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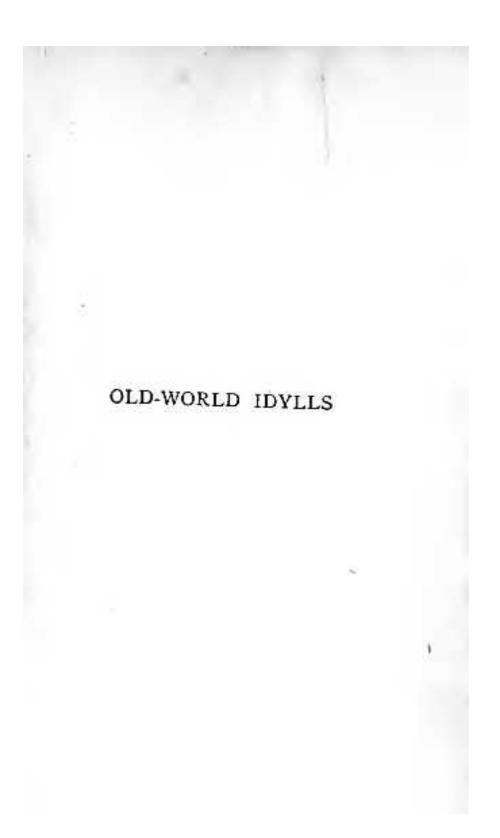
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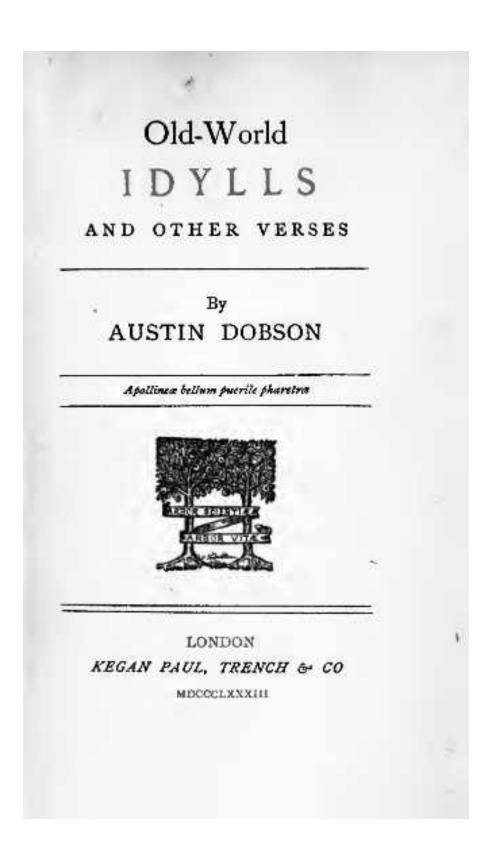
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[This selection is based upon one published at New York in 1830. With a few exceptions, the pieces are chosen from Vignettes in Khyme, 1873, and Proveros in Porcelain, 1877. Both volumes are out of print.]





To you I sing, whom towns immure, And bonds of toil hold fast and sure; – To you across whose aching sight Come woodlands bathed in April light, And dreams of pastime premature.

And you, O Sud, who still endure Some wound that only Time can cure,— To you, in watches of the night,— To you I sing !

But most to you with eyelids pure, Scarse witting yet of love or lure;— To you, with bird-like glances bright, Half-paused to speak, half-poised in flight;--O English Girl, divine, demure, To you I sing !

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