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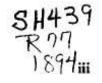
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IT is quite ten years since the first edition of this little book was published. It was well received, and bade fair to become popular, but, unluckily for me, a great book on the same subject appeared at the same time, under the auspices of "Longman & Co.," profusely illustrated, and beautifully got up. Perhaps it was the better book; at any rate its publication stopped the sale of my second edition, which "dragged its slow length along," and when, at last, it had run out, I had not the heart to venture upon a third. Whether I am justified in doing so now time will show, probably not, but I venture to think that there are hints in the practical portion of the book worth the attention at least of the young fisherman, and which possibly older ones may find of value. The main object of the book, however, is to instil into the young fisherman's mind some knowledge of the natural history