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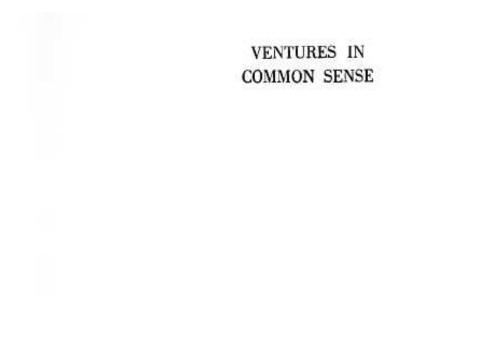
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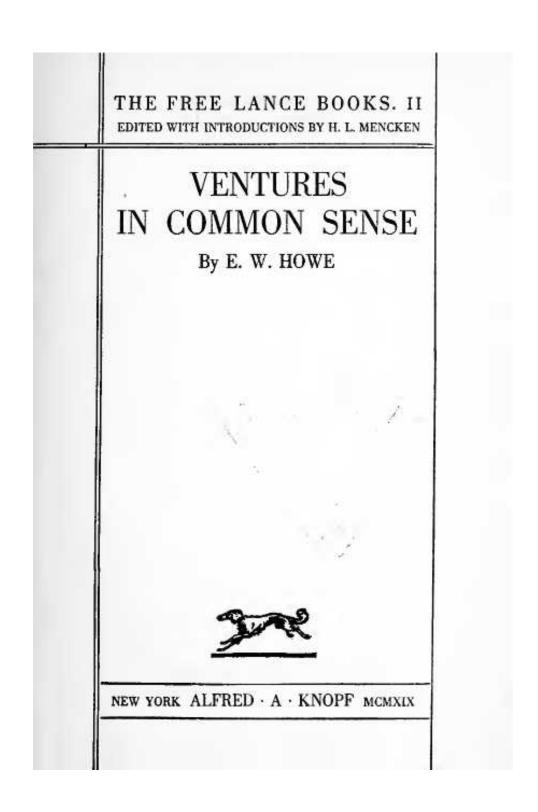
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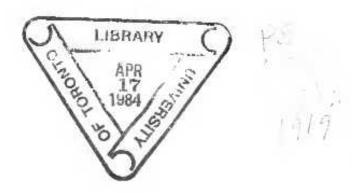
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### INTRODUCTION

This collection of aphorisms and arguments is made up chiefly of extracts from E. W. Howe's Monthly, perhaps the most curious as it is certainly one of the most entertaining of all the 25,000 periodicals now issuing in the United States. Retiring, in 1911, from the management of the Atchison (Kansas) Globe, a newspaper which, in a quarter of a century, he had brought up from the utmost obscurity to great influence and prosperity, Howe established his Monthly in order to soothe an old journalist's incurable itch to have his say. Here, even more than when he edited his daily, he had an organ all his own, and here, once he got into his stride, he began to unfold a body of ideas that gradually won him a national audience. He had been, of course, by no means unheard of before. Far back in the 80's he had written a novel that won the praise of W. D. Howells, and in the Globe, as I have said, he had wielded a good deal of power in -7-