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THIS book is a practical handbook on tenement reform in America. Public spirited citizens of every American city are asking themselves what to do to prevent in their community the housing evils that have grown up elsewhere and to remedy those that have come into existence around their own homes. This book is intended to answer that question. There is no more of theory about it than is essential to intelligent conclusion and effective action. It has been written at the instance of the Russell Sage Foundation by the person who is most competent, by knowledge and experience, to answer that question.

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