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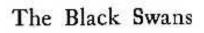
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Introduction

THE kindly reception given a little book of sketches published two years ago under the title "The Road to Dumbiedykes" must be my only apology for complying with various requests from perhaps over-partial friends to prepare a companion volume in similar vein. The first was sent forth with more or less trepidation because such work is entirely at variance with the weightier matters that have for so many years occupied my close attention, and I am equally in doubt as to whether or not the publishers are justified in permitting "The Black Swans" to see the light.

Needless to say both are merely "byproducts" of idle hours; of days spent primarily in quest of rest and relaxation; just rambling thoughts jotted down from time to time with no particular regard to orderly sequence, and with slight expectation that they will be taken very seriously. Their preparation is of course merely a casual manifestation of an ever ready response to the lure of the out-of-doors.

THE AUTHOR

DUMBIEDYKES, October 15, 1918

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"Тноисн for me no flocks unnumbered, Grazing Gallia's pastures fair Breathe heavily beneath their swelling fleeces, Still I at least am free from care."

-HORACE.

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