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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

SOME words of explanation seem almost necessary at the commencement of the story which is embodied in the accompanying pages.

In the first place the date must be clearly defined. The story opens in June, 1862, and concludes in the autumn of the following year. It will be recollected that the chief event of the first year—at least so far as our own country was concerned—was the International Exhibition held in London.

In the beginning of the following year occurred the insurrection in Poland, an event in which most of the personages in this story are, more or less, concerned.

Thus far, then, the following tale is a true

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and historical one; but, as to the rest, as to the persons and the various incidents described in these pages, the same quality of truth cannot be claimed.

It would be repeating a somewhat trite verity to say that *fiction* is always founded, more or less, on *fact*.

In the most fanciful of romances there is some reality; the wildest legends contain some admixture of truth.

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