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PREFACE

In presenting this small volume to my friends, it is done with two objects in view:

First—Inasmuch as I have had opportunities such as many of you have never had, to visit other lands and get in close touch with their peoples both in a business and social way, I felt it was a duty I owed to my associates to give them the information I have gathered in my travels; and while I have made a pleasure of the investigation as well as a pleasure in the business accomplished, I send this book to you with the hope that you will at least derive a part of the pleasure in reading it that I did in writing it from day to day.

The second reason for its publication is the hope that it may in a small way help to increase and strengthen the friendly relations and feelings that now exist between the United States and its possessions, the Philippine Islands, China, and Japan; and as a consequence, to increase trade and commerce; and, if possible, to increase the interest in shipping so that our laws may be changed to permit us to own and sail our own ships under our own flag to the end, that, by her Merchant Marine and Foreign Commerce, our country may become one of the Greatest Commercial Nations.