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BY A. B. China March

Know most of the rooms of thy native country before thou goest over the threshold thereof. - Fuller.

Traveling is no fool's errand to him who carries his eyes and itinerary along with him. — Alcott.

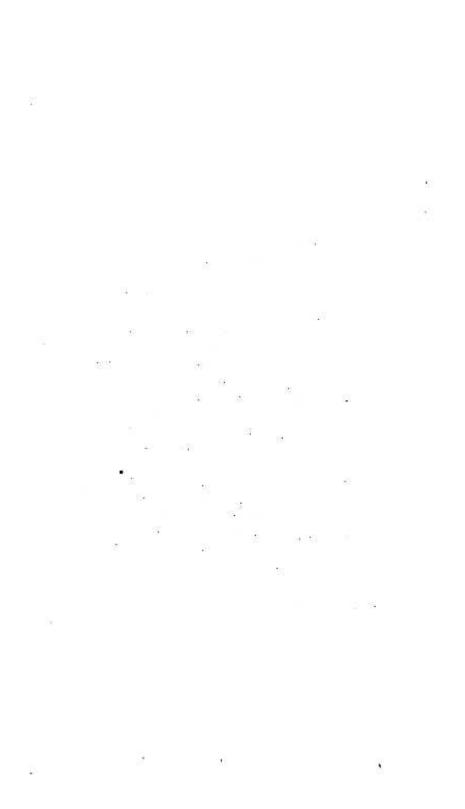
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## EXPLANATORY.

The letters composing this book were written to the Manchester, N. H., MIRROR by a member of the Raymond Excursion Party which left Boston, May 1, 1884, for a trip across the continent and to the Pacific Northwest, They are brief notes and impressions of the most salient points of interest embraced in visits to Colorado, New Mexico, California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Puget Sound, Vancouver's Island, Idaho, Montana and Utah, addressed . to a newspaper constituency with no thought of other publication, and are necessarily of a casual and rambling nature. That they are permitted to make another addition to the fast-increasing multitude of books of travel is due to the urgent desire of members of the party and numerous readers of the letters as they appeared in the MIRROR to have them put before the public in this form.

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### CHAPTER I.

### FIRST NOTES. - AT CHICAGO.

A FAMILIAR object to the traveling public during the past four or five years has been the little shipping-tag attached to numerous trunks, grip-sacks, bags and parcels, bearing the legend:—

Raymond's Vacation Excursions, All Traveling Expenses Included.

To the initiated that little label is very significant. It means all the delights of travel,—nice, agreeable companions, first-class accommodations, beautiful scenery, interesting places, freedom from care, anxiety and "fuss," and as complete exemption from annoyance as is possible in the present stage of our civilization.

It is now five or six years since Messrs. Raymond & Whitcomb initiated their "personally conducted" excursions over the Boston, Concord & Montreal and Passumpsic roads to Newport and Lake Memphremagog. Later they arranged trips to Montreal, to the White Mountains, to Saratoga, Niagara Falls, the Thousand Islands and other points, winter trips to Washington and Richmond, and three years ago began a series of transcontinental excursions to California, acquiring everywhere a reputation for making

good all their promises for first-class accommodations, and for that careful attention to small details the performance or the neglect of which has so much to do with the comfort and happiness of the traveler.

It was the writer's good fortune to be a member of the first of these excursions to the Capital, and the happy memories of that tour have always awakened a desire, with each new announcement of a "Raymond Excursion," to again join the company of sight-seers.

This is the fourth season that Raymond & Whitcomb have conducted parties to California, taking out two or three each spring. Mr. Luther L. Holden, formerly of the Boston Journal, has been associated with them in the conduct of these excursions. This year they arranged for three to cover the usual California route, and a fourth embracing all the points of interest covered by the others and extending to Oregon, Washington Territory, Puget Sound, British Columbia, Montana, Idaho, etc., occupying a period of seventy-three days and including more than ten thousand miles of travel.

This party, conducted by Mr. Luther L. Holden, assisted by Mr. C. H. Bagley of St. Johnsbury, Vt., left Boston, May 1, from the Fitchburg station, via the Hoosac Tunnel line, the New York, West Shore & Buffalo road, and the Chicago & Grand Trunk to Chicago.

Our party consists of fifty-three members, besides the conductors, booked for the full trip, and three or