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PREFACE TO THE GERMAN EDITION.



THE greater part of the following observations have already appeared in the Dresden weekly paper, the *Volkswohl*. The Editor thinks, however, that they ought to be made accessible to a wider public. Although they may contain but little that is absolutely new to the student of English life, yet they exhibit the old in a new and characteristic light.

The author is a plain German miner, who has enjoyed no further education than that afforded by the elementary school of his native place in the mining district. Since then he has travelled much in Germany, and observed men and affairs with open eyes, and also with a considerable dose of the peculiarly German tendency to hypercriticise. The latter quality having brought him into conflict with the powers that be, he has turned his back on the Fatherland, and has sought a new home and a new sphere of work in England. Thither, too, the tendency to criticise has accompanied him, and to it we owe the contents of the following pages.