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## P R E F A C E .

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The following notes pretend to no higher aim than an attempt to familiarise the English public with the comparative ease and comfort with which a visit to Norway may nowadays be accomplished.

There is no doubt that exaggerated ideas of the difficulty and expense attendant upon such a trip deter many who would otherwise indulge in a Scandinavian tour, and it is in the hope of making the way easier that we have ventured to pen a rough sketch of our run over the Dovrefjelds, for the benefit of those who, with a month to spare and a twenty-pound note in their pockets, are sighing for "pastures new and strange" in their approaching summer ramble.

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