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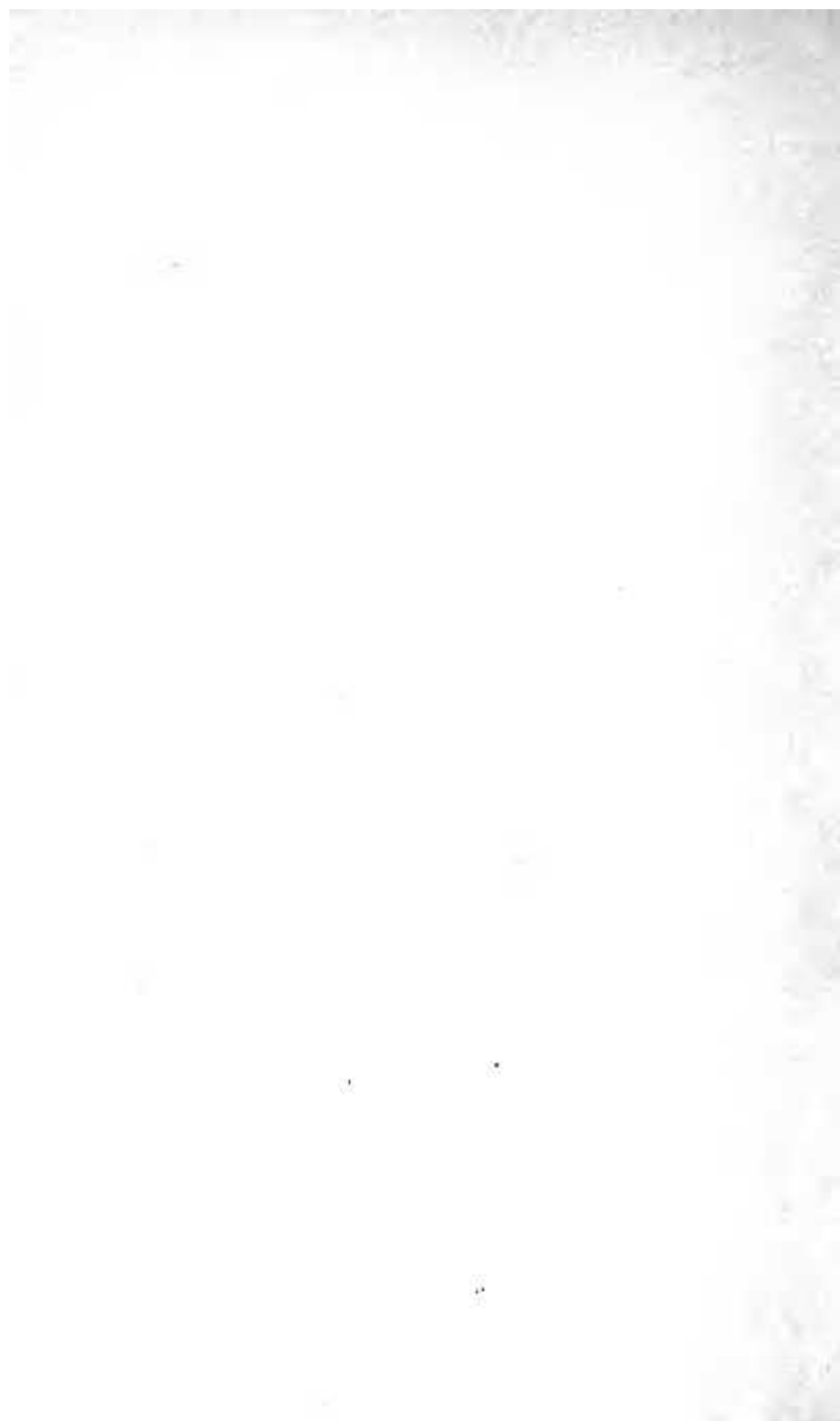
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THIS book is respectfully inscribed to GEORGE K. FITCH, in public recognition of service to the public performed by him.

Content to exercise his influence impersonally, asking for no personal reward, fearlessly combating large corporations, he, as controlling proprietor and editor of the "San Francisco Call" and "San Francisco Bulletin," exercised great and enduring influence. In the events here recorded he was potent.



I.

A GENERAL REVIEW.





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THIS is the story of a public awakening. The justification of this assertion will be found in the facts. It is not impossible that the events which are herein recorded shall lead to a commercial revolution on the Pacific Coast. Certain it is that San Francisco will at last take the station which its natural advantages make inevitable. It will be in fact, as in name, the commercial metropolis of the Pacific Coast.

In the month of October, 1891, there sailed through the Golden Gate into the Bay of San Francisco the ship "Armida," flying the British flag. She was laden exclusively with goods of American material and exclusively of American manufacture, which had been brought from Europe. She was followed by other vessels, all of which had been laden in Europe with American goods, which goods had been exported to Europe from New York, and which, having been certified by American consular officers not to have been made dutiable abroad, were now