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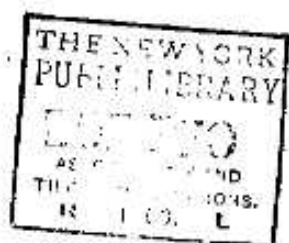
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PREFACE.

I very much regret the publication, in book form, of a number of sketches which I recently wrote for a newspaper syndicate. The sketches were never intended to be compiled into a book, and I do not regard them as a fair selection. They were not submitted to me for revision, but were hastily slammed together by an Eastern publisher and thrown out for sale. This collection of stories and sketches, brought out by my regular publishers, has been carefully made, and I hope that it may find favor with the public.

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