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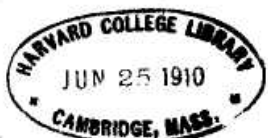
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PREFACE.

THIS book contains an exact description of life in the United States Navy during the rebellion, and traces the career of an officer from midshipman to lieutenant.

The author believes that in other modern naval stories personal thoughts and actions and the minor matters of life in the navy have not been adequately described, and he has endeavored from his experience and his diary of the war to make an instructive, interesting and amusing story.

To his critics, the boys, both young and old, he offers the labors of a winter's evenings, serenely confident that, if the book is not a success, it will at least save him many repetitions of the adventures therein to his own boys at home.

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CRUISING AND BLOCKADING.

CHAPTER I.

HARRY CARESWELL was born on the New England sea-coast. His paternal ancestors could be traced back in historic pages to those hardy pilgrims, who established a home upon the bleak hills of Plymouth, in the piercing winds of December, 1620.

Harry's father had lived and worked upon a farm and attended school during the winters, in a little yellow school-house upon the hill a mile away, until his desire to know more of books and men and the great world, induced him to go to a neighboring town, where he found employment as a clerk in a general store. Here he worked by day and studied by night, saving his wages carefully, until he was able to enter one of the New England colleges, from which he graduated so well, that he was offered the chair of English Language and Literature. He preferred to teach a country school during the winter, and to pursue the study of architecture, for which he had a great liking, during the rest of the year in the city of Boston. After some years, he settled in the same town where he had been a clerk, and carried on the business of an architect, though he still kept up his nomadic habit of teaching a country school in winter when the heavy snows of that climate prevented all building operations.

The leading merchant of this town was of pure Dutch descent, an honest, able, courageous man, who had crossed and recrossed the ocean many times upon his commercial ventures. He was proud of his enterprise, his warehouses and ships, but prouder still of his English wife and his seven beautiful children. He felt that, "whosoever commands the sea, commands the trade of the world; whosoever commands the trade of the