

can only be acquired by seeking Nature in her wildest haunts, and drinking at the fountain-head.

The excursion above referred to has been made the groundwork of the accompanying text, and a few experiences and observations borrowed from other excursions of the writer have been introduced to make the work more comprehensive, and, it is hoped, more interesting as well. While no attempt at exhaustiveness has been made, the writer's aim has been to introduce largely such features of forest life as he had not happened to see treated before in print.

It must not for a moment be supposed that the doings and sayings of the writer's friend and companion are herein literally portrayed. A foreground was wanted, to complete the picture, which should be in contrast with the subdued tones produced by the usually dull routine of camp life; and accordingly a mythical character was evoked, who should consent to play the clown, and to be laughed at for his wit or his stupidity, as occasion might require.

Another reason for this publication besides the one offered above is the writer's wish to make known a number of Indian place-names, and several legendary traditions, which he has gathered from Indian sources during his vacation rambles through Maine. The growing interest manifested of late in this subject leads him to think that the publication of these names and their