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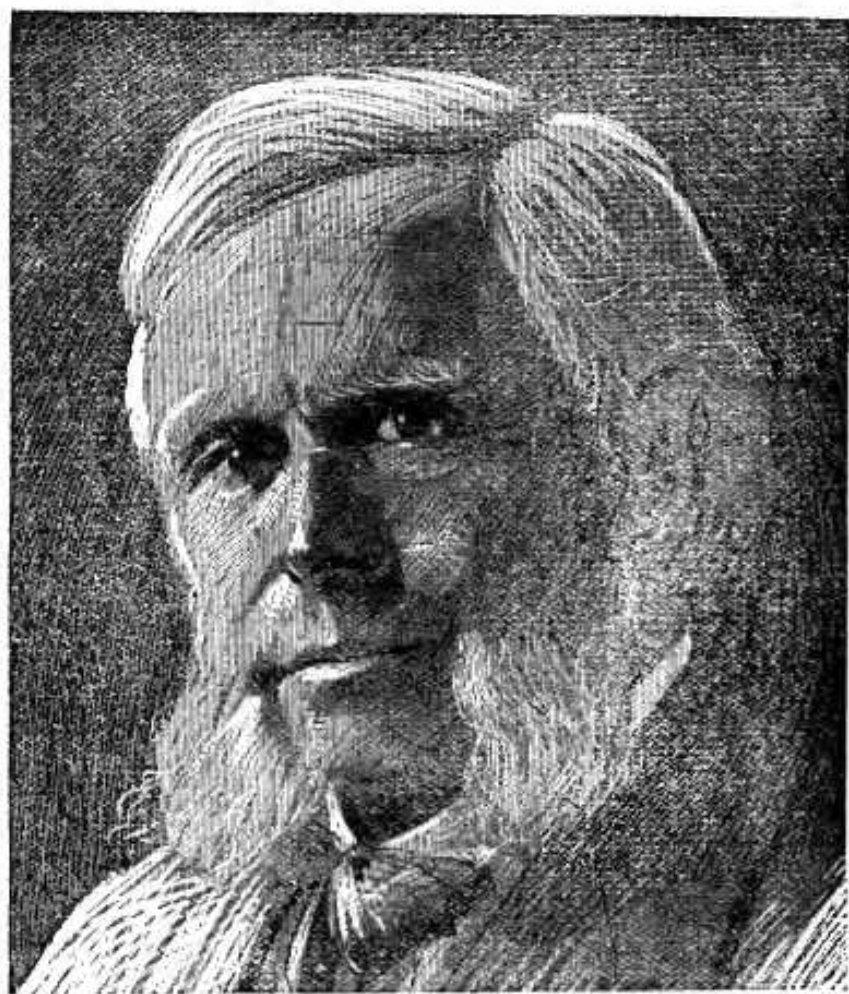
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PREFACE

This book has been written in an effort to show that if the world goes wrong with us, it is our own fault that it does so.

If we do not like what the great private monopolies are doing, the way is clear to do ourselves what ought to be done instead.

Practically everywhere there is liberty enough so that if the people would use the power they have they could speedily make an end of oppression, an end of needless poverty and a beginning of a healthful, normal, glad-hearted life for all.

Everywhere the private interests are strong enough and bad enough so that, with a little more of inactivity on the part of the many, despotism will be everywhere enthroned—"all of liberty will be lost."

The mockery of the oppressor will be justified and the millions, for whom deliverance is now so easily in reach, will be once more enslaved.

This is an effort to help in the struggle to make Democracy triumphant in all the institutions and activities of all mankind.

THE AUTHOR.

Berkeley, California, January 15, 1916.

DEDICATION

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
JEAN MARXINE MILLS

SHE NEVER KNEW ONE THE INFERIOR OF HER-
SELF. SHE NEVER DREAMED THAT ANYONE COULD
BE BETTER THAN SHE WAS. SHE WAS THE DEAREST
LITTLE DEMOCRAT HER FATHER EVER KNEW, AND
THE MOST LOYAL FRIEND AND HELPER THAT EVER
TRIED TO MAKE HIS BURDENS LIGHT.

THE AUTHOR.

