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TO THE READER.



It may be necessary for me to give a short explanation of the circumstances under which I became cognizant of Mrs. Brown's proceedings at the Paris Exhibition, and I will do so in as few words as possible. It was on a remarkably-hot day in the early part of last month that I encountered Mrs. Brown at the Exhibition. She was seated at one of the refreshment stalls partaking of some bottled stout, sausage, bread and butter, which she termed "a 'asty smack," though it certainly occupied a considerable time to get through. It was during that repast that she told me a small portion of her adventures, in which I naturally felt so deep an interest that I availed myself of a kind invitation she gave me to pay her a visit and hear the sequel on her return to

town, as I was unfortunately unable to remain in Paris with her. But though not an eye-witness of all that befel her, I can vouch for the authenticity of all the statements made by this worthy lady, and recommend her as a safe guide for those who may desire to visit the Great Exhibition of 1867.

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