

## PREFACE.

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IN the following pages I have endeavoured to give a brief sketch of a tour in the United States of America, together with some description of the peculiarities (from an Englishman's point of view), in the hotels, modes of conveyance, travelling, manners and customs, &c., of our American Cousins.

It is hoped that the younger members of society, for whom the narrative has chiefly been written, will find much in it to interest, instruct and amuse ; and if they will take the trouble to follow the course of our Tourist on a good map, cannot fail to add to their geographical knowledge. Geography learnt in this way, *i.e.*, associating the localities with a good descriptive narrative of actual personal experience, is probably more firmly fixed in the memory, than in any other, with perhaps the single exception of visiting the places one's-self ; while certainly the former has the advantage of being by far the cheapest mode of the two.

The description of some of the great American high and