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I.

NOTES FROM AN OLD JOURNAL.

Tired of carting around the world a mass of manuscript once called a journal, but now worn almost to a circle, and yet not willing to leave it for strangers to trouble over, I have copied out these extracts and burned the rest of it. Whether or not I should have cremated the whole crude heap is a question I am quite prepared to hear decided in the affirmative by the reader. Yet to have destroyed it entirely would have been like forgetting one's first love. Besides that, these bits of the journal, you see, pave the way to words of others worth hearing. And so it is I have kept these few extracts, taking care, as you must credit me, to leave out all names or allusions that might cause pain or displeasure to even the most sensitive. Yet I half suspect that I have, with them, left out much of the heart and life of the thing.—J. M.