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## P R E F A C E.

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IN presenting a third volume of experiences abroad, or the sights and scenes of foreign travel as seen by an American tourist, the author begins with that ever prolific field, England.

The reader is taken to the picturesque old ruins of Fountains and Furness Abbeys, to old Boston in Lincolnshire, and other historic points neglected by most travellers in that "tight little island." Some space is given to the consideration of English hotel management, from the fact that it seemed to be a leading topic with all American tourists. The abortive efforts to carry on large hotels in London on the American plan, and the annoyances experienced by Americans, who expect the same conveniences and accommodation obtainable at home, offer a tempting theme for general discussion.

A descriptive sketch is given of the author's journey to Russia, and the result of his observation of cities visited in that country, in the style which characterizes the description in his former volumes — of "Over the Ocean," and "Abroad Again."

This is done with a desire to be of service to those who may come after the author, to whom much of the minutiae of description and many of the hints to tour-



ists may be of service. In fact, the author, while seeking to avoid anything of the set guide-book character in his volume, has endeavored to render it of service to travellers, by presenting facts respecting the localities visited, such as cannot be found in any guide-book.

If in any degree he shall have succeeded in accomplishing this object, and, possibly, in entertaining with pen-pictures those unable to visit the scenes described, he will be more than gratified.

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