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## Dedication.

Critic. A doctor heroine! Sir, it will not do.

Besides, the story is all tags and shreds:

It wants in sequence; fits not with the taste

Of modern readers, who must need have food

That pricks the palate—toothsome and well spiced.

Take my advice: it will not suit the trade.

Which forms our judgment: Will our action pay!

"It is in tatters"? So is each man's life,

"And but for patches, small man's moral gear.

"It wants in sequence"? Being thus, most true;

And morbid mouths may mumble it in vain,

To find the flavour fits their appetites.

But, as it is, so every word shall stand;

For he who fears the verdict writes in chains:

And without freedom, nothing worth remains.

So to the Public I now dedicate

This pen-sketched picture: in their hands its fate.



# Gratefully Enscribed

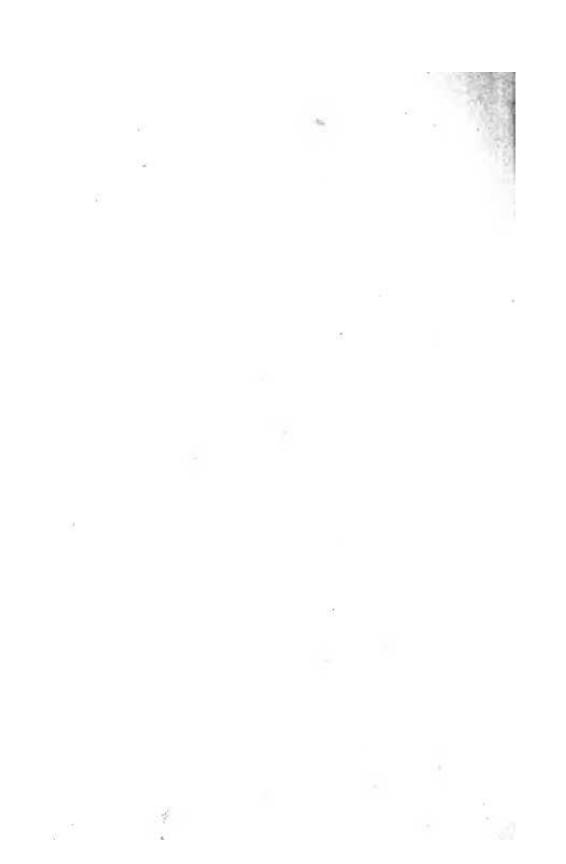
TO

## SARAH BECK HARVEY,

WHOSE FRIENDSHIP AND RARE GIFTS

HAVE BROUGHT ME SO MANY

HOURS OF PLEASURE.



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