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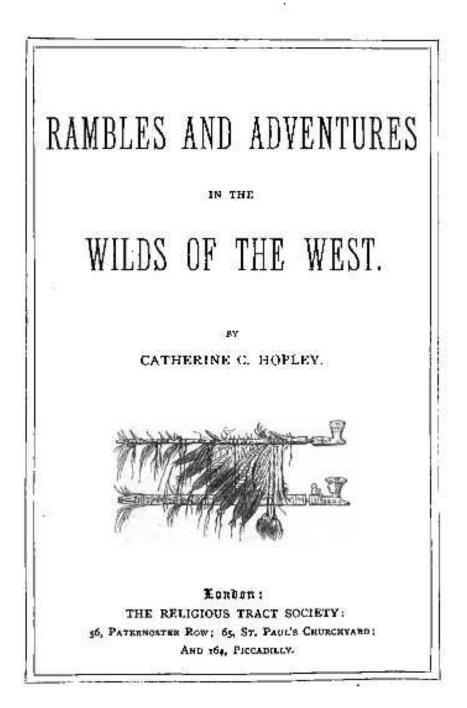
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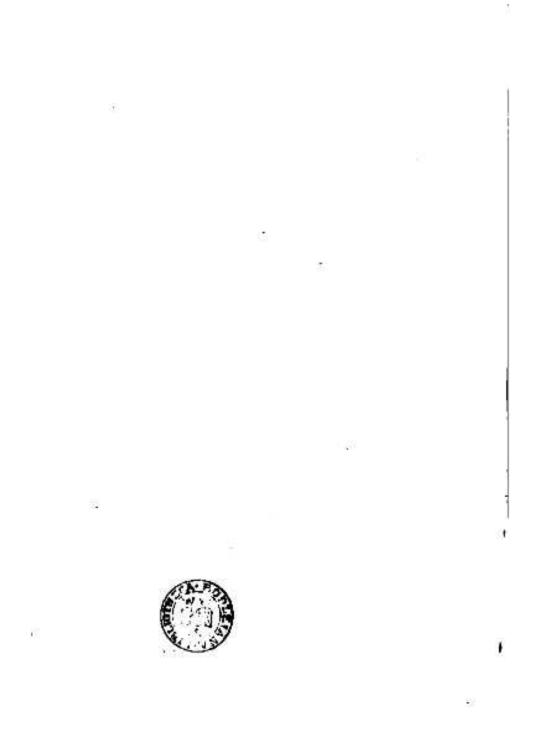


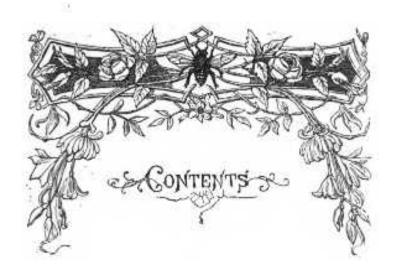


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NY a country ramble did my young friends Katio and Harry and I take together while I was visiting my relations in America a few years ago, and many an adventuro did we meet with. Not

such startling adventures as being captured by Indians or pursued by a grizzly bear, but still something different from those which occur in our English lanes and fields, and which, therefore, may afford entertainment to read about, while at the same time they may teach something of America and its productions.

"But in what part of America was it?" you naturally ask, as your thoughts fly all over that vast continent, and you try to picture to yourselves the forests, mountains, and valleys of Canada, Mexico, Brazil, or California, and wonder whereabouts in that vast "America" our rambles took place. It was in the United States. The people of the States are chiefly descended from English parents, and are closely related to us. There our own mother tongue is spoken, Christ's religion prevails, Christian people do their best to bring all men to a knowledge of the Saviour, and to spread one language, making all men brothers indeed.

But I must explain how a country walk in America is such a different affair from a country walk in England. Here, should you be travelling over even the wildest part and an accident happen to the train, you are pretty sure of finding a path or a tolerable road, which you have only to follow to arrive at a farmhouse or a village not many miles off. But in America, should you be stopped in a train or alight in a