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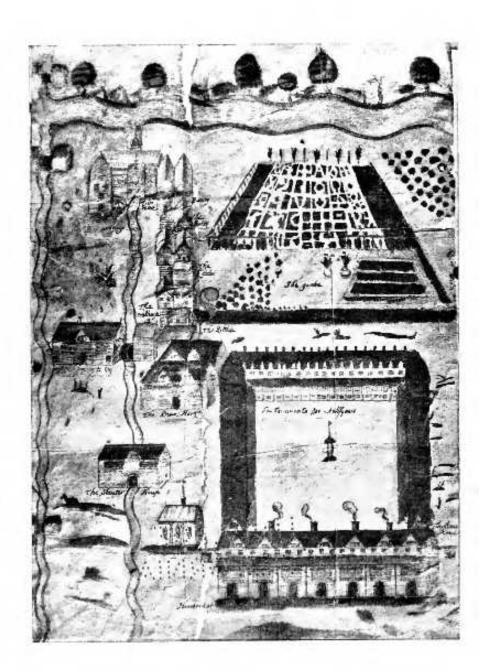
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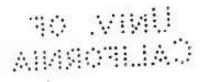
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"Whoever could make two cars of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

- SWIFT.



The extreme quaintness and originality of Rowland Vaughan's little book have led me to republish it, in the hopes that what has charmed me in its diction, will not prove "caviar to the general." The spelling and punctuation I have scrupulously followed, but have omitted the old-fashioned lettering. The original binding was too costly for reproduction, so I have taken a suggestion from it, with a view to keeping up the character of the book.

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ELLEN BEATRICE WOOD.

Molewood House, Hertford, November 1896.