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*To Rose, Tinka, and Nancy*



THE FIGHTING SOUTH



*Chapter One*  
THE FIGHTING SOUTH

THIS IS A BOOK ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE years to come. The writing has been done in that ever so dark and bright corner room which looks out upon the Atlantic and the Gulf, but the concern is with the whole house. No matter what a title seems to say I am not here to sing of the South's willingness to fight. I am here to examine the fact of that willingness as it relates to some raw material and finished stuff on hand below the Potomac for the America we hope to make. If Southern problems and depravities are mentioned, if notice is taken of lynchings and loud talk, cussedness, killings, malaria, and meanness, they are incident to a point about the nation that may be. If there is a little moonlight, a memory, and an ounce of glory, they belong to the same point.

Things that were wrong and things that were right need examining in cool science as we go about the making of a civilization near the heart's desire. Most of them are on exhibit in the South, and that is a good place to have them now that geopolitics is locating that region no longer at the shank of a continent but in the heart of a Western Hemisphere. Most of them are in the South—these evil things that must go, these fine ones that must flower. Most are identifiable, too, in circumstances which