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PREFACE

The first part of this book is composed of army verses based on my personal experiences when serving as a private in Companies "L" and "G," 23rd U.S. Infantry ("Regulars") and Troop "I," 5th U.S. Cavalry ("Regulars"), during the Philippine Insurrection of 1899–1902; the four initial pieces being simply army "types" true of "the Service" in general; next a number of verses applicable to the Philippines in particular, and more especially to the Insurrection. In natural order then follow the returned soldier's reminiscences and other army themes. In this way a rational continuity has been preserved.

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The latter part of the volume consists of verses on various subjects, with no especial regard to sequence.

I am indebted to the following publications for permission to reprint these things of mine; many of which have, from time to time, appeared in them:—"Book News," "Harper's Weekly," "The Philadelphia Inquirer," "The Evening Bulletin" (Philadelphia), "The Evening Telegraph" (Philadelphia) and "The Pittsburg Post." It would seem, in conclusion, to be no more than appropriate to append here an obituary notice, the most concise and correct one of several appearing in Philadelphia newspapers at the time of the death of my father, to whom this book is dedicated:

George L. Garrett of Germantown, died on Thursday in his seventieth year at Atlantic City. He was born in 1888, the son of George H and Margaret Hall Garrett, and traced his ancestry back to the early history of Pennsylvania, when in 1696 Thomas Garrett received a grant of land along the Brandywine river from Letitia Penn, wife of William Penn. In George L. Garrett's grandfather's time the family moved to South Washington Square, and in his father's time to Germantown. Mr. Garrett was a member of the Loyal Legion. He enlisted in the Civil War in 1861 in Anderson's Troop, later serving as an officer in the Fourth Missouri Cavalry. After serving for almost three years he was captured by the Confederates and placed in Libby Prison, where \ he remained nine months. At the close of the war he was asked to serve on the Western frontier as major, having been advanced from second lieutenant to first lieutenant for bravery. Upon declining to enter the regular service he was honorably discharged with the office of brevet captain.

Mr. Garrett then took up his work as civil engineer in the firm of George E. Waring. Sixteen years ago he retired from active life. He is survived by his widow, who was Sophia C. Gray, and two sons, Charles Hall and Erwin Clarkson Garrett.

E. C. G. PHILADELPHIA, November 1, 1907.

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