

Love taught him shame; and shame with love at
strife,
Soon taught the sweet civilities of life.

—DRYDEN

N. B. A prose preface for those who prefer to "Fletcherize" even their very light reading will be found at the rear of this volume. It may be advantageously read whenever the reader becomes disgusted with one of the characters in the book,—or with even greater profit when provoked by an obstinate and unreasonable relative during the closed season.

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