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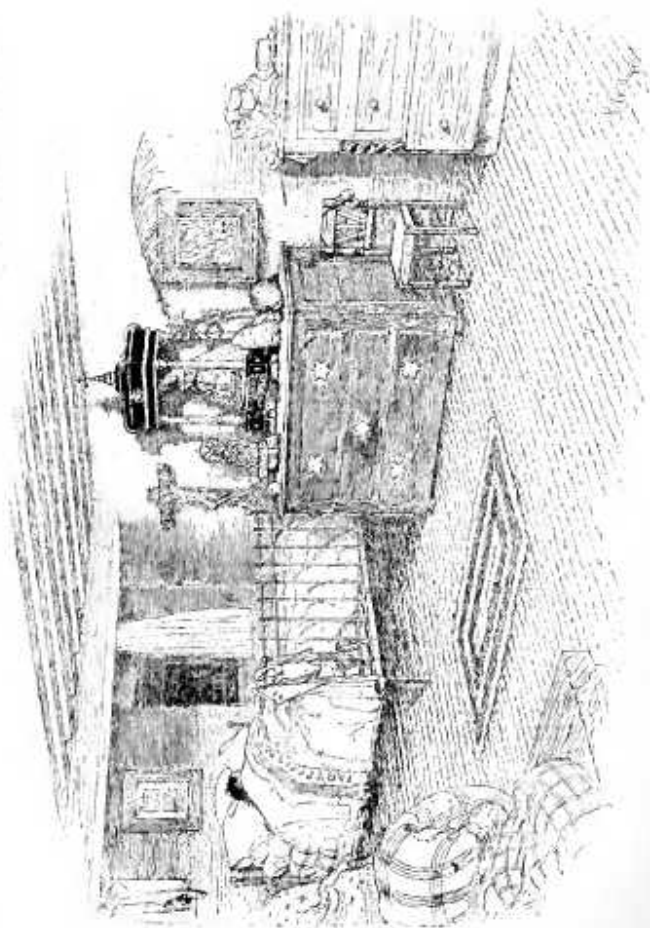
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## PREFACE

*THIS book is the natural outgrowth of a friendship between artist and author—the one a Spaniard, the other familiar from youth with Spain, and both lovers of the book wherein are recounted the adventures of the good Knight and of his faithful Squire. The writer had always felt that the illustrations of Cervantes's immortal romance should be the crowning achievement of Vierge's career, and it was primarily for the purpose of giving Vierge the opportunities of gathering the documents from life and nature necessary for such an undertaking that the two friends had for years projected a journey through La Mancha, for it is incredible how few changes have taken place in the home of the hero since the days of his wanderings. The customs, the character, the manner of dress, and the speech of its inhabitants, have remained practically unchanged, and of its landmarks Cervantes has made such vivid pictures that one finds it easy to identify them.*