



## Full Report of the First Meeting of the Mudfog Association

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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 38 pages. Dimensions: 7.8in. x 5.1in. x 0.1in. The Mudfog Papers was written by Victorian era novelist Charles Dickens and published from 1837-38 in the monthly literary serial *Bentleys Miscellany*, which he then edited. The Mudfog Papers relates the proceedings of a fictional society, The Mudfog Society for the Advancement of Everything, a Pickwickian parody of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. (The latter, founded in York in 1831, was one of numerous Victorian learned societies dedicated to the advancement of Science. ) Like The Pickwick Papers, The Mudfog Papers claim affinity with parliamentary reports, memoirs, and posthumous papers. The serial was illustrated by George Cruikshank. The fictional town of Mudfog was based on Chatham in Kent, where Dickens spent part of his youth. When *Oliver Twist* first appeared in *Bentleys Miscellany* in February 1837, Mudfog was described by Dickens as the town where Oliver was born and spent his early years, making *Oliver Twist* a continuation of The Mudfog Papers; but this allusion was removed when the novel was printed in book form. At the conclusion of his first contribution, about the mayor...



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