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Some special good unto the earth doth give."

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PREFACE.



ANY interesting and instructive books have been written on Entomology ; and it is rather with the hope of leading to the perusal of these than with any claim to the merit of originality that this little work has been written. The authoress has endeavoured to give, in as condensed a form as possible, under the most recently-received system, a sketch of the common insects of this country, with their popular names, as well as their less familiar titles of foreign derivation. It is possible, however, that the technical names adopted may not altogether agree with

those chosen by other naturalists. The fact is that the classification of insects has become so arbitrary that as long as naturalists make their own systems, without reference to any predecessor, there can be little or no agreement among them as to their scientific nomenclature. For this reason it is feared that some confusion among the names given to different genera and species in the following pages may be detected.

July, 1864.