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*"O day and night, but this is wondrous strange!"*

*"And therefore as a stranger give it welcome."*

Abbott, Erwin Abbott



WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY THE AUTHOR

*"Fie, fie, how frantically I square my talk!"*

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ROBERTS BROTHERS

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To  
The Inhabitants of SPACE IN GENERAL  
And H. C. IN PARTICULAR  
This Work is Dedicated  
By a Humble Native of Flatland  
In the Hope that  
Even as he was Initiated into the Mysteries  
Of THREE Dimensions  
Having been previously conversant  
With ONLY TWO  
So the Citizens of that Celestial Region  
May aspire yet higher and higher  
To the Secrets of FOUR FIVE OR EVRN SIX Dimensions  
Thereby contributing  
To the Enlargement of THE IMAGINATION  
And the possible Development  
Of that most rare and excellent Gift of MODESTY  
Among the Superior Races  
Of SOLID HUMANITY

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