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JULIA,—* * * * * Who marries me
Must lead a country life.

CLIFFORD,—The life I'd lead!

But fools would fly from it; for O! 't is sweet!
It finds the heart out, be there one to find;
And corners in 't where store of pleasures lodge,
We never dreamed were there! It is to dwell
Mid smiles that are not neighbors to deceit;
Music, whose melody is of the heart;
And gifts, that are not made for interest,—
Abundantly bestowed by Nature's check,
And voice, and hand! It is to live on life,
And husband it! It is to constant scan
The handiwork of Heaven. It is to con
Its mercy, bounty, wisdom, power! It is
To nearer see our God!

—THE HUNCHBACK.





DEDICATORY.



To friends, everywhere, who have cheered me on my way, this little white-winged messenger of peace and good will is inscribed. May it, like them, live long and prosper, is the hearty wish of—

THE AUTHOR.

Hudson, Mich., Nov., 1887.



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A CHILD OF GENIUS.



AN odd character that I knew, and had a peculiar occasion to remember, was an eccentric bachelor of eminent respectability and polished manner, whose attire was faultless and his personal appearance exceedingly nice. He had a large brain development, and was greatly devoted to reveries—shall I say the reveries of a bachelor?—and I wonder did they give him the delight that the “Reveries” of one Ike Marvel gave me?

Absorption in thought, which made him oblivious to his surroundings, was his prominent peculiarity. With his hands behind his back, he would stand and