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TO  
MY WIFE, ELIZABETH R. WILLCOX, of Avery, Ohio,  
who has made it possible for us to  
visit the old world; this  
little volume is  
DEDICATED.

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## Preface.

I have no excuse for publishing and launching this work upon an indulgent public. I went to the World's Exposition at Paris to see something, and when I saw there were so few of the Americans or English speaking people at this, the greatest show the world has ever seen, I could not refrain from noting down what I believe would interest the American people; and since my return have put those notes into type and stamped them in this little book, so that my friends at home may have all the benefits which we enjoyed in England and on the Continent.

We have given more history, ancient and modern, than is usually given in works of travels, but we introduced it because we were satisfied the work would be incomplete without these facts. We have not given so much as to make it tiresome, but just enough to give the reader a fair understanding of the country and people which we are describing.

Our thoughts have run rather to the ancient than to the modern, and therefore olden things have been noted, when those more modern have been passed over with less notice.

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Our chidings of the different countries which we visited are only friendly criticism on their manners and customs and sometimes laws. We have no ill feelings against any of their citizens; rather to the contrary, we have a kindly feeling towards all with whom we had intercourse, and shall be glad to meet them again and renew our acquaintance.

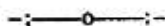
We gathered our information from every source from which we thought would be reliable, and have made our descriptions as plain and practical as possible. We mingled with the laboring class as often and freely as possible with a view of learning their condition, but no doubt failed sometimes in arriving at their true situation; and although England is a rich country and has many places which it is pleasing to visit, we must say with all sincerity give us free America with her republican form of government to live under, and we will add, to die and be buried in.

We have aimed to make the historical part as definite as possible and in the main we believe it to be correct.

The half tones are the best we could obtain, and hope they will please all who may have the pleasure of seeing them. We might add more but deem this sufficient.

THE AUTHOR.

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