

GETTING ACQUAINTED

breakers ahead. Judging from the little I've seen of that boy, Remington, you'll be heartily sorry you brought him before we get back to New York."

"I'm heartily sorry already," admitted Remington, "but I could n't help it. Densmore is one of the best fellows in the world. He pulled me out of a tight place once when I was caught in the market, and when he asked me the other day if it would be an imposition upon friendship if he asked me to invite Paul, there was nothing to do but invite the youngster to come."

"Oh, do n't think for a moment I'm finding fault with you, old man," Ainsworth hastened to explain. "I see your position, and I'd have done the same under the circumstances, but it's a pity nevertheless that we have to put up with him."

"Yes, it is a pity," agreed Remington. "That boy has no sense of responsibility. Never keeps an appointment or a promise. I never saw any one quite so lacking in consideration of others — selfish — selfish — that's the word."