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PREFACE.

It is not to be thought that gladiators, when they advanced before the imperial loggia, with their "*Ave Cæsar, te morituri,*" &c., had any great respect or love for the purple-wearing critic of their deeds.

But whatever they may have felt for the emperor himself, it is probable that their feelings for the grimacing crowd were definite enough. Spanish "*espada,*" Roman gladiator, acrobat, actor, politician, author, and even "*authoress,*" when they behold, or think of the grinning faces of the respectable public, must all be filled with feelings of contempt and fear. Contempt of those they feel cannot, even badly, perform that upon which they have to give a verdict, and fear because the verdict (even of unintelligent,