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## PREFACE

DEAR READER,—You probably know all you ought to know about America: you are full of the facts no gentleman's mind should be without. But have you ever wandered about America with nothing to do but to learn to love her? If you have, you have already learnt all that this 'thing in book's clothing' can tell you; if you have not, then come with me, and see her as I did.

If you do this, I am sure you will forgive me for only giving familiar descriptions from a home diary. I do it as the best way of making you in some degree realise my two years' experience of the minute, gracious care which a passing stranger may receive in America. I always felt like Tobit in Perugino's picture, wandering over the world with successive angels holding my hand, leading me across every street; or, as an American might say, telling me 'where to get off,' and 'when to come in out of the rain.'

My whole heart is full of one big 'Thank you' to a country which has been so wondrously kind to me, that if you pin me down to one adjective to describe America, it would be *lovable*.

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Brondesbury.

Smaller type takes the place of the inverted commas which would indicate speeches or quotations—or direct remarks of Americans.



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