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A poor humor of mine, sir, to take that, that no man else will.
"As You Like it."

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BETWEEN the two rivers which enclose the great and growing city of Pittsburgh, stood the old French fort which gives name to our story. Within a brief distance lies the scene of Braddock's bloody battle, and disastrous defeat; which, together with the remarkable expedition that terminated there, form, as it were, the central points of this historical novel. It seems most appropriate, therefore, as it certainly is most agreeable to the Author, that to the

PEOPLE OF PITTSBURGH,

among whom he has passed his whole life, and whose sturdy virtues and contempt for shams he has ever respected, this attempt to weave into a readable romance some of the stirring events connected with the struggle for their old fort, and to introduce a few of the more notable characters, white and red, who lived or fought along their three rivers, should be, as it now *is*, respectfully

DEDICATED.