

Preface

The story was written for the purpose of portraying the type of American citizen that can be met, seen, and known on the coast of Maine in any town from Kittery to Eastport, but particularly referring to the half farmer, half fisherman, who lives in the towns along the shores in the neighborhood of Mt. Desert.

The writer has sailed, fished, and hunted with them for many years, and each season finds him only respecting them the more. They are industrious, law-abiding, and patriotic, the three things which go to make the best citizen of the best country on God's green footstool.

If the picture is a poor one, blame the artist, not the subject. The brush and paints are poor, the artist has only the slightest idea of light and shadow; but the rugged beauty of the subject exists, even though the story may fail to show it to you.

If after you have read this book you realize that you have looked as through a glass darkly, go and see for yourself, face to face, and you will admit that at least the picture is not overdrawn.

May you enjoy reading the book as much as the writer has enjoyed writing it and seeing it grow from day to day.