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Experience has proved the existence of much historical lore, that can hardly be made available for public use except through the action of bodies possessing funds other than those obtainable from sales in the ordinary channels of trade. Historical documents of the highest intrinsic value are nevertheless frequently uninteresting and tedious,

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