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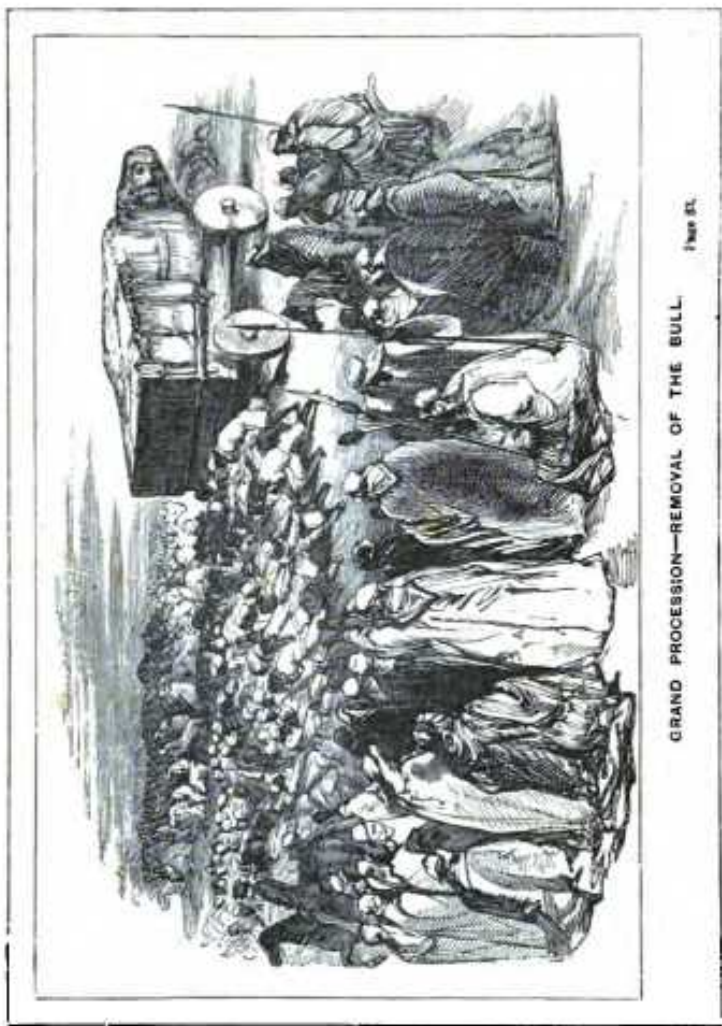
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Preface.

IN giving some slight account of the recent discoveries in old Assyria, I have, by most courteous permission, availed myself not only of Mr. Layard's singularly interesting volumes, but of those not less interesting, and covering a wider space, of the Rev. Professor Rawlinson of Oxford, whose "Ancient Monarchies" is perhaps one of the most fascinating historical works of modern times. Facts no one can invent. But, selecting from these and other publications such facts as my purpose required, I have narrated them strictly in my own words, and woven them into my own story. For the substantial facts of my last two chapters I am more especially indebted to the learned Professor.

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CHAPTER I.

THE MIGHTY EMPIRE.

THE Empire of Assyria was once one of the greatest in the world. We learn this both from secular ancient history and from the Bible. Herodotus, the first great uninspired writer of history, tells us that the Assyrians were "lords of Asia" for more than five hundred years. The Bible brings this vast monarchy before us in various places. The country is first spoken of in Genesis, where we read that one of the rivers of the Garden of Eden had its course "toward the east of Assyria." In the same book, also, its original peopling is said to have been either by Nimrod, that "mighty hunter before the Lord," or Asshur, an officer, or perhaps general, under him. The translation of the verse in which this is mentioned is not quite agreed upon by learned men, so we must leave it where they leave it—uncertain whether it was by Nimrod in person or by deputy. Subsequently Assyria and its monarchs