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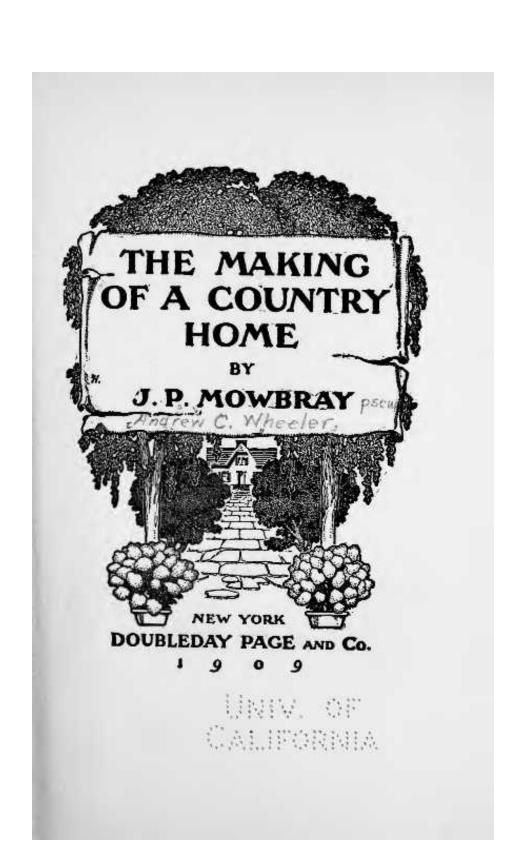
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PREFACE

THE story told in this book claims only to be the record of an ordinary man's experience and success in his efforts to make a home for himself in the country.

It was believed by the writer that it would be a merit to keep the narrative as close as possible to actual facts, and not avail himself of any more romance than usually falls to the lot of an ordinary and thrifty man, who perhaps is often a good deal of a hero, though he is himself hardly aware of it, and is not usually celebrated in literature.

If there are any small recompenses in this humble hero's endeavours growing out of the everyday facts of life, and his task is lit by some homely but enduring gleams, the book may encourage and stimulate other ordinary men who have the capacity to long for a home. Such is the hope as well as the purpose of the author.



