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I DEDICATE MY BOOK TO

MY WIFE,

BECAUSE

THERE'S A ROSE LOOKING IN AT THE WINDOW
IN EVERY CONDITION OF LIFE—
IN DAYS OF CONTENT AND ENJOYMENT,
IN HOURS WITH BITTERNESS RIFE.

WHERE'RE THERE'S THE SMILE OF A TRUE WIFE,
AS BRIGHT AS A BEAM FROM ABOVE,
'TIS THE ROSE LOOKING IN AT THE WINDOW,
AND FILLING THE DWELLING WITH LOVE.

—From Poems by P. M. James.

WHAT IS FAIRER THAN A ROSE?
WHAT IS SWEETER?
—George Herbert.

PREFACE TO THE ELEVENTH EDITION.

THE tenth edition of "A Book about Roses" has been long out of print, and I thought that it would gradually vanish out of sight and out of mind ; but I continue to receive so many kind appeals for a further publication, that I am constrained to comply—chiefly by assurances that the book has promoted in the past, and therefore by the hope that it may quicken in the future, that love of the beautiful which adds so graciously to the happiness of life.

S. REYNOLDS HOLE.

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ROCHESTER, MAY, 1891.

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