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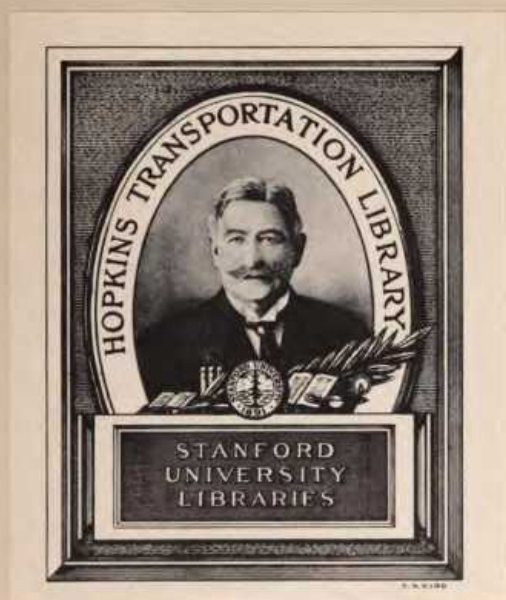
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This book is dedicated to my wife  
and to our seven children



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"And I have loved thee, Ocean! And my joy  
Of youthful sports was on thy breast to be  
Borne, like thy bubbles, onward: from a boy  
I wanton'd with thy breakers,

And trusted to thy billows far and near,  
And laid my hand upon thy mane."

*Byron.*

OVER and over again have I been asked by my relatives to write the story of my life, and once or twice I have begun it; but it seemed so egotistical to tell of one's own exploits! And, then, it is so very tedious to write an experience of many years that I gave it up, not feeling equal to the task; but having at the present time a great deal of leisure, and being pressed to do it by my family, I have concluded on this first day of the New Year, 1903, to start in and try what I can do. As these papers are not for publication, but only to interest my nearest relatives, I feel less embarrassment in writing than I should if they were to go before the public. Of course, I have to trust a great deal to memory, and do not vouch for the truth of the several dates of what happened in the period of my boyhood.