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GLENCOE.

A Chestnut Thoroughbred Horse, by Sultan—Trampoline. Bred by the Duke of Grafton.
Won the Two Thousand Guineas and Goodwood Cup.

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*WITH NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS BY THE AUTHOR*  
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P R E F A C E.

A GENUINE fondness for horses, combined with a recollection of the falls I have had, the good runs I have lost, and the disappointments I have met with, from want of the knowledge contained in its pages, has induced me to write this book.

Every year a fresh batch of riders make their first appearance in the field, eager to learn but unwilling to ask, and unable to sift the good advice they sometimes receive from the useless information often given. It is for these that I have principally written.

I have drawn for them the sort of horse they should buy when they can meet with one, standing as a horse ought to stand to be mounted, that is, with his weight resting equally on all his legs, and with nobody holding his head.

I have put on his back a saddle which will fit him, and on which a man can ride easily and

comfortably, with stirrups the right shape and bridle reins the right length.

As a frontispiece I have given my readers the portrait of Glencee, a horse I consider the best-shaped I ever saw, or ever saw a picture of.

I have shown him what to choose and what to avoid ; what unsoundnesses to beware of, and what faults in riding to keep clear of ; and, if he will take the trouble to master its contents, I have put in his possession a work which will enable him to go without trepidation into a dealer's yard, to buy a horse that he will like, and to ride him with satisfaction.