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TO MY LADY
GRAYGOWN

HERE

is the basket;

I bring it home to you.

There are no great fish in it.

But perhaps there may be a little one, here or there, to your taste. And there are a few shining pebbles from the bed of the brook, and a few ferns from the cool, green woods, and a few wild flowers from the places that you remember. I would fain console you, if I could, for the hardship of having married an angler: a man who relapses into his mania with the return of every spring, and never sees a little river without wishing to fish in it. But after all, we have had good times together as we have followed the stream of life towards the sea. And we have passed through the dark days without losing heart, because we were comrades. So let this

book tell you one thing that is certain.

In all the life of your fisherman

the best piece of luck

is just

YOU.

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