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NOTICE.

In this little book is an ethnological survey of the various races of men who have successively made incursions to this country, and the words they each have left behind, which have gone to build up the English we now speak. How words from one race have predominated in one locality, and become obsolete in another, thus forming what is termed dialect (not patois), is explained. Dialects may be trivialities to the purist, but thinking men consider them forces, racy of the soil, which will not readily die out. Many years have I occupied in studying various dialects, English and Continental; and in comparing them with that of Yorkshire. I find them all related more or less, being descended from the Aryan stock. Here are no fanciful derivations.

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