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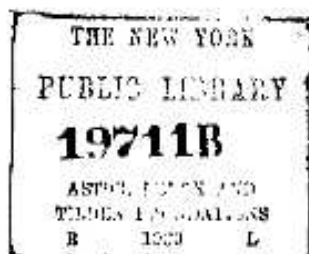
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PUBLISHERS' PREFACE.

The little collection of poems herewith presented — the work of a native Californian, the son of a pioneer of '49 — is given to the public on the occasion of the Author's twentieth birth-day.

The reader will find the verses possessed of a special interest, not so much perhaps for any extraordinary literary merit or marks of peculiar originality, as for the unmistakable evidence of talent and industry that has enabled a boy in years, inspired by nothing more than the somewhat dull routine of ranch life in Sonoma County, to do so creditable a piece of work as the longer poem, "Lamara."

Some of the shorter poems have been published in the *Sonoma Democrat* and other local papers, but most of them are here put in type for the first time, and given to the reading public as the bud of a possible blossom in the garden of poetic literature.

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LAMARA.

CANTO FIRST.

A gorgeous western sunset sky,
Too fair for man's profaning eye ;
A long, low range of verdant hills,
Adown whose sides a thousand rills
In crystal brightness 'neath the glow
Of sunset ever downward flow ;
Or melt in air and fade away
Ere reaching earth in snowy spray.
A long, bright reach of ocean strand,
Of pearly shells and golden sand,