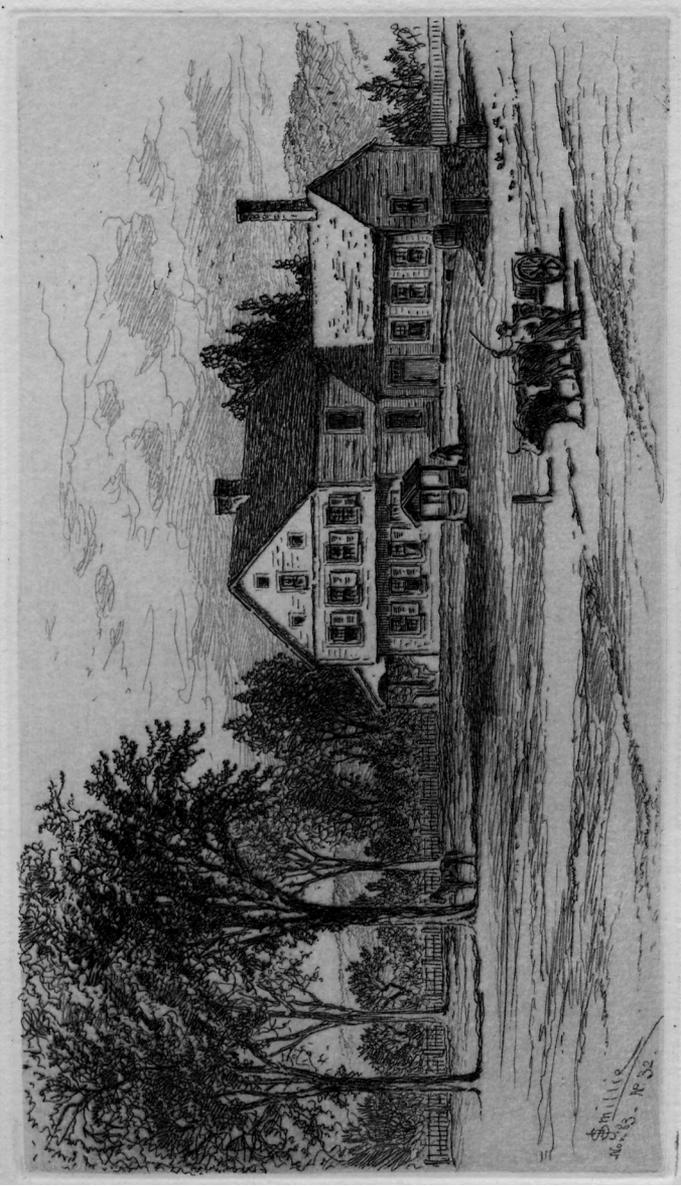


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## A FABLE OF THE SEASONS

BY THE AUTHOR OF  
"REVERIES OF A BACHELOR"

— *We are such stuff  
As dreams are made of ; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.*

TEMPEST.



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**D**REAM-LIFE grew out of the "Reveries" even as one bubble piles upon another from the pipe out of which young breath blows them into bigness: and it was largely because the first floated so well and so widely, that life and consequence were given to this companion book.

I am half ashamed, at this late day, to give so poor excuse for the writing of "Dream-Life:" any and every book should have a better reason for being wrought, than its good chance of catching a popular tide, and floating upon it to success. There is always danger of strain in work so undertaken and of weak duplication, and vague echoes of foregone things.

I well remember that at a Yale College gathering, which followed closely upon the publication of the "Reveries," a classmate of mine (now I think holding