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PREFACE

SEVERAL of the sketches in this volume have appeared in periodicals. 'The Bloody Doctor' was in *Macmillan's Magazine*, 'The Confessions of a Duffer,' 'Loch Awe,' and 'The Lady or the Salmon?' were in the *Fishing Gazette*, but have been to some extent re-written. 'The Double Alibi' was in *Longman's Magazine*. The author has to thank the Editors and Publishers for permission to reprint these papers.

The gem engraved on the cover is enlarged from a small intaglio in the collection of Mr. M. H. N. STORY-MASKELYNE, M.P. Such gems were recommended by Clemens of Alexandria

to the early Christians. 'The figure of a man fishing will put them in mind of the Apostle.' Perhaps the Greek is using the red hackle described by Ælian in the only known Greek reference to Fly-fishing.

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