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A Tribute to the memory of the men and women,
who worked, fought and died for the welfare of
this country; and a recognition of the living who
with equal enterprise, genius and patriotism helped
in the making of our

UNITED STATES



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**To the millions of children, born by German
parents and raised in German American homes,
the Hope and Future of our United States, this
book is dedicated by**

THE AUTHOR.

INTRODUCTION.



THE great world war which has plunged the European nations into endless misery, suffering and death, has brought great embarrassment also to all American citizens of German descent. No protection was needed heretofore by them against misrepresentation or attacks upon their good name. Now, however, the great European Conflict, sowing in unprecedented manner the seed of discord, unloosening envy, calumny and prejudice, compells them constantly to parry most unwarranted insinuations launched by men who ought to know better, yet apparently find delight in questioning the loyalty of the German Americans toward the land of their adoption.

If there be any one inclined to lend an ear to these most despicable and baseless insinuations, let him inform himself through these pages of the glorious past of the German Element in America, of its well-nigh endless record of achievements and sacrifices on behalf of the nation, of its enduring patriotism, when others failed of their duty or knew not where to turn.

The descendants of Germans in this country may justly be proud of the fact that their ancestors were among the first American pioneers; that they were the makers of true American homes, and that they participated in laying the foundations upon which the entire present-day structure of our United States has been reared.

That the reverent love which the Germans bear the land of their birth in no way tends to diminish the loyalty which they owe to the country of their adoption, is a fact which no fair-minded man requires to be proven, but of which this record bears ample witness. In defense of the Constitution, for the preservation of liberty and the rights of man they will stand firm and unafraid as of yore.

May this book help to set aright the opinion of our American people with regard to their German fellow-citizens, and may it inspire our young generation to emulate the industry, enterprise and patriotism which distinguished the men and women of whom it tells.

