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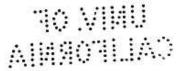
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### PREFACE

I was for some years a resident of the city about which I write, and have held strictly to the spirit that pervades a new Western town. My description of its mode of conducting business, and of its society at that time, is hardly an exaggeration; while many of the incidents were of actual occurrence, though given under fictitious names and such change of circumstance that there can be no complaint of personal allusion.

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