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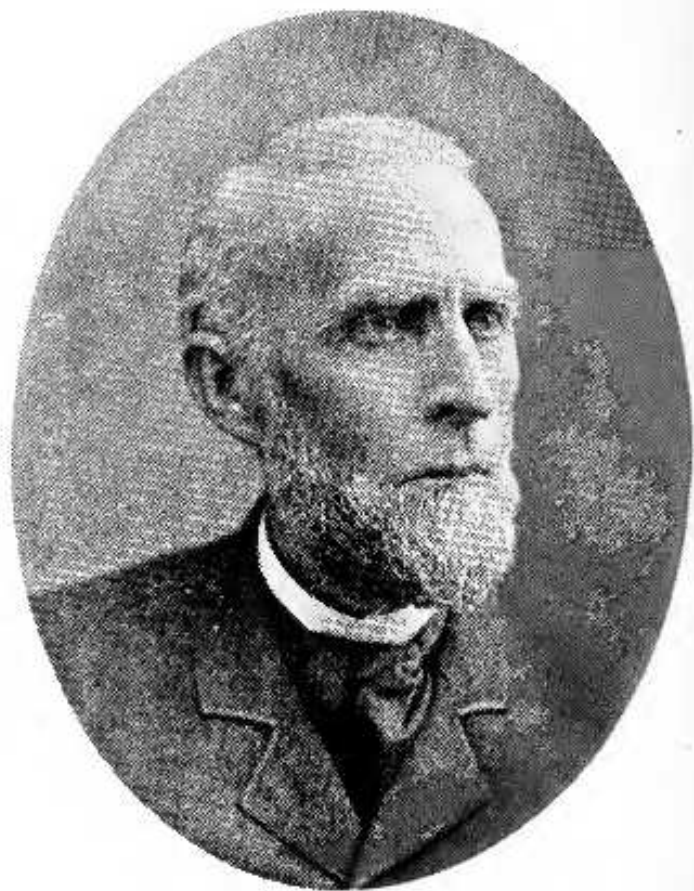
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*To my faithful, true, and loving wife,  
Sophia E. Braman,  
this book is inscribed. Her practical common sense and  
sound advice have for thirty-six years generously  
contributed in making smooth the rough  
places in the pathway  
of my life.*



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## INTRODUCTION

While writing "Glimpses of Europe" for newspaper publication, I had no thought of incorporating the letters in a bound volume. Repeated requests that this be done, received from a variety of sources, accounts for my making the venture. A life-long friend, whose judgment I prize highly, under recent date wrote me as follows:

"I have read with the liveliest interest your serial letters in the press, covering your trip through Europe. To my mind they are the most readable articles of their character, because of their composition and the information imparted, that I have ever read. In this, I believe, those in the community who have read them as they appeared, will concur. I believe you owe it to the people, both of this generation and those unborn, to put them in book form, for they will ever be read with increasing interest.

"I hope that you can see your way clear to do this."

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An extract from a letter received from a lady friend says:

"I suppose the suggestion that your foreign letters should appear in book form is not a new one to you, but I would like to help emphasize the fact that they are much too interesting and too valuable to be lost sight of. They contain more that is fascinating and

less that is tedious than any letters of their character I have ever read, and I sincerely hope I may some day be the happy possessor of a bound volume, which would, I am sure, be a source of perpetual delight to my family."

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These flattering references settled it that a book should be added to the long list which coming generations will allow to be buried under the dusts of antiquity.

Well, what do you think of Europe? Did you visit any country better than this? were questions often asked and briefly replied to. In this volume they, with many other questions, are answered in detail. As an educator along patriotic lines there is nothing to compare with foreign travel. If a cog has slipped in the loyalty of an American, if he fails to appreciate the superiority of the land of his birth or adoption, and is inclined to magnify the hard side of human experience, the winter of his discontent may be shortened and his atmosphere sweetened by a few months of such education as a foreign trip only can furnish. My hope is that the reader will add to the knowledge received from this volume by a trip to the old world, which shall prove as enjoyable as the one herein described.

THE AUTHOR.