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BEING SIX STORIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
A NEW EDITION, WITH AN INTRO-
DUCTION BY W. D. HOWELLS, AND
DECORATIONS BY H. T.
CARPENTER



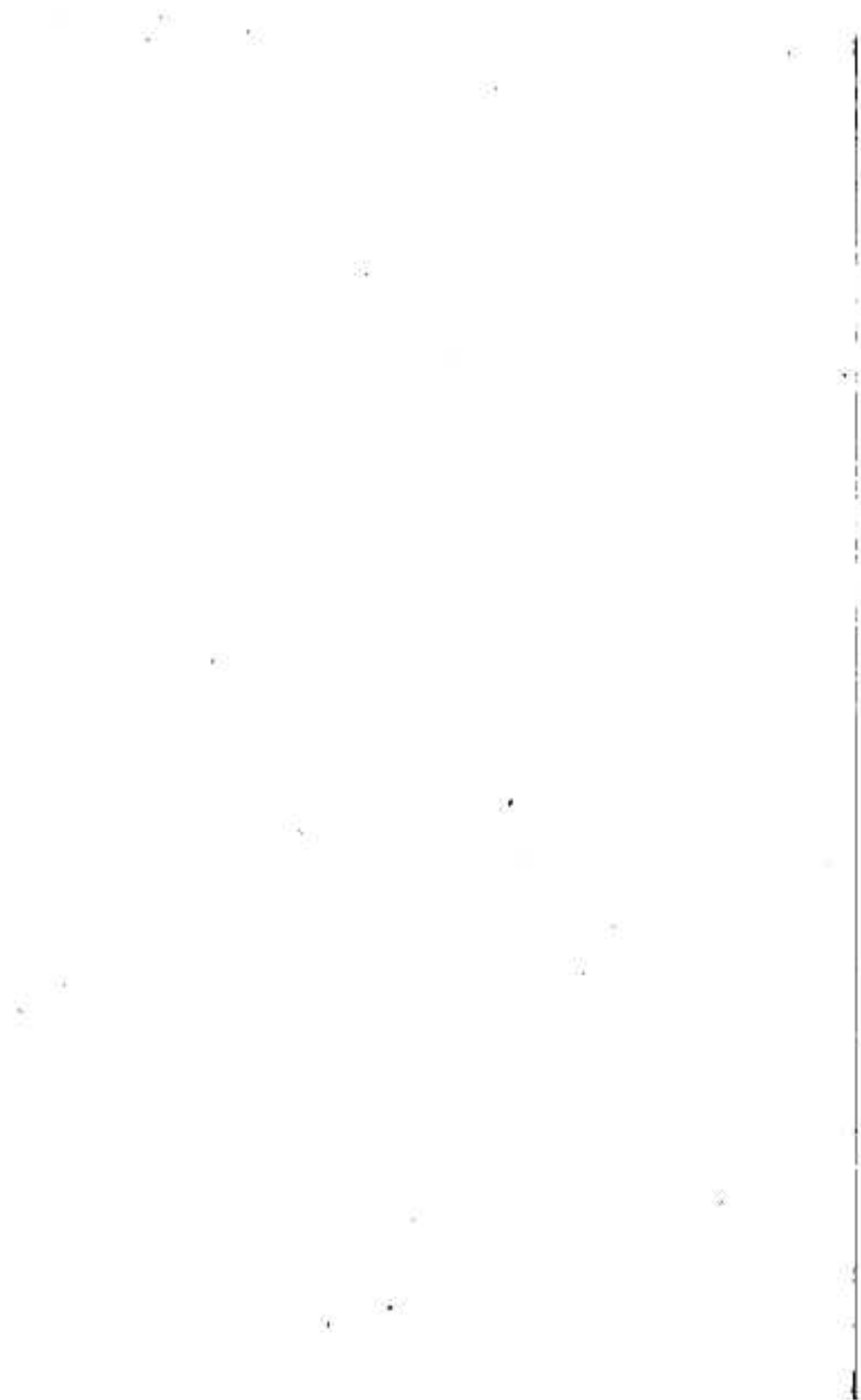
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**TO
MY FATHER AND MOTHER**

**WHOSE
HALF-CENTURY PILGRIMAGE ON THE
MAIN-TRAVELLED ROAD OF LIFE HAS
BROUGHT THEM ONLY TOIL AND
DEPRIVATION, THIS BOOK OF STORIES
IS DEDICATED BY A SON TO WHOM
EVERY DAY BRINGS A DEEPENING
SENSE OF HIS PARENTS' SILENT
HEROISM.**



THE MAIN-TRAVELLED ROAD in the West (as everywhere) is hot and dusty in summer, and desolate and drear with mud in fall and spring, and in winter the winds sweep the snow across it; but it does sometimes cross a rich meadow where the song of the larks and bobolinks and blackbirds are tangled. Follow it far enough, it may lead past a bend in the river where the water laughs eternally over its shallows.

Mainly it is long and wearyful and has a dull little town at one end, and a home of toil at the other. Like the main-travelled road of life it is traversed by many classes of people, but the poor and the weary predominate.

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Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1890				
Jan 1	Balance			100.00
Jan 15	Wages	50.00		50.00
Jan 20	Expenses	20.00		30.00
Jan 25	Income		150.00	180.00
Jan 30	Expenses	10.00		170.00
Feb 1	Balance			170.00
Feb 10	Wages	60.00		110.00
Feb 15	Expenses	30.00		80.00
Feb 20	Income		200.00	280.00
Feb 25	Expenses	15.00		265.00
Feb 28	Balance			265.00
Mar 1	Balance			265.00
Mar 10	Wages	70.00		195.00
Mar 15	Expenses	40.00		155.00
Mar 20	Income		250.00	405.00
Mar 25	Expenses	25.00		380.00
Mar 30	Balance			380.00
Apr 1	Balance			380.00
Apr 10	Wages	80.00		300.00
Apr 15	Expenses	50.00		250.00
Apr 20	Income		300.00	550.00
Apr 25	Expenses	35.00		515.00
Apr 30	Balance			515.00
May 1	Balance			515.00
May 10	Wages	90.00		425.00
May 15	Expenses	60.00		365.00
May 20	Income		350.00	715.00
May 25	Expenses	45.00		670.00
May 30	Balance			670.00
Jun 1	Balance			670.00
Jun 10	Wages	100.00		570.00
Jun 15	Expenses	70.00		500.00
Jun 20	Income		400.00	900.00
Jun 25	Expenses	55.00		845.00
Jun 30	Balance			845.00
Jul 1	Balance			845.00
Jul 10	Wages	110.00		735.00
Jul 15	Expenses	80.00		655.00
Jul 20	Income		450.00	1105.00
Jul 25	Expenses	65.00		1040.00
Jul 30	Balance			1040.00
Aug 1	Balance			1040.00
Aug 10	Wages	120.00		920.00
Aug 15	Expenses	90.00		830.00
Aug 20	Income		500.00	1330.00
Aug 25	Expenses	75.00		1255.00
Aug 30	Balance			1255.00
Sep 1	Balance			1255.00
Sep 10	Wages	130.00		1125.00
Sep 15	Expenses	100.00		1025.00
Sep 20	Income		550.00	1575.00
Sep 25	Expenses	85.00		1490.00
Sep 30	Balance			1490.00
Oct 1	Balance			1490.00
Oct 10	Wages	140.00		1350.00
Oct 15	Expenses	110.00		1240.00
Oct 20	Income		600.00	1840.00
Oct 25	Expenses	95.00		1745.00
Oct 30	Balance			1745.00
Nov 1	Balance			1745.00
Nov 10	Wages	150.00		1595.00
Nov 15	Expenses	120.00		1475.00
Nov 20	Income		650.00	2125.00
Nov 25	Expenses	105.00		2020.00
Nov 30	Balance			2020.00
Dec 1	Balance			2020.00
Dec 10	Wages	160.00		1860.00
Dec 15	Expenses	130.00		1730.00
Dec 20	Income		700.00	2430.00
Dec 25	Expenses	115.00		2315.00
Dec 30	Balance			2315.00
Total				2315.00