volume, the greater part will be found in this. In the arrangement of my materials, I have put "The Money-King" in front, simply on account of its length; as, in military usage, the tallest soldier is commonly placed at the head of the file. For the two episodes which interrupt the thread of this otherwise consecutive performance, I must plead the authority of greater names, ancient and modern. The poem entitled "The Way of the World," is little more than a paraphrase of a