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Who list the Roman greatness forth to figure,  
Him needeth not to seek for usage right  
Of line, or lead, or rule, or square to measure  
Her length, her breadth, her deepness and her height;  
But him behoves to view in compass round  
All that the Ocean grasps in his long arms,  
Be it where th' yearly star doth scorch the ground,  
Or where cold Boreas blows his bitter storms.  
Rome was th' whole world and all the world was Rome;  
And if things named their names do equalize,  
When land and sea you name, then name ye Rome,  
And naming Rome ye land and sea comprize!  
For th' ancient plot of Rome displayed plain  
The map of all the wide world doth contain.

All that which Egypt whilom did devise,  
All that which Greece their temples to embrace  
After th' Ionick, Attick, Dorick guise,  
Or Corinth, skilled in curious work to grave;  
All that Lysippus' practick art could form,  
Apelles' wit, or Phidias his skill,  
Was wont this ancient city to adorn,  
And heaven itself with her wide wonders fill;  
All that which Athens ever brought forth wise  
Or that which Africk ever brought forth strange,  
All that which Asia ever had of prise,  
Was here to see. O marvellous great change!  
Rome living was the world's sole ornament,  
And dead, is now the world's sole monument!

Spenser, *Ruins of Rome.*

## PREFACE.

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HISTORICAL criticism has now for more than half a century been actively at work upon the history of Rome, and the tests which, in accordance with the laws of evidence, it has applied to the traditional narrative, have shown that the greater part of the tales which have passed for more than two thousand years as the history of the Roman kings and of the earlier ages of the republic, contain but a small portion of truth hidden under a huge mass of fiction. The results of scientific investigation have gradually been accepted by all scholars whose judgment is not perverted by an obstinate historical conservatism very much akin to superstition; and the present volume is an attempt to give these results in a form intelligible to any reader of common capacity, and possessed of so much previous knowledge as can be acquired, or ought to be acquired, at an average school before the age of fifteen or sixteen. All

purely scientific matter has been excluded. The results have been given with only so much of argument and proof as is absolutely necessary to carry conviction. All scientific references and notes have been excluded. Yet no statement has been made which could not be substantiated by reference to the original authors from whom all our information is derived. It is hoped that those readers who are attracted by the subject, and wish to carry their studies further, will be able to use the present volume as a starting point for investigations of their own.

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