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"Merely a Yawpist yawping his simple yawp
of things that are and not what they may
seem."

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THIS book of Yawps is dedicated to the memory of the late Charles A. Dana, an editor who knew a good thing when he saw it,—and printed it.

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PREFACE.

WHAT shall an author say in the preface to his first book? Possibly he would better commend his soul to its Maker and let come what might come. In this instance, he feels a shade easier in his mind, because many of these verses have already appeared in the columns of *The New York Sun*, a no mean critic itself, so that the worst is over. However, there is something more mysterious, more mystifying, more awesome, about a book than can possibly exist in the newspaper, and even now the Author makes his appearance with a consciousness that is embarrassingly uncomfortable, the result, though it be, of his assured knowledge that he is not the first author to have written a book, and that his book is not the greatest and best ever submitted to a discriminating public.

But the Author of these "Yawps," as he has called them, does claim for them a peculiarity of form and expression not common to conventional