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PREFACE.

"AMUSEMENT FOR INVALIDS" is the title chosen for a series of games and pastimes, which have largely contributed to the enjoyment of one of this numerous class.

Thoughtful friends have gleaned them from varied sources for my benefit, and I in turn send them forth, that many others may share in them, and find the same amusement and relief.

There are hours each day when invalids must be left to their own resources, and when it is important that the attention should be occupied, and the mind prevented from dwelling on their own ailings. At

such times these card games of Solitaire," or "Patience," are peculiarly grateful, serving, as they do, a double purpose.

These here presented have been taken from the French, and have never before been published in this country. They have been well tested, and may, I hope, be found not unworthy to be placed beside Mrs. Cheney's delightful book of "Patience," — a book which should be found upon every invalid's table.

When a little group of friends gather round an invalid's chair, some general game, in which all can take part, gives zest to the hour, and drives away the chill too often felt in such a room; and here "Buried Cities" — which simply means the name of some city buried in a sentence — comes in as an inexhaustible source of amusement, for the brighter the originator the keener the zest of their solution, while many a hearty laugh is provoked by the

drollness of the sentences, or the blunders which are constantly made in guessing them. And here let me ask the many kind friends, from whom I have received these "Buried Cities," to accept my most cordial thanks.

I have added a few Riddles, because they were new and fresh to myself; but I cannot feel sure that they will be so to others. Trusting, however, that they may amuse some, I send them to my "Invalids."

Should this little venture prove successful, I hope, at no very distant day, to add other games to it, from material which is constantly coming to me through the kindness of others.

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Boston, Oct. 24, 1870.

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