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## HOW I CAME TO WRITE A BOOK.

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EVER since leaving the West, the writer has from time to time acted as correspondent for one of the weekly papers of his native town, and in several instances has been employed on the staff of one of the daily papers of the city of his adoption. He should, therefore, be pardoned for intensified literary ambitions when confronted by allotments of travel so tempting as those presented to him on a leisurely trip of nineteen thousand miles through picturesque America.

The somewhat protracted journey and saunterings, which commenced at New Jersey's capital and extended to the Golden Gate and thence to Alaska, of which this book is briefly descriptive, occurred in the spring and summer of 1892, and occupied a period of three memorable months. Hence the author is constrained to the use of "Twelve Weeks In and Out of the United States" as a fitting title to a narrative whose details will possess the merit of truthfulness if, unhappily, they shall fail in interest.

In addition and incidental to the trip from ocean to ocean, our party crossed the line into Mexico, traversed the Pacific coast States from San Diego to Tacoma, from which point we embarked, *via* British Columbia, for Alaska.

On the return trip we visited the great Shoshone Falls, Yellowstone Park (appropriately named "Wonderland"), and numerous other points of interest, which are herein described.

While taking frequent notes on the steamer during the Alaska trip the writer was persistently solicited by his fellow-passengers to preserve the record, whether it be printed in book, newspaper or pamphlet form, and forward the same to them as a reminder of scenes and incidents witnessed but once in a lifetime. This, therefore, is a further incentive to my more or less willing pen.

The illustrations herein were made from photographs taken by Tabor, of San Francisco; M. M. Hazeltine, of Baker City, Oregon; and from Kodak views taken by Miss Serrill, of Philadelphia—to each of whom the writer hereby expresses appreciation. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company also kindly loaned some cuts, which add much to the completeness of the book.

If the following pages shall prove of interest to such proportion of the large army of American tourists as shall read them, or be in any degree helpful to them in making a similar journey, the author's efforts will have been amply rewarded, and his justification for having "written a book" will be complete.

E. S. P.

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# WONDERLAND

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TWELVE WEEKS IN AND OUT OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

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## CHAPTER I.

*FORWARD BOUND.*

THE blustering weather of a New Jersey March was upon us. Streets and pavements were swept on alternate days by gusts of rain and clouds of dust. Trees, lawns and all outdoors still wore a look of wintry dilapidation, and even pedestrians cut awkward figures attempting to round corners, cross streets or enter doorways in the face of the searching winds which whistled in doleful tones around the corners of houses and down chimney-flues, bringing to vivid realization the discomfort attending the traditional "lingering of Spring in the lap of Winter."

While enjoying the comforts of our home and watching an occasional pedestrian struggling