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PREFACE.

Tauth is stranger than Fiction. Fiction is often nothing but the semblance, or the caricature of Truth. Facts are illustrations of Truth—the cropping up of great principles—seen, felt, welcome or unwelcome, accepted or opposed—but Facts still, stubborn Facts, to the end of the chapter.

Such Facts abound in these pages. Fiction there is none. Names of living persons, and of places, alone are disgnised; such are never given, save when quoting from printed documents. Incidents of travel convey the reader, like our Railway Carriages, from one station to another. Narratives of startling incidents, such as thousands in our English Homesteads can verify, and will recognize as though they themselves were the dramatis persone, are here recorded with historic faithfulness. Criticism is expected, invited, not shunned; not indeed the criticism of ignorance or prejudice, but the fair, honest criticism of an enlightened Public.



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