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## PREFACE

THE Author submits this book to his fellow countrymen in the belief that he has therein pointed out to them the road to material happiness and moral progress.

The material for the book was collected during the past three years, and the Book was ready for the printer when the present Panic started.

The publication has been delayed to await the "Introduction," which reviews the present panic, its causes, and the remedies proposed.

The author claims no gift of prophecy when he says that, in his book, he predicted the present panic; nor does he hesitate to state that "Elastic Currency," if adopted, will be followed by a bankers' carnival and a people's "panic" at a much shorter interval of time than that between the present panic and its great predecessor of 1893.

While conscious of many imperfections in the execution of the work, the author trusts that it may help his countrymen to understand the "Free Silver" heresy, and the present "Gold Standard" humbug, and enlist them in the battle against "Currency, Corruption and Crime," the three great products of our American National Bank Act.

He also believes that it will help to direct them to a financial system which will destroy "Trusts," and ensure to honest labor, whether it be of the hand or the brain, a fair compensation and permanency of employment, while furnishing to the small manufacturer, shopkeeper, and farmer, as well as to the larger, a genuine honest money proportionate to their business requirements, so that the money coined and issued by the Government may be available to all, without favor.

The interests attacked in the book are powerful, but with a firm confidence that the people, if once aroused, will crush the usurers, who traffic and revel in the money of the whole people, this book is respectfully dedicated to American Manhood.

New York, February 2, 1908.

# INTRODUCTION

## PART I

## THE ALADDIN OF FINANCE

When the recent financial trouble originated, the Government had between \$226,000,000 and \$227,000,000 deposited in National Banks throughout the Country. I presume the banks received most of that money through the operation of the "Aldrich ACT," which turns over to banks certain receipts of our Government for them to traffic with. While in possession of that enormous amount of money, which the Bankers were lending for profit and hire for themselves, and upon which they were paying no interest to the Government, a "panic" started.

To relieve that "panic" our Government Financial Officials gravely proposed to turn all its printing presses into an Aladdin's Lamp, and to make us all wealthy.

The method proposed was as follows: First, To issue \$100,000,000 worth of certificates (actually bonds), bearing three per cent. interest;—Second, To sell this \$100,000,000 issue of certificates to Bankers, who were to pay only \$25,000,000 to the United States Treasury for absolute ownership, and owe the balance. (Was that \$25,000,000 to be paid to the Government from its \$226,000,000 already on deposit in the Banks?);—Third, To allow these Banks to deposit this \$100,000,000 of three per cent. certificates with the Government as security for an additional issue of bank notes to them, and while they received the interest on the certificates they were to be