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JOYCE KILMER; POEMS,  
ESSAYS AND LETTERS

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*From quiet homes and first beginning,  
Out to the undiscovered ends,  
There's nothing worth the wear of winning,  
But laughter and the love of friends.*

HILAIRE BELLOC.



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TO  
MEREDITH NICHOLSON  
WHOSE EXCELLENT GOOD NATURE  
ENABLED HIM TO LISTEN TO  
MOST OF THIS GOSSIP  
BEFORE IT WAS WRITTEN  
BREAD AND MEAT BETWEEN US  
IN OUR HOME TOWN

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## AN INDICTMENT OR FOREWORD

This rambling hotchpotch of irresponsible comment was conceived in sin and grew (to its present state of deformity) without benefit of any discipline whatever. It has known no home but the hotel, the street, and the smoking-car; no parent but a wastrel and a vagabond.

That the culprit stands before you a monstrosity in essay form is small wonder. That it will come to any good in the world is hardly problematical.

Upon its appearance in the pages of *THE BOOKMAN* the author of its being (for reasons best known to himself) sought to conceal his identity under the alias of Murray Hill.

R. C. H.

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