



"QUIET! I feel sure I'm going to catch something in a minute."

(Puzzle: Find the Farmer)

BILLY BUNTER'S OWN

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FOREWORD

LAST year Billy Bunter came into his Own! Here he is a second time, hoping to meet with as cheery a reception as before; and accompanied as before by Sammy and Bessie. Other old acquaintances crowd these pages; including the Felgate fellows and King of the Islands, all specially written for this volume: for, many years ago—more than he really cares to remember—Frank Richards adopted a motto from Horace: *carmina non prius audita virginibus puerisque canto!* and he has spent happy weeks in chronicling the new adventures of old friends. The verdict he leaves to you, dear reader.

FRANK RICHARDS