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## PREFACE.

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AFTER having written upon Lumps of Coal, Chalk, and Iron, respectively, the Author, in taking A Lump of Gold as the subject for a little history, feels as if he had been a kind of literary butterfly, wandering—not from flower to flower, but from lump to lump—until he alighted upon one most rich in nectar—that is, Gold.

In constructing the work, the Author endeavoured to treat the subject from every point that would be likely to interest the general reader, and at the same time afford useful instruction to the rising members of the community. Although perfection and completeness would not be possible in treating so great a theme in so limited a space, it is hoped that many readers will find in the following pages much information about Gold that is new to them, and which it is desirable that all should possess.



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