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DEDICATION AND NOTE TO THE READER

A N irresistible impulse made me give a leading part in this story to a Lord Chancellor who delighted in Hegel. I fought against it, in vain. Well I knew that there was in the world a Lord Chancellor who read Hegel and was in no other respect like my Lord Chancellor. No one who knows the real man will for a moment imagine that my figure is meant for him, physically, temperamentally they are absolutely unlike. But there is always that provincial fool who "reads behind the lines" and who is always detecting "portraits" and "caricatures" in innocently creative work. Him, I warn. You may say, "But why not take out the figure, alter it, make it Lord Chief Justice for example, give it some other mental habit than the Hegelian?" That shows you know nothing of the art of fiction. I would rather be burnt alive than omit a little jest