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INTRODUCTION.

To my fellow-miners of California and the Pacific Coast I inscribe this little book of verse, in memory of Auld Lang Syne and the land that hath so glamoured us; for though the themes herein are few that touch your peculiar life and environment, they were born of the high Sierras, and the desert solitudes near and far, during the arduous years and lonely hours of a goldseeker's life.

Not in self-confidence, however, does the writer present these desultory utterances to you, but conscious how little of worth there is here to warrant the offering,—how little indeed of aught to portray such an experience and communion with Nature.

The writer has no thought of touching any popular chord in these conceits, nor hope beyond pleasing a few here and there; and so,

" With a heart for any fate "---

as befits the Prospector—whatever of adverse judgment or of failure may greet this venture, will fall lightly upon him, as upon one inured to long-familiar loads.

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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, June, 1891. THE AUTHOR.

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