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PREFACE.

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For such persons this little Volume is more particularly intended, though it is believed that few can peruse it without deriving advantage, and also acquiring *some* additional knowledge.

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