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Benj. Franklin

PRINTER, AUTHOR, DIPLOMAT
HONORED OF ALL MEN

DRAWN BY COCHIN, 1777

ENGRAVED BY RITCHIE

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FOREWORD



IT MAY seem somewhat presumptuous to offer to the world a part of the Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin. This would not now be done but for the fact that printers generally are less interested in Franklin as a statesman, or a diplomat, than in Franklin as a printer. True it is that printers are always ready to honor this great man—he who towers above all other Americans of all time—whether he is considered as a scientist, as a philosopher, or as a patriot—but nevertheless, it is as a printer that printers are drawn to study Franklin.

This, then, is the reason for the reproduction of that portion of Franklin's Autobiography dealing with his connection with the printing business in Colonial times. Much of the matter here presented is as familiar to many as household words. There is little that is new in this book. But it is filled with the sound practical sense abounding in nearly all of Franklin's writings. His homely philosophy has led thousands of people to do a little thinking for themselves. The recital of his experiences has urged many hundreds of young men onward and upward in the path of life. Franklin's struggles