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I dedicate this little work to my beloved
wife who shared my hardships and trials
in a pioneer's life.

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INTRODUCTION.

It is no light undertaking to prepare a story adequately describing the trip across the plains with an ox team, from the Missouri River to the gold fields of California, in '49-'50.

No pen can describe the trials, the hardships, and privations. One must make the trip to realize the difficulties and dangers encountered. If there are errors, they are such as necessarily occur in writing a story that covers so vast an extent of territory, after so long a period of time.

This story includes the experiences of many pioneers beside that of the writer, who himself crossed the plains twice with an ox team. It is filled with thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes from death, as well as many amusing incidents.

Trusting that it will be read with interest, and that the reader will not be disappointed, it is submitted without further comment.

THE AUTHOR.

Contributors.—The author gratefully acknowledges contributions in this book from many old pioneers.