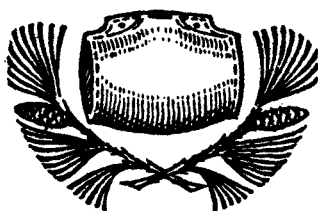


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The AVTHOR'S PREFACE

This is what is left of a sadly shot collection of my verses. The shooting was necessitated by the limitations of 96 pages. My Publisher is against inflation. My title is significant I think; and my motto is very dear to me. I believe that the appeal of the idea of waiting and riding is common to thousands of romantic souls; and who shall say for what it is one waits and rides?: but I suspect that the best of horses goes lame, the most faithful of riders falls off, the strongest of leather bottles springs a-leak before the high quest is ended.

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