

Current Literature.

THE FRIEND OF THE COW.

Ye callous-fisted Grangers, the sinew of the State, Remember me, I pray you, in eighteen eighty-eight; And when you milk old Crumblehorn, why, tell your children how The President protected the farmer and the cow.

My Friend Edith.

CHAPTER I.

I have been accustomed for some time, longer than I care to remember, to describe myself as a man of middle age, yet people speak of me as an old bachelor, sometimes in derision, but frequently, I fancy, with envy.

ernment—he had never learned to draw correctly. "Then what the deuce do you intend to do for a living?" said I angrily.

CHAPTER II.

It was the delightful June weather that tempted me to take a cottage on the river. I am, moreover, fond of canoeing, and the owner of a canoe of greater width and stability than such craft usually possess.

I inwardly hoped Bertie might not be a young man inclined to give himself airs. As she spoke the owner of the dog stepped from behind the bushes.

CHAPTER III.

From the day of our meeting, Miss Lyall began to fill a great part of my thoughts. I am a man of taste, and admire grace and beauty, simply from an artistic point of view.

recting the envelope and asked me ironically if I had been writing a poem. "A poem, indeed!" exclaimed I testily.

"What does he do then?" "He is an artist." I naturally concluded he was not a successful one, picturing to myself a good-looking young duffer accusing the Hanging Committee of the Academy of all manner of crimes when they had the good taste to reject his productions from the mass of mediocrity with which they annually cover their walls.

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