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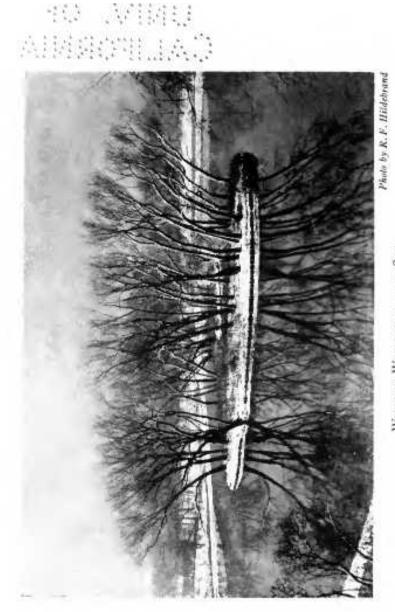
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Introductory

R^{EPEATED} requests from readers of "The Road to Dumbiedykes," and its companion volume, "The Black Swans," have led the writer to attempt the fulfillment of a promise vaguely made in the concluding paragraph of the series of sketches last above mentioned. The two former grew out of vacation days in the out-of-doors. From "Dumbiedykes" to an apartment house in Lincoln Park West involves a change of base that finds reflection in these pages.

Frost-crystals and "sun-dogs" have splendors not surpassed by the halos of the harvest moon. Still I confess that I prefer to brave the blizzards of the present from inside the library window, and do most of my shoveling these days in the drifts of bygone years. If therefore I deal mainly with "the snows of yesterday" it will be because an arm-chair outlook somehow invites reflective retrospection rather than comment on the passing storm.

THE AUTHOR.

Chicago, January, 1920.

"The wilderness is near as well as dear to every man. The very uprightness of the pines and maples asserts the ancient rectitude and vigor of Nature. Our lives need the relief of such a background, where the pine flourishes and the jay still screams."—Henry D. Thoreau.