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"God made the country, and man made the town." -- Cowren.

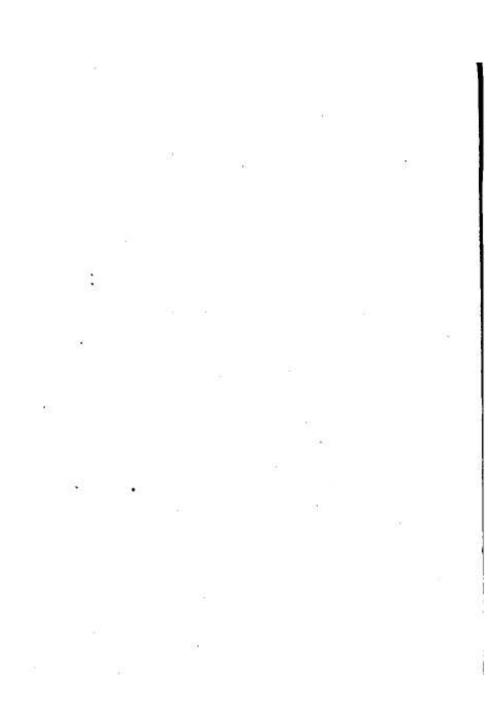
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1881.

To the best of listeners, the kindest of critics, who for many years has shared with me the cares and comforts of a happy home, and who has been my fond companion in my journeyings to lake and stream; in memory of many pleasant hours passed in canoe and camp, this book is affectionately dedicated.

C. W. S.







#### WHY.

"the making of books," said a sacred writer,
"there is no end." Possibly the desire to
make one myself arose from the fact that I
have taken so much mental recreation in

writing these sketches, thus renewing past enjoyments, and indulging anticipations of their repetition in the future.

A part of the contents, through heavy bribes and friendly editors, have found their way into the columns of the press, though I have never learned that the sale of the respective papers has thereby been visibly increased.

As this book has been written by one daily engaged in the cares and perplexities of a mercantile life, I hope that it may escape, if noticed at all, harsh criticism. To claim for it any thing more than a description of a sportsman's pleasures, by a keen lover of nature, would be magnificently absurd.

To the many friends who have encouraged this publication, I know that its pages will sometimes be welcome.

To those who have visited and gnjoyed the localities it describes, I hope it may be. If it should call up to all who may read it some happy remembrances of the past, the why and the wherefore will have been accomplished.

THE AUTHOR.

BOSTON, August, 1880.

