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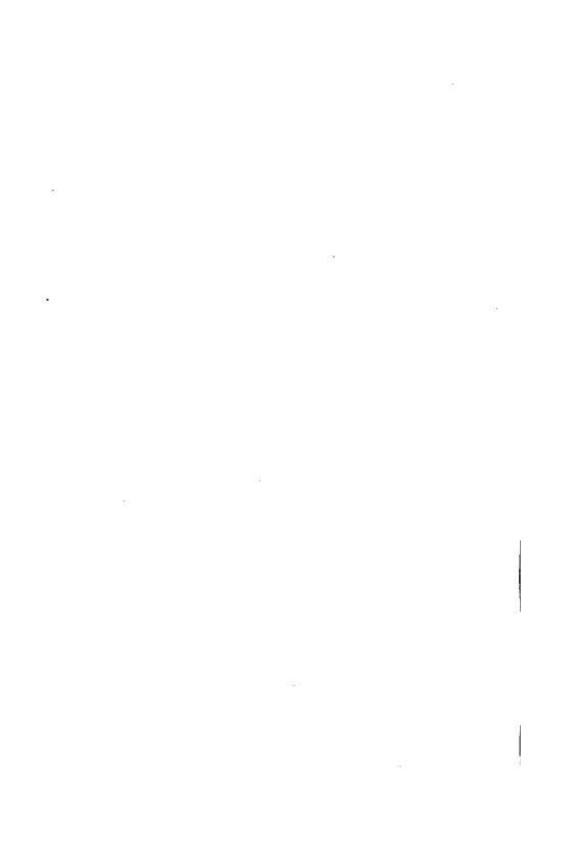
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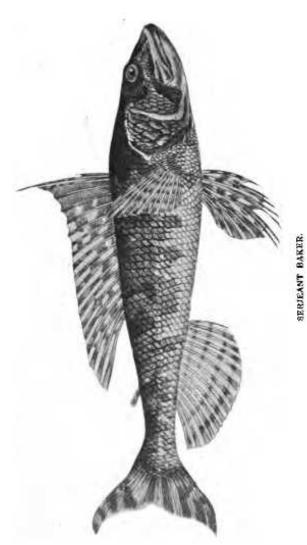
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PREFACE

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THE subject of fish and fishing has always been of such interest, particularly to inhabitants of seagirt lands, that this book (professedly non-technical) recording my experience of the life and habits of fishes, and the various modes of capturing them in Great Britain and elsewhere, does not, I think, require much justification for its existence.

In many countries the harvest of the sea ranks first in importance, while in others it is of hardly less consequence than the annual ingathering of wheat and other cereals,

Let us imagine, if we can, not only our coasts (already yielding fewer fish than formerly), but the Dogger Bank and other productive fishing-grounds in the "near seas," closed to us by the outbreak of a general European war, or deserted