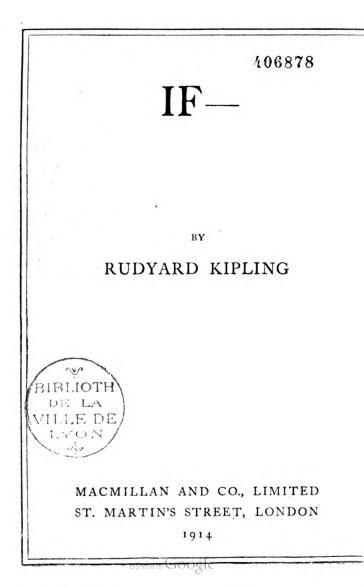
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IF—

IF you can keep your head when all about you

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;

If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,

But make allowance for their doubting too;

- If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
 - Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
- Or being hated don't give way to hating,

And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise :

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- If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
 - If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
- If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
 - And treat those two impostors just the same;
- If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
 - Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
- Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
 - And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

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- If you can make one heap of all your winnings
 - And risk it on one turn of pitch-andtoss,
- And lose, and start again at your beginnings
 - And never breathe a word about your loss;
- If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
 - To serve your turn long after they are gone,
- And so hold on when there is nothing in you

Except the Will which says to them : 'Hold on !'

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- If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
- Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
- If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
 - If all men count with you, but none too much;

If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, And—which is more vybu'll be a

Man, my son !

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