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P R E F A C E.

IN placing the following Tales before the public, the Author thinks it right to say that they were not written with a view to publication, but for the amusement of some friends when they had no better employment on a " wet day ;" and it is at their request they now make their appearance in print—and the Author hopes what private friendship has indulgently approved, public judgment will not condemn.

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H I G H L I F E.

"WHAT a time these men are before they come in from dinner this evening! Really I begin to think they are all gone to sleep! I am getting quite sleepy myself. They never will come!" Such was the exclamation of the lively Lady Amelia De Bosden to the ladies assembled in the drawing-room of Toddington Hall. It was a dull November evening: the gentlemen had been out all day enjoying the sports of the field, some shooting, some coursing, and had returned home tired; and though politeness prompted them to seek the society of the ladies in the evening, some of them, if they had had their choice, would rather have taken their cigar, and (to use a sportsman-like phrase) "turned in." But the ladies were expecting them; and the