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### MAY IT PLEASE THE READER:

For the past three years I have been writing little bundles of words on various themes ranging from "Hope" to "Hash" and from "Cabbages" to "Kings." George Matthew Adams, the Syndicate Man, is really the one to blame because he made me do it, but if the reader forgives him, so do I.

Among the thousand-odd subjects upon which I have written, very many have pertained to the United States, its glories and peculiarities, due to the fact that I am seventeen-tenths American myself. I have decided to bale up a collection of these so that the reader may soak up, at one sitting, incredible amounts of information regarding his native land.

I have obtained this information from encyclopædias, blue books, census reports, the World Almanac, railway time tables, lunch counter bills of fare, sign boards, advertisements, hearsay, suspicion, conjecture and the charges made in the heat of a campaign. Of the five million or more of readers of the newspapers in which these essays have appeared, about half have written me at various times, correcting mistakes and inaccuracies. If any mistakes remain, therefore, they are plainly the fault of the other 2,500,000 readers who have neglected their opportunity to set me right.

I submit these essays to the reader not with the idea of embarrassing any other authorities or of producing revolutions or reforms, but in the three-fold belief:

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First — that the essays may be taken in liberal doses without especial harm.

Second — that much of what is contained in them is true.

Third — that a number of facts herein contained are making their first appearance in public.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE FITCH.



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