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## TO THE READER

Part I. of this book originally appeared under the title of "Flagg's Flats." It was written in 1907—not published. No publisher would accept the manuscript—fearing he might become implicated legally. A few typewritten copies were read by my friends all of whom advised me not to have it published on the ground that it might cost me my life. But at that time I was recklessly indifferent. Nothing cuts deeper than undeserved slander and I had been cut to the quick.

Finally a printer was found who said:—"Give my lawyer time to examine the Court records and if he tells me that the statements contained in your manuscript are true I will print the book if it costs me my liberty." Mr. Charles Francis said this and in 1908 the first edition came out. Seven editions followed each larger than the preceding one.

In 1917, Part II was added and a new title substituted.

Anything worth reading at all is worth reading carefully. If you read this book take your time. In writing it I have made no attempt to palliate my faults and make my side appear better or the other side worse than the facts justify. It is a simple narrative—a true story—relating to certain events (many illegal, a few legal) given in the order in which they occurred without embellishments—a copy of the Court files—not so much what I say as what the records say.

The facts prior to these publications have appeared only in the Court records. Few read the records; few, therefore, are familiar with the facts in my case.

JARED FLAGG.

P. S. There is no such thing as criminal slander. One person can say anything about another and the other persons only redress is by civil procedure; but let him put it down in black on white and it then, if false, becomes criminal libel. The difference between talking and writing, slander and libel, is jail. If the author "goes up" the printer is liable to go with him.

Over ten years have passed since the first edition (Part 1) was published. Over ten years ago I sent marked copies to all the newspaper editors and the public officials therein denounced. I accused them respectively of being liars, scoundrels, thieves, blackmailers, perjurers and forgers; then folded my arms, so to speak and waited to see what they were going to do about it. They didn't do anything—didn't even let out a peep. And from that day to this I have not heard one word from any one of them. I have however, heard many expressions of righteous indignation from others, and have received no end of commendatory letters from friends and from utter strangers. Have also received (and executed) orders from all the largest public libraries and all the greatest educational institutions in the United States. In short, it has fallen to the lot of few men, in any sphere of life, to be felicitated and feated as I have been since I wrote and published this book.

## LETTERS FROM UNIVERSITIES

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Mr. Jared Flagg.

Dear Sir: I take the liberty of asking whether a copy of your "Flagg's Flats" could be deposited in this Library for the use of future students and investigators in genealogy and history.

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William C. Lane,  
"Flagg's Flats," by Jared Flagg. Librarian.  
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Very gratefully yours,

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Very truly yours

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Office of the Librarian.

Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Sir: We have heard of a recent book published by you, and entitled "Flagg's Flats." If it be not asking too much we should be very glad to get two copies, one for our General Library, and one for our Dept. of Political Economy. If you can oblige us in this way, kindly send them by express, collect.

Truly yours,

Zella Allen Dixon,  
Librarian.

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THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.  
Mr. Jared Flagg.

Dear Sir: If you will send us a copy of your work, "Flagg's Flats," we will gladly defray cost and make the book accessible to readers in our library.

Yours truly,

Henry E. Bliss,  
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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.  
Washington Square, East, New York City.  
Jared Flagg, Esq.

Dear Sir: May I request a copy of "Flagg's Flats" for our Law Library, 32 Waverly Place, New York City? We shall appreciate it, I assure you.

Very truly,

Leslie J. Tompkins,  
Secretary.

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Very truly yours,

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