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INTRODUCTION.

THE object of this work is to afford information relative to the diseases of domesticated animals, to those who may not possess the advantage of being within reach of good professional advice, and also in cases of emergency, even where such advice can be obtained, but where immediate treatment may be absolutely necessary to save the life or alleviate the sufferings of any of those animals which are dependant upon our care and attention.

Before proceeding to describe the causes, symptoms, and treatment of the various maladies to which the live stock of the farm and other kinds of domesticated animals are liable, we are anxious that our readers should be fully impressed with the fact that most of those diseases are capable of being prevented by the exercise of ordinary care and forethought. This will be clearly seen when the causes of disease, as detailed in the following pages, are taken into consideration; and we would therefore press the importance of attending closely to many points in management, simple enough in themselves, but the neglect of which not unfrequently leads to very disastrous consequences.

When we turn, for instance, to the maladies which affect the horse, and consider the causes by which they were produced, how many do we find the direct result of neglect, of ignorance, and even of downright cruelty! Bad food, feeding and watering at improper times or in an improper manner, filth, want of ventila-

tion in stables, blows, and other kinds of harsh treatment ; and, on the other hand, mistaken kindness, fashion, vanity, and a variety of other causes, all of which are under the control of man, combine to ruin the health, destroy the usefulness, and even terminate the existence of the noblest animal which has been placed at the service of man.

It is the same when we take into consideration the diseases to which other classes of domestic animals are liable. The causes which produce them are also, for most part, preventible, or capable of being removed if already in existence ; and we trust, therefore, that every owner of live stock into whose hands those pages may come will never forget the important truth conveyed in the old proverb—"Prevention is better than cure."

Our experience in conducting agricultural journals has long since satisfied us that a Hand Book of reference, in which the causes, symptoms, and general treatment of the various diseases incident to the domesticated animals would be detailed in a clear but concise manner, is much required for the use of the owners of such animals, and those entrusted with the care of them. In preparing this work the best writers have been consulted, and the information so obtained condensed as much as possible, without affecting the utility of the work. Veterinary information is scattered throughout a number of publications, most of which are extensive, and few owners of stock, therefore, are possessed of a sufficient number of works of that kind to refer to in all emergencies. We believe, therefore, that this "Veterinary Hand Book" will meet the wishes and wants of a large number of persons, including, as it does, the causes, symptoms, and treatment of the diseases

of HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, DOGS, and POULTRY, with information relative to certain accidents to which animals are occasionally liable, and operations which must be performed upon them.

In order to show the authorities which have been consulted in preparing this work, we give the following list:—

YOUATT on the Horse (Last Edition).

Do. Cattle.

Do. Sheep.

Do. Swine (Sidney's Edition).

Lieut.-Col. FITZWYGRAM'S "Horses and Stables."

Professor DICK'S Veterinary Manual.

Do. "Veterinary Papers" (Blackwood and Sons).

Professor HUGH FERGUSON'S (H.M.V.S. Ireland) Official Reports and Communications, &c.

FINLAY DUN'S Prize Essays, &c.

GANGNE'S "Dairy Stock."

Do. "Domesticated Animals," &c.

Do. "Veterinarian's Vade-Mecum."

Professor MORTON'S "Veterinary Pharmacy."

Professor TUSON'S "Veterinary Pharmacopœia."

W. C. SPOONER in Morton's Cyclopedæa.

MAYHEW'S "Horse Doctor."

Do. on Dogs.

"MAGENTA'S" Domesticated Dogs (Blackwood & Sons).

ARMATAGE'S Clater's Cattle Doctor.

Prize Essays and Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society (Blackwood and Sons).

Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

Professor SIMONDS' Official Reports and Lectures.

R. H. DYER, V.S., Communications to *Irish Farmers' Gazette*,
Veterinarian, &c.

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Poultry Chronicle (Journal of Horticulture).

The Field.

The North British Agriculturist.

The Irish Farmers' Gazette.

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The Mark-lane Express.

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