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"I want to pledge my life to your service—my life and all
I am."



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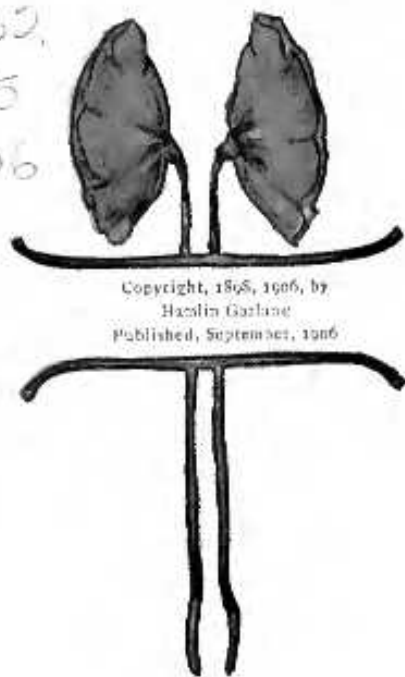
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TO
ZULIME TAFT GARLAND,
MY WIFE,

AND

MARY ISABEL,
MY DAUGHTER,

I DEDICATE
THIS NEW
EDITION

OF
AN
OLD,
OLD
STORY

Author's Foreword

ONE August day some ten or twelve years ago, I was riding over the splendid road which leads from Cripple Creek to Colorado Springs, in the stage which was at that time a three-seated mountain wagon. A woman sat with the driver, and some person of no moment to me then or now, occupied the place beside me; but the rear seat was filled by two stalwart miners—or rather, a miner and a mining engineer, who furnished the only conversation during the trip. It was all about the camp, new mines and old, shafts, upraises, faulting veins and the like, and mightily interesting to me it all was, for I, too, was prospecting, seeking a “lead” with eyes