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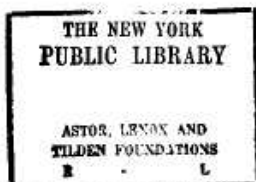
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Dedicated to
My Friend
ALFRED T. KINGSBURY



APOLOGIES

"Blues are the soggy calms that come
To make our spirits grope,
And steal the breeze of promise from
The shining sails of hope."

The object of this volume is to dispel "soggy calms."

Having collected these germs of wit and microbes of humor for his own amusement and others' amazement, the author and compiler issues them, trusting they may lighten gloom, aid retarded digestion, lessen doctor bills and be the means of forcing all the starch from poor suffering dyspeptics into their shirt bosoms.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," according to Holy Writ and since the average "American Sovereign" may have mislaid his court jester, this volume will assist him in the process of being metamorphosed from a lean and hungry Cassius into a portly and plethoric Falstaff.

Lest some one arise with the cry of plagiarism upon the appearance of this volume I hasten to remark that,

"He preacheth best who stealeth best
All thoughts both great and small;
For the great mind that preached them first
From Nature stole them all." ✓

Acknowledging indebtedness to Mr. Berton Braley, Leslie-Judge Company, The London Snark, Puck and others who "saw it first," this collection is published, hoping the livers of all readers will work better and their eyes weep as many tears of joy as have those of the author and compiler, who greatly regrets full credit cannot be given to all, as many of the authors are unknown.

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One laugh is worth one hundred groans in any market.

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THE FOX TROT IN BUGVILLE

As the sun colors the flowers,
So laughter colors life.