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PREFACE.

The design of this work is to take a wider range than a mere Guide Book, indicating routes and distances only. Its object is, while affording all the necessary information upon these points, at the same time to indicate what there may be, of a novel or interesting character, to be found at any of the places or locations along the principal thoroughfares, likely to please or attract the traveler, thus becoming in reality a pleasing, as well as instructive companion to the tourist.

This work was first issued in 1851, since which the entire West and South have advanced with rapid strides in the march of improvement. Their vast resources have begun to be developed; hundreds of miles of road are now traversed by the *Iron Horse*, and thriving towns are to be found where, five years since, the country was a wilderness. This increase in the facility of transportation has proportionately increased the amount of travel, and has made a new edition of this work necessary, to keep up with the times; it has consequently been thoroughly revised and corrected, and a large amount of railway information added, making it one of the most reliable Guide Books ever issued.

For convenience of reference it has been divided into two parts. The second part, called the RAILROAD AND ROUTE BOOK, containing the ROUTES, DISTANCES, FARES, &c., &c., on all the Railroads, Steamboats, &c., throughout the West and South. When routes and distances from place to place are sought, the second part of the work should be consulted.

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