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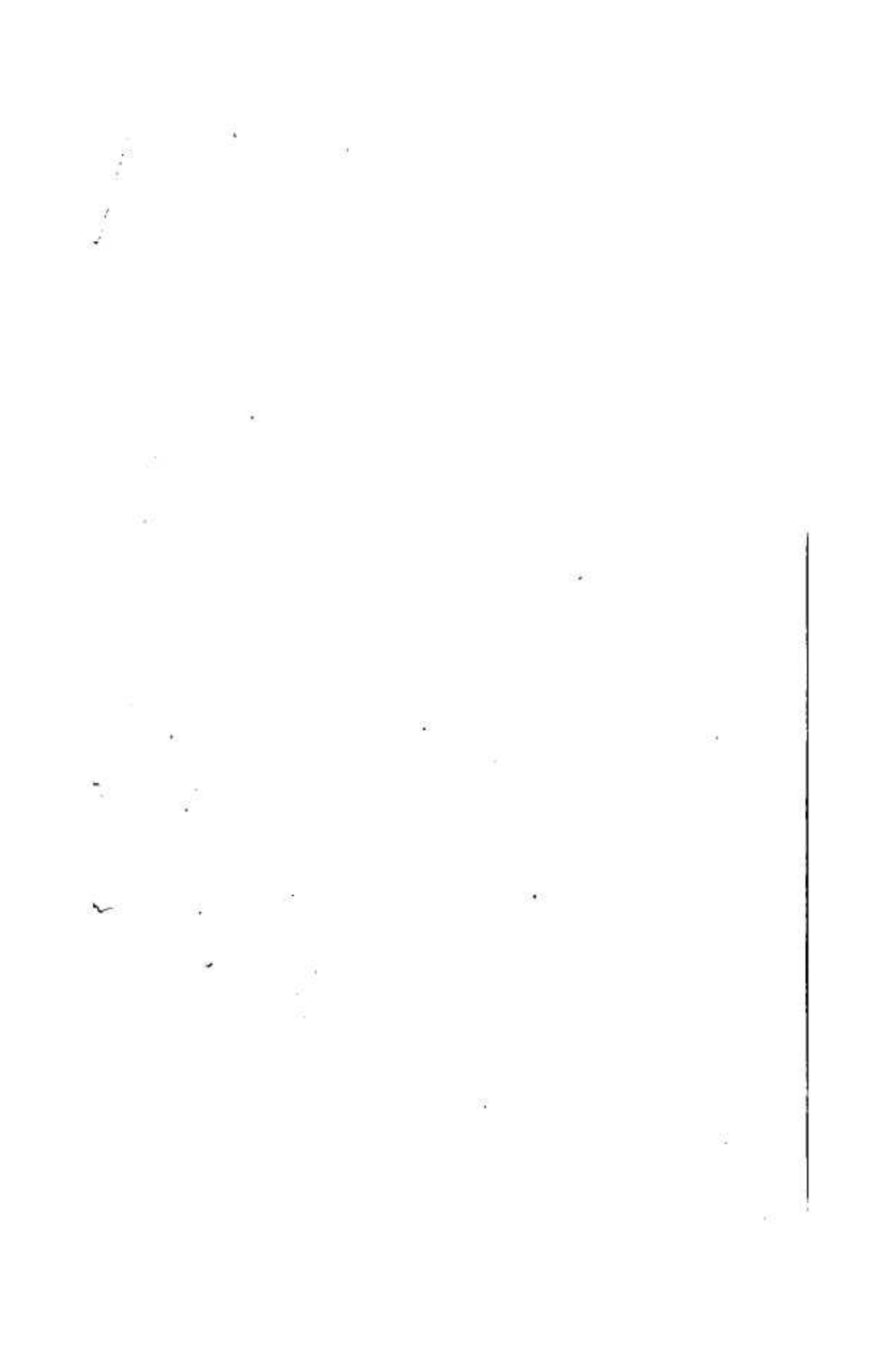
INTRODUCTION.

Believing that a more complete description of the northern part of our sister Republic will conduce to the advancement of the mutual interests of the United States and Mexico, the author submits the result of careful investigation of the four northern states of Mexico to the public. We respectfully acknowledge our indebtedness to Ex-Governor Monteverde, of Sonora, and Benjamin R. Rountree, John A. Robinson, Don Celedonio Ortiz, L. Gilson, and I. Thannhauser, of this city, and E. C. Hoffman, of San Jose, and many others, for much of the information contained in the following pages. We have also availed ourselves of the valuable and almost inaccessible work of Mr. Ward on "Mexico in 1827," from which we have taken everything of interest applicable to the subject-matter; and the valuable work of Mr. Mowry on Sonora and Arizona, and the impartial Spanish work of Francisco Velasco on Sonora, and translated into English by Mr. Wm. F. Nye, in this city, in 1861, and the work entitled "Travels on the Western Slope of the Mexican Cordillera," by Cincinnati, and Mr Ruxton's work on "Adventures in Mexico," and the late work of Antonio Garcia Cubas on "The Republic of Mexico in 1876," translated by Mr. Geo. E. Henderson, in Mexico, and official records and papers, and numerous other works, including pamphlets both in the English and Spanish languages. We have also been rendered valuable assistance by the Mexican Consul and the Honorable Ex-Judge of the Supreme Tribunal of Sonora and Lower California, Carlos F. Galan, now practicing law in this city, and many other American and Spanish gentlemen, who have kindly rendered us every assistance in their power.

We have endeavored to give only the facts as we find them, without unnecessary embellishments or fanciful description; the object being to make the contents of value for reference as well as interesting to persons desiring to travel through or emigrate to those portions of Mexico to which we have given our attention, for the purpose of engaging in mining, agriculture, or stock-raising; or for persons desiring to make profitable investments in those four states. We have availed ourselves of every data that we could obtain, in order to give a complete description, together with routes of travel and distances, cities and towns, the principal business men, the resources of Mexico, etc. We have also included, in a condensed form, a general view of the Republic of Mexico, and the territory of Lower California, and the border states of Coahuila, New Leon, and Tamaulipas. In addition, we have referred to the most important land laws restricting American citizens from acquiring real estate in any of the border states.

With the good opportunities offered in those states, we have also attempted to point out the unfavorable features, in order to give an impartial work to the public. We have necessarily been compelled to condense much of our information, in order to bring the work within the reach of all, and at the same time give the most important data to the public. In some instances, we have found it exceedingly difficult to give as complete information as we desired, and we have, therefore, been careful to state positively only those facts that could be verified.

Respectfully submitted,
THE AUTHOR.



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