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TO THE FOLLOWING COW-GIRLS AND PUNCHERS
THIS LITTLE BOOK IS DEDICATED

Many of you I have worked with in the past, on the range, the trail, and in the branding pens. All of you I have known well. In looking over this list I find the names of some who will never read this, as unfortunately they've answered the call. Those who are alive I heartily thank for having given me their assistance in collecting these songs. May this little book tend to recall the times, good and tough, we had together.

N. Howard ("Jack") Thorp

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