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PREFACE

THE title of this book, "The Romance of the Hebrew Language," explains the kind of readers to whom it is addressed. It is meant to be a popular introduction to the most interesting language our world has ever known, and the object of putting forth such an introduction is in order that the public may be acquainted with some of the curious and fascinating marvels that are to be found in that language which represents the original wording of the Bible. Except in the frontispiece, which is shown as a specimen, there is not a word in Hebrew characters from one end of the book to the other, and this fact alone is enough to save the reader from any fear or suspicion that he is being asked to read a book which he is not likely to understand.

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