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**TO MY TEN BEST FRIENDS—**

*Who are far wiser in their way and far better in every way, than I;  
and yet who have not the wisdom to know it—*

*Who do not merely think I am perfect, but who are calmly and  
permanently convinced of my perfection;—and this in spite of  
fifty disillusionings a day—*

*Who are frantically happy at my coming and bitterly woebegone  
in my absence—*

*Who never bore me and never are bored by me—*

*Who never talk about themselves and who always listen with rap-  
turous interest to anything I may say—*

*Who, having no conventional standards, have no respectability;  
and who, having no conventional consciences, have no sins—*

*Who teach me finer lessons in loyalty, in patience, in true courtesy,  
in unselfishness, in divine forgiveness, in pluck and in abiding  
good spirits than do all the books I have ever read and all the  
other models I have studied—*

*Who have not deigned to waste time and eyesight in reading a word  
of mine and who will not bother to read this verbose tribute to  
themselves—*

*In short, to the most gloriously satisfactory chums who ever appealed  
to human vanity and to human desire for companionship—*

**—TO OUR TEN SUNNYBANK COLLIES—**

**MY STORY IS GRATEFULLY AND AFFECTIONATELY  
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