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THE
INNOCENTS ABROAD,

OR

THE NEW PILGRIMS' PROGRESS;

BEING SOME ACCOUNT OF THE STEAMSHIP QUAKER
CITY'S PLEASURE EXCURSION TO EUROPE AND
THE HOLY LAND; WITH DESCRIPTIONS
OF COUNTRIES, NATIONS, INCIDENTS
AND ADVENTURES, AS THEY
APPEARED
TO THE
AUTHOR.

TO
MY MOST PATIENT READER
AND
MOST CHARITABLE CRITIC,
MY AGED MOTHER,
THIS VOLUME IS AFFECTIONATELY
INSCRIBED.

Preface

THIS BOOK is a record of a pleasure-trip. If it were a record of a solemn scientific expedition, it would have about it that gravity, that profundity, and that impressive incomprehensibility which are so proper to works of that kind, and withal so attractive. Yet notwithstanding it is only a record of a pic-nic, it has a purpose, which is, to suggest to the reader how *he* would be likely to see Europe and the East if he looked at them with his own eyes instead of the eyes of those who travelled in those countries before him. I make small pretence of showing any one how he *ought* to look at objects of interest beyond the sea—other books do that, and therefore, even if I were competent to do it, there is no need.

I offer no apologies for any departures from the usual style of travel-writing that may be charged against me—for I think I have seen with impartial eyes, and I am sure I have written at least honestly, whether wisely or not.

In this volume I have used portions of letters which I wrote for the *Daily Alta California*, of San Francisco, the proprietors of that journal having waived their rights and given me the necessary permission. I have also inserted portions of several letters written for the New York *Tribune* and the New York *Herald*.

THE AUTHOR.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1869.

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