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(From an album taken by the Author)

Early Morning at
Going-to-the-Sun Chalet

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Secretary of the Interior,
Are striving to make American Scenery
available to the People

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PREFACE

THE purpose of this book is to attract a more wide-spread attention to the wonderful natural beauty of our own country; to point out the possibilities of a "Grand Tour," here at home, that shall embrace more of scenic beauty and more marvelous natural phenomena than was ever included in a "Grand Tour of Europe"; to make clear to those who have but a limited vacation period what is to be seen in the different Parks, and how best to see it. It is not a Guide Book in the ordinary sense, yet it is intended to serve as such; for it not only indicates the proper procedure for making the "Grand Tour," but presents specific information about the most important things to see and the order in which they should be seen in each individual Park.

The United States of America possesses the most remarkable series of public play-grounds in all the world. These, the so-called National

Parks, are maintained "For The Benefit And Enjoyment Of The People." No two of these parks are alike. They are not comparable. In fact, they scarcely resemble one another at all. Each is possessed of some characteristic feature that makes it individually worth seeing. Every citizen should become intimately acquainted with as many of them as his time and purse will permit and every one may feel well assured in advance that he will be fully repaid for the labor and expense involved in visiting either of these Parks.

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