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# LITTLE RIVERS

A BOOK OF ESSAYS IN  
PROFITABLE IDLENESS

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"And suppose he take nothing, yet he enjoyeth a delightfull walk by pleasant Rivers, in sweet Pastures, amongst odoriferous Flowers, which gratifie his Senses, and delight his Mind; which Contentments induce many (who affect not *Angling*) to choose those places of pleasure for their summer Recreation and Health."

COL. ROBERT VENABLES, *The Experienc'd Angler*. 1662.

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## DEDICATION

To one who wanders by my side  
As cheerfully as waters glide;  
Whose eyes are brown as woodland streams,  
And very fair and full of dreams;  
Whose heart is like a mountain spring,  
Whose thoughts like merry rivers sing:  
To her—my little daughter Brooke—  
I dedicate this little book.

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