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# PREFACE.

If there be but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous, there is but another between representing the latter and becoming its object, and I know I run the risk of finding myself in the latter predicament by recording what I have heard told with effect, but which may appear very flat, diluted with the ink of my pen.

I know there is no reputation to be made by retailing other men's wit, however successful, and much to be lost if unsuccessful. These admonitions would have kept me silent if I had had no object in view but placing this unpretending volume before the public; for the reader will do me great injustice to suppose I have the vanity to think these reminiscences, of themselves, merit a place before it. The true motive of publication will appear by reading the annexed advertisement.

Wishing to say nothing unpleasant to any one, I have to that end, in a few instances, had to use fictitious, instead of real names.

I hope the reader will bear in mind that it is impossible to write one's own reminiscences without a frequent and embarrassing use of the pronoun "I."

# ADVERTISEMENT.

*To the Lawyers of the United States:*

The wit of the stage and literary men gives some of the most delightful reading in the English language, but, I think, inferior to that which might be had of our profession, if not lost—as much has been—to the world for want of record. I say lost to the world, because it is a gainer every time it is made to laugh, or is even amused. Besides, I think it due to the profession, that it should have credit for the many witty things it has said, as well as due to the world, that it should have the benefit of the many good ones we have seen and heard.

I have had the boldness—rather rashness—to commence the record on the scant material of a very uneventful, though long professional life, with the hope and expectation of aid from a generous and liberal profession. This beginning will indicate, partly, the character of the contributions I wish. I say partly, because I wish anything appertaining to the profession, whether comic, tragic, pathetic, curious or marvelous, which will interest the general reader.

Law reports give only so much of a case as may be necessary to present the law points involved, when some of them would be of great interest to the general reader if reported with that view alone. I know of nothing which would make a better history of the state of society in a country than selections from its law suits. For what is "found in the by-ways rather than in the main-roads of history" is often most interesting to a majority of readers. Without pretending to write history, I wish everything pertaining to the profession, of the above character, that I may select what I think worth presenting to the public.

There is, with the profession, a rich store of material for the amusement and instruction of the world, if it will yield it up. Not expecting, nor wishing to tax the time and attention of gentlemen, so constantly engaged as the profession generally is, I desire to pay liberally for all contributions received, which I may use; and I would be pleased to have contributors price their own labors, and consent that I may give their address.

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