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## FOREWORD TO VOLUME 1

Dear courteous reader,

I would hasten to say that I am compiling these small volumes for the public welfare, except that today readers are rather wise, and the truth is that I am rather poor.

If it were not that my friends and family were, as I say, rather proud, I might continue to live poor. But they think I ought to make myself useful. The truth is they threatened to burn my books and rattling traps (as they call my instruments) if I did not find a profitable use for my time.

The printer has agreed to share a considerable portion of the profits with me if I should come up with “something.” He suggested that I indicate my background and plan. Unfortunately, I can’t confidently say that I am a wise man or poet. I am inclined to trust those who assure me to the contrary. On the latter point, I have never been much for planning, but I like the sound of it and perhaps will try it out.

Between us, I hope to release one volume each quarter of the year. I sold an old fishing rod and a few books to get this first pamphlet to press. It is my hope that my future subscribers will consider themselves as not only obtaining quarterly material for amusement and wit, but also as performing an act of charity to their loyal friend and humble servant,

Tom Ponderer

P.S. I have gone searching for my “something,” and the following pages contain some things.

For the books of the first two pieces, I am only so far through a few pages. I found the third piece provocative, but it is from an old book, so it may be out of date. I am not sure, but have heard it said so. Of the fourth piece, I should like to be treated with the same complaisance and good nature so mentioned; though I may be deprived of such by my rambling. Of the last, let us hope that I find more humorous pieces like it to include in the future.

