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The cities we do not need at all. The cities make people think like men who have fallen sick and are lying in bed with fever. Only on farms or deep in the forest, or out on the river while you fish, can you think a thing out clearly. For there your life goes quietly, and you learn only what is worth while.

ERNEST POOLE,

Russian Impressions : "The Village."

PREFACE

THE fishing-stories in this book are all true. Brother-fishermen will realize that I have given only the cream of fishing experiences, which extend over half a century; successes like these that I have described would soon pall if they were the rule rather than the exception.

GEORGE SOUTHCOTE.

SALISBURY, 1921.

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