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THE WESTERN HOME.

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"My eyes make pictures when they are shut."-- cor. mings.

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TO

THE YOUNG LADIES

OF THIS COUNTRY

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IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

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INTRODUCTION.

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Most people have heard of the "Grand Reservoir of Somewhere," in which all lost, mislaid, and worn-out articles are said to be carefully deposited. In this reservoir are to be seen piles of unfellowed gloves, rows of dropped snuff-boxes, dozens of lost pocket-handkerchiefs, and grosses of mislaid penknives. Silver and gold pencil-cases are there in abundance; jewelry glitters in caskets, crowds of borrowed umbrellas lean in the corners, and libraries of lent volumes cumber the shelves. Here departed fashions leave their legacies; gowns in which our grandmothers made conquests, and coats in which our

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grandfathers made love. To this treasury does the tasteful disposer of drawing-room decorations consign her antiquated card-baskets, her dusty shell work, her cracked vases, and her tarnished annuals.

From this store-house was extracted the faded Fire-screen whose history is now given to the world. When it was discovered, why it was selected, how it contrived to relate its adventures, and why the language of Fire-screens was rendered into English, "it boots not now to tell."

A. B.

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