

Modern Facts " and " The Ultimate Outcome," by a Political Student, are both works of recognized eminence.

" I believe you are right, Bob, my boy," said I.

" Now promise you'll do it," said Rose earnestly.

" No, I won't promise; but if I find enough material I will."

" That's fair enough," said Robert.

" Oh! material doesn't matter," she said, pouting.

But this time she could get no more than a qualified promise out of me. To tell the truth, I would have wagered a handsome sum that the story of my expedition that summer would stain no paper and spoil not a single pen. And that shows how little we know what the future holds; for here I am, fulfilling my qualified promise, and writing, as I never thought to write, a book—though it will hardly serve as an introduction to political life, and has not a jot to do with the Tyrol.

Neither would it, I fear, please Lady Burlesdon, if I were to submit it to her critical eye—a step which I have no intention of taking.