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In presenting this volume of selections, gathered from the mass of my writings—from publications of various kinds and from those reserved from publication, I may be pardoned for a little conceit in stating that every line in this book was put in type and page-form by myself, in the quiet of my room, during my leisure hours, while I was a clerk in the War Department,—an occupation most pleasing to me ;—may it now be highly profitable.

I should like to append to the above statement a short account of some of the events of my life—varied by a thousand incidents outside the common experiences, since I left my father's door, to make my own path in the world, in 1833, when I was eleven years old ; but perhaps the public would not care to follow me in the narrative.

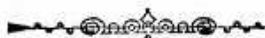
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