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## PREFACE.

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### DEAR PUBLIC:

Making no pretensions to the rank of Author, I have simply aimed to be clear and precise. All books from which any information could be obtained, bearing on the subject under consideration, have been freely consulted, especially in the matter of etiquette and deportment; and will be found to be correct, as the selections have been made from the publications of the most reliable authors.

The mode, however, of conveying the information to the public, viz.: catechetical, is my own, and I believe it to be the only work of the kind, ever placed before the public, in the form of a catechism; at all events, I am certain that, at the present time, it is the only publication on dancing that will be found to contain descriptions of the "Rockaways" and "Triune" Glide, which are the latest fashionable dances; also the latest changes in the "Lancers" and "Quadrilles."

Particular instructions are given for performing these different dances, so that those who have never previously engaged in them, may be able to dance without the assistance of a master. It is not meant, however, that one may learn, unaided by a teacher, the rudiments of the art, but that such as have a fair knowledge of dancing may speedily acquire the latest and most enjoyable of all the round dances.

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