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#### PREFACE.

Herewith are printed, for some friends, a few of the trifles which, from time to time, I have sent to the newspapers, with others that have not yet appeared in print. To them are added those that I have sent to Her Gracious and Imperial Majesty, The Queen of England.

That my poor thoughts are not more artistically sent forth is cause for regret, but that they are honest, that they come from the heart, I trust none will doubt. "Haud facile emergunt quorum virtulibus obstat res angusta domi" is a truism recognized to-day as fully by every man having any pretensions to literary attainments, as it was by him from whom I quote.

With these few remarks I launch my little skiff and hope that she may bring "good luck" to all she may reach.

Frail nautilus, I fling thee
On ocean smooth and clear.
May gentle zephyrs wing thee
To all that I hold dear.

P. M. K.

SAN FRANCISCO, May, 1890.

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CULLED FOR THE QUEEN.

DEDICATED TO

A health to England's Empress-Queen— The best, the truest, that has been Since monarchy first graced the scene—

From this fair land is sent;—
This land that now would be her own,
Had George the Third when on the throne
But listened to his people's tone,
And grandly to it bent.

Live, Mistress fair of lands and seas In torrid zones and climes that freeze, Greater than ever Rome in these— Thou art thy nation's choice;