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PREFACE

IT was not a house of phantasy, this cosmopolitan Casa Napoléon, but a very definite haven for wanderers of Latin origin which for several years opened hospitable doors upon a side-street near lower Fifth Avenue. To this house it was the custom of Mr. Janvier to come, and it was during dinners which he planned with supreme art that his close but kindly observation garnered suggestions which ripened under the sunshine of his humorous fancy into the fruition of this book.

At the Casa Napoléon adds another picture to Mr. Janvier's interpretations of New York, which he loved peculiarly, although his birthplace was Philadelphia, his blood was of the Midi, and old London was always held close in his affection.

Thomas Allibone Janvier was born in Philadelphia, July 16, 1849, the son of Francis de Haes and Emma Newbold Janvier, the descendant of Huguenot forbears from the South of France, whose racial characteristics he retained so clearly that he was greeted as one of the soil when he first visited Provence. From 1870 to 1881 he was chiefly occupied with editorial work upon various Philadelphia newspapers; after that he devoted himself to literary work, and New York became his home, with the exception of travels in Mexico, a long stay in the South of France, and many visits abroad.

When Mr. Janvier came to New York, about 1881, to