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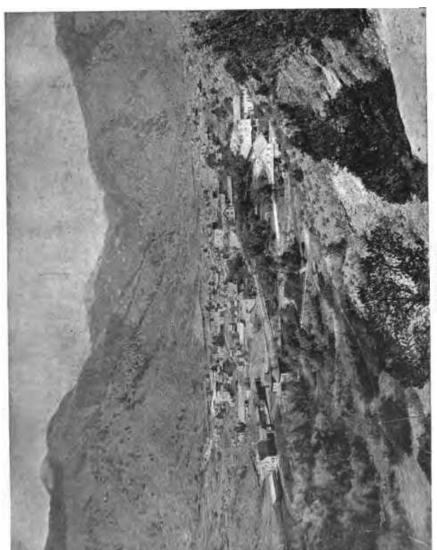
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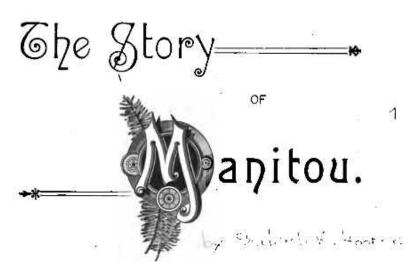
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Here dwelt the Red Man, ere the cry
Of "Gold!" among these hills was heard,
Here towered the mountains to the sky,
And here the healing fountains pour'd.

Before the White Man's foot had trod This sacred valley, in the West, The Savage took the gift from God, And named it, "Manitou, the Bles't."

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#### BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION.

LEXANDER DUMAS has said many epigrammatic things that are not strictly true, and he has said many true things that are not at all epigrammatic; but when he remarked that "Honesty is of all things the most deceptive, because it is not expected by those who have been deceived," he framed a sentence that is not only epi-

grammatic, but also true. The quoting of this truthful epigram in the introductory paragraph of this book is a propos, because the readers of literature devoted to the description of pleasure and health resorts have so often been deceived by glowing accounts of ideal resorts, whose excellencies exist only in the imagination of the writer, that the author of this little book presents it to the reader with some fear that its very truth may possibly cause its statements to be scanned with some shadow of doubt.

Honesty in statement, and a realistic adherence to fact, will characterize the pages which follow. It is not possible for anyone to write truthfully concerning the charms of Maniton without becoming enthusiastic, but enthusiasm does not imply exaggeration, nor an untruthful presentation of the facts.

There is one difficulty, however, which meets the writer who undertakes a faithful description of Manitou, and that is the impossibility of keeping pace with the march of improvement. It is true that the grand and imposing scenery which surrounds Manitou; the rugged range of Titanic mountains towering to the west, captained by Pike's Peak, the monarch of the Rockies; the romantic glens and pine-covered heights; the crystal brooks; the glories of the Garden of the Gods, and the undulating, far-reaching, mysterious plains extending to the east, are always there, unchanged and beautiful. But the hand of man is ever busy in the town itself. New forms of architectural beauty appear with a rapidity that distances description, old forms are remodeled, quaint pavilions rise above the waters of the healing springs, rustic bridges span the rippling brooks, new drives are built, new points of interest discovered and made accessible, so that when all is said that may be true to-day, to-morrow, beholding the reality, the reader will exclaim: "The half has not been told me."



MINNEHARA, PIKE'S PEAK TRAIL.