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Although this book appears in a "Library of Wit and Humour," I have not tried to make it *all* witty and humorous: I wanted there to be some background. I am not sure that I have not made it *all* background.

E. P.

CLEMENT'S INN,

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I.

ON ART AND SARDINES—BUT MORE ESPECIALLY SARDINES.

THERE is no pleasanter, sweeter, healthier spot than the Backs of the Colleges.

Get into your canoe at Silver Street. Put into that canoe:—

- (1) The cushions of three other boats.
- (2) Two pipes, in order that one may be always cool, and tobacco.
- (3) One dozen boxes of matches, in order that one box may be always handy.
- (4) The spiritual part of your nature, which will not take up much room, but is useful to talk to.

But do not take another man with you. I may frankly say, my reader, that you are absolutely the only man I know who has the keen appreciativeness, the capacity for quiet meditation, the dreaminess, the listlessness, the abominable laziness, that a Canadian canoe requires.

The man who would attempt to get pace on in a
W. L.—VI