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* * * *Vidi factas ex inopere terras.*
OVID, *Met.* xv, 362.

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P R E F A C E.



THE idea that Romney Marsh was not in existence in the time of Cæsar first struck me in the early part of the year 1864, as I was one day standing on the cliff which forms the eastern extremity of the Isle of Oxney. On returning to London shortly afterwards, I assumed that in his time the sea filled the whole of the Bay of Apuldore; and on testing this assumption with the Commentaries, I found it in every respect consistent with the narrative: nor have I, during subsequent visits in the south-east of Kent, been able to discover any facts inconsistent with this theory.

On examining the opposite coast of France in the summer of 1866, I found that Boulogne, as it must have been in ancient days, completely answered the description which Cæsar gives of the port from which he sailed.

The details of the narrative, which I have endeavoured to fill in as fully and completely as possible, are still

susceptible of improvement. They involve a knowledge of naval, military, and physical sciences, as well as of the topography of the country, far greater than I have any means of attaining. I can, therefore, only hope their imperfections will be pardoned and their errors corrected by those who are better acquainted with the localities and more conversant with the sciences in question.

With these observations I venture to submit the result of my investigations to the ordeal of public criticism, confident that if true my theory will withstand the severest tests to which it can be submitted, and that if untrue—the sooner its fallacy is exposed the better.

F. H. APPACH.

*Kensington Garden Terrace,
May, 1868.*

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