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This book is respectfully dedicated
To the World's Workingmen
(At present rich and poor)
By their fellow-laborer—E. A. B.

"O dust, whose mask is power;
Reed, that would'st be a scourge thy little hour!
Spark, whereon yet the mighty hath not trod,
And therefore thou destroyest! Where were flown
Our hopes, if man were left to man's decrees alone?"

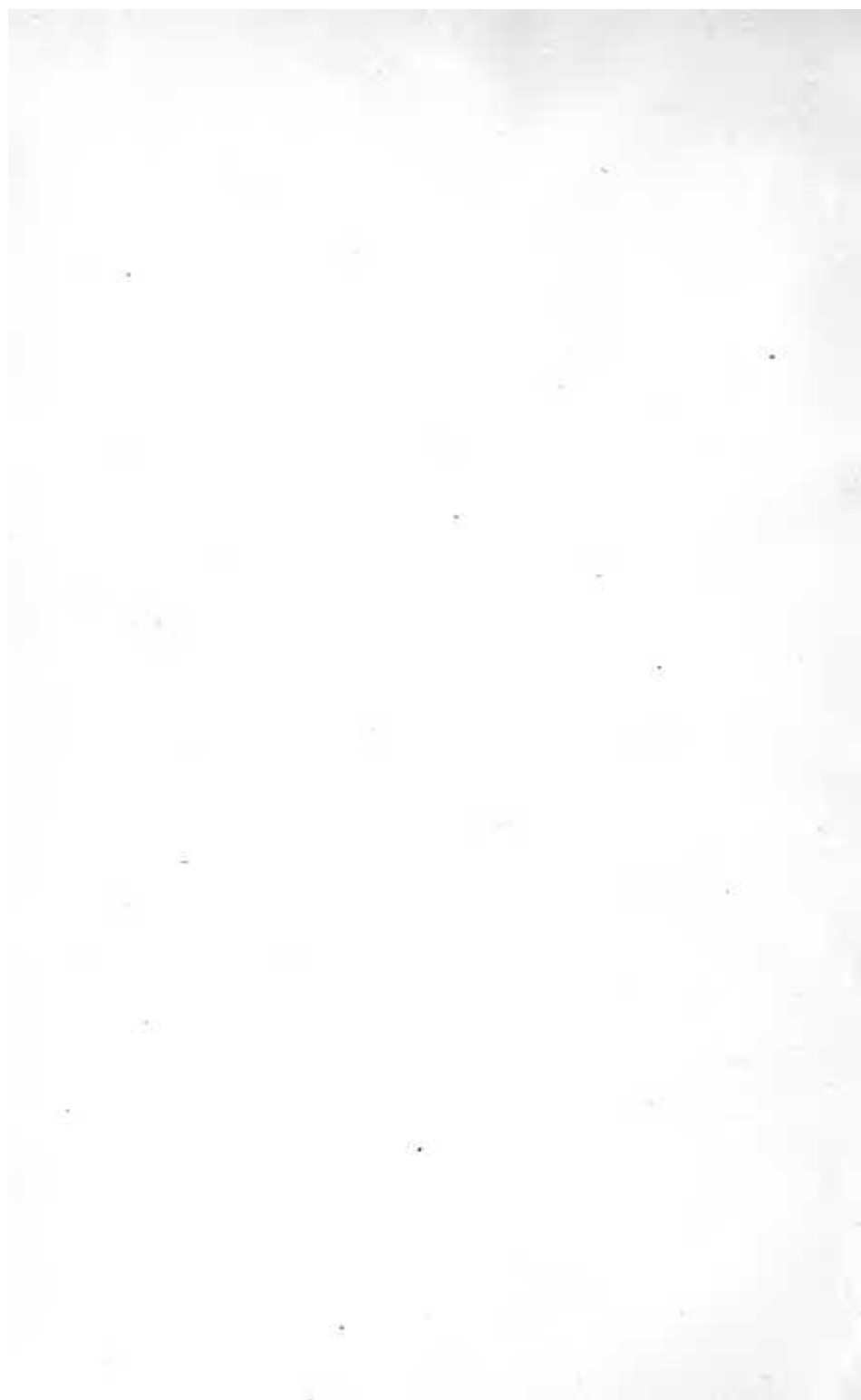
—Mrs. Hemans.

PREFACE

This book is a flight of fancy, pure and simple, since, of course, not one of the characters mentioned ever has been or will be in existence—any more than have the unjust and monstrous conditions herein set forth ever been endured for a single moment by a free and thinking people.

This being the case, an apology seems to be due for having brought this dream of a leisure hour to the notice of the public.

In extenuation it may be said that relaxation from the strain of reading of the horrors of life as depicted daily for us in the newspapers and the insufferable dulness of a literature that has consigned divine imagination to the winds renders it imperative that we have something to take the place of the impossibilities of the Arabian Nights of our youthful days; and in the hope that you may be beguiled into forgetfulness—carried away from yourself on the blessed wings of imagination into the land where impossibilities become actualities—for at least an hour,—this volume is handed to you by — The Author.



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