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To  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
The Typical American of our Time }  
Who is equally at home in all parts of }  
Our Country





## PREFATORY NOTE

MY DEAR PUTNAM:

I am really very much obliged to you for calling my attention to Bayard Taylor's "El Dorado." It is distinctly my loss, and perhaps a little my shame, that I was not before, in any detail, aware of its existence. If I had had specific knowledge of the book, I should surely have availed myself of that knowledge when I arrived upon that lovely California coast which Taylor visited fifty-six years before me, after a voyage from New York that took him four months and a half, and me four days! His studies were correspondingly leisurely, — whereas this booklet which you are so gracious as to publish is clearly the rapid record of a "rush."

You and I both know our "Sparrowgrass" and may bear in mind his literary

reference to California (I quote from a "distant memory," as Mr. Evarts said about St. Paul):

Know ye the land that looks on Ind ?  
There only you'll find a Pacific sailor —  
Its song has been sung by Jenny Lind,  
And the words were furnished by Bayard Taylor

It were absurd to compare this hasty report with the narrative of Taylor's painstaking investigations. But it is a true satisfaction to the later and more cursory traveler that his report is, as was the case with Taylor's volume, to be associated with the honored imprint of your house.

Yours faithfully,

M. S.

TO GEORGE HAVEN PUTNAM.

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