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"A little nonsense now and then  
Is relished by the best of men."

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## P R E F A C E

My angling days are over. The May fly imitation, which goes by the name of "The Rosebery," and which caught my last two-pound trout, hangs still as a trophy on the forefront of my old cap (still in wear), where I had fixed him after he had done that doughty deed. That trout, judged by his lanky length, ought to have weighed nearer four pounds than two. He must have seen his best days long before he took that last and fatal leap. His will was as good, and he was perhaps hungrier than he ever had been, but his power of resistance had departed, he came to grass, almost without a struggle. Like that old trout, I, his captor, have seen the last of my best and fishing days. I can only now live over again in memory the happy days spent with many friends by many a riverside. If the flesh is weak the spirit is still alive, and that has led me, perhaps



unwisely, to put together the accompanying *Memories*.

It may truly be said that my readers hitherto have not been limited to the angling class; *they* know too much already to accept me as an instructor in their art, and indeed I have always regarded ignorance of the true science of angling as my chief merit. The contents of the present volume are sufficiently miscellaneous to support that statement, and to confirm the impression which I have always, and very successfully tried to convey, that I am but a mere

AMATEUR ANGLER.

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