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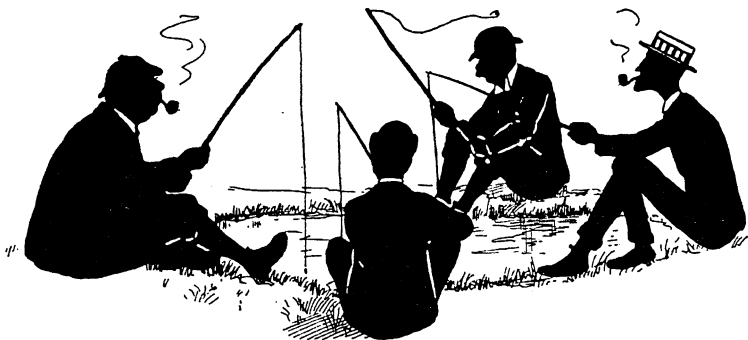
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Dedication.

The world is a fish-pond round which we sit by day and by night, each with his little bit of cotton and bent pin, fishing for its prizes, wealth and position, raiment and food. Appropriately therefore, to the kindest and best of fishers who, though himself a busy and preoccupied angler, has made opportunity to render this sportsman much kindly and practical encouragement in the casting of his line, this book in slight acknowledgment is dedicated.



PREFACE.

N foisting this work of mine upon the long-suffering British Public, I feel that no explanations are necessary. It explains itself, as every right-feeling literary work ought to do. I claim for it no merit whatsoever. It is neither calculated to supply a long-felt want nor to elevate the masses. It is not a specific for the influenza, and it won't wash anything. Whatever the reader or critic dislikes in it, is either an oversight or else an error on the part of the printers. Anything he does like is, of course, mine. I have endeavoured to make the jokes as prominent as possible, and if the new book meets with a measure of appreciation, practically evinced by the necessity for a new edition, I will be even at the pains to further indicate them by marginal notes, so that the opportunities to laugh may not be wasted by want of discernment on the part of the reader.

R. A.

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