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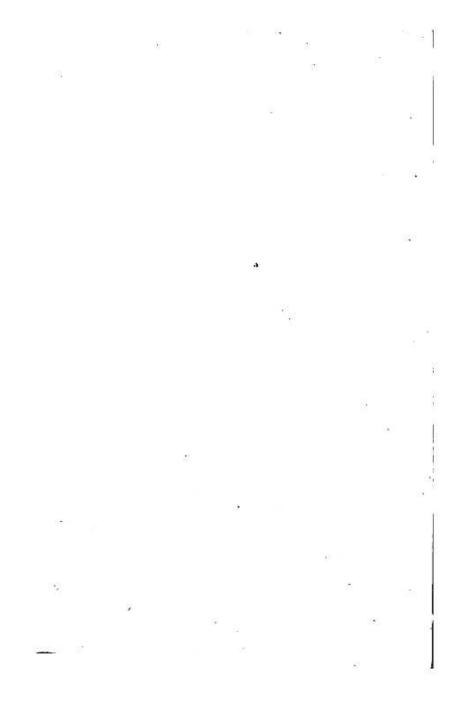
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PREFACE.

DURING the days and the years of our pilgrimage here on earth, we have accumulated vast quantities of cheerful statistics, hilarious facts and solemn truths. So full of these things had we become about a year ago, that there was not room inside us for even an ordinary appetite. The matter came to a crisis when, one day, we tried, with the aid of a mallet and wedge, to pack away an ordinary unripe anecdote, and realized the imminent danger we were in of cracking open in several places if we did not find some means of disposing of a part of the surplus information we were carrying. We felt that the public needed it more than we did, but having fears that the market would be glutted if we unloaded it all at once, we determined to give it to the American people in broken doses.

The result has been that for twelve months we have been digging these facts, statistics, and truths out of ourselves, and sending them abroad all over the land

PREFACE

through the medium of Texas Siftings-a weekly illustrated journal costing \$2 a year, and sold by all newsdealers in installments of 5 cents, payable weekly.

We now feel somewhat relieved, although there is a great deal in us yet that it will take years to get rid of. This book contains a part of what we have succeeded in enticing out of ourselves and publishing in Texas Siftings during the past year.

These Sketches are put in the form of a book, not so much to enlighten, educate, and ennoble the human race, as to put money in the pockets of

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