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Whose exceetness of life, and nobility of character, have made my home a heaven; and to whose counsel and encouragement I owe so much, this little book is lovingly dedicated.

Samuel Phelps Leland.

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To the Reader.

In this little book is sketched something of the history and spirit of the Communistic doctrines prevalent, in various forms, in our country. I have made the friends of the doctrines speak for them; and they have spoken in charity, and have "set naught down in malice." This Communistic "philosophy" is already visibly disturbing our institutions.

Of the story it need, perhaps, be said, that it may seem to the reader of popular novels that too hasty confidences, in love matters, have, at times, been given. To this it may be replied, that my story is one of real life, and, I trust, one in which truth is not sacrificed to conventional methods. Such confidences are met with everywhere. They are, by no means, an evidence of a sentimentality: nor is the withholding of them proof of culture. If there be curious things in human life, there, surely, should be in a record of that life.

THE AUTHOR.

CRESCENT HILL, 1891.

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