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## PREFACE.

To explain the chief defects of the government of the United States and to propose the best remedy for them,—these are the two main purposes of this book.

Our political evils have long been known to public opinion at home and abroad and most of them have often been mentioned in print, but they have never been explained in a connected and comprehensive manner so as to give a true idea of their magnitude and dangerous character; and because they have not been understood, they have been treated by American authors, journalists and officials generally, as relatively unimportant, and not inconsistent with the baseless claim that our national constitution is the best in the world in securing the welfare of the multitude.

I here present the compilation and explanation which others have neglected to make. By quotations from a multitude of high and undisputed authorities, I prove that our government is a disgrace to us a people. I show that no other en-

lightened nation fails, so lamentably, to perform its duties of defining and protecting the rights of its citizens, in matters relating to person and property. I collect many predictions by wise and learned men that we are rapidly advancing toward bankruptcy and national collapse. Many intelligent Americans, after carefully considering the facts here presented, will say, "We must reform these evils without delay."

A list of the books, from which citations are made, is given in the last chapter.

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