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M. A. R.
IN MEMORY OF IDLE
WANDERINGS IN MEXICO, THIS RECORD
OF TRAVEL IS AFFECTIONATELY
DEDICATED BY
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PREFACE.

The Railway is to-day the modern invader of the Southwest. By its advent has been made possible that of the Americans. Probably the region is being overrun for the last time by foreigners; and the last comers are the ones from whom the country will derive its greatest blessings.

The following chapters do not pretend to contain exhaustive information. They are the result of a carelessly planned and leisurely executed journey, and describe nothing beyond what every traveler may easily see and learn.

The Southwest, vast and historically interesting, has a brilliant future. Time, money and labor are necessary for its ultimate development, but already the land of prehistoric people, Spanish conquests and curious legends is beginning to assert itself.

When the future witnesses a realization of the present predictions, and when the Southwest is as familiar to the many as it now is to the few, this volume may at least be historically interesting as containing a picture of Spanish America as it was in 1884.

THE AUTHOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec., 1884.

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CHAPTER I.

ROMANCES AND REALITIES OF THE SOUTHWEST.

BEFORE the Pilgrims landed upon the shores of New England; when Manhattan Island was a wilderness; before Virginia and Florida had seen their first European; in the years of the supremacy of Spain in Europe; when Cervantes was a child, and before Milton, Shakespeare and Bacon were born; before, in fact, America was known to the world, or Columbus had begun to dream that it existed, the great Southwest, which may properly mean to-day that portion of country embraced by New Mexico, Arizona, Northwestern Texas, Southern California and upper Old Mexico was peopled by a race of men who not only enjoyed a high degree of civilization and had towns and cities of great size and importance, but who were versed in the sciences, who had a regular form of government, and who cultivated their lands in a manner most approved of at the present day.

Who these early settlers in this section of America