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PREFACE.

IT IS MY INTENTION, in these few pages, to give my readers the experience of many years devoted more or less to the science of fly-fishing; and in so doing, I intend confining myself to the plainest language, avoiding as much as possible all scientific names, so that the simplest disciple of the rod may easily arrive at my meaning. The doctrines which I am about to promulgate are the result of careful investigation, and attention to that vast book of Nature which is ever spread by the Almighty before each one of us, and which, in my humble opinion, raises fly-fishing above a mere amusement, stamping it, not only as a scientific, but also as a learned, pursuit.

Furthermore, as it is ridiculous to make "assertions" without being prepared to account for them by "reasons," the reader will find that, wherever I have thus asserted anything, the reason for so doing will immediately follow.

A few anecdotes connected with my theme intersperse these pages, which are founded on facts that took place in my own presence, many of the actors of which are still alive to bear witness to the truth of such statements.

Here, I sincerely trust, the tyro will find the gentle art explained; and the older sportsman may, peradventure, cull a few useful lessons; and, such as it is, I lay it before the public.

THE AUTHOR.

London, August 31, 1866.

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