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PREFACE.

OUR bonnie isle—at least considerably more than the southern half of it—is now so crossed and recrossed by the many intersecting lines of “rail” which have of late sprung into being, and which are still multiplying, that the map of England in “Bradshaw” is beginning to bear a strong resemblance to the web which we might imagine constructed by some eccentric old spider, who, defying all the rules of geometry, sacrifices symmetry to utility, content if only his meshes are strong enough to secure for him occasionally a goodly blue-bottle. Along these lines, which form, as it were, the veins and arteries of the country, the glowing blood of England courses and recurses vigorously, in constantly renewed pulsations, between her heart of hearts, the Metropolis, and her distant extremities. Thus it comes to pass that many, taking advantage of the comparative proximity into which even the Highlands of Scotland are now brought, and

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yielding to that roaming propensity, so characteristic of the Englishman, leave behind them for a while the ledger or the loom, and seek relief from the sedentary occupations of a town life, in the bracing climate and invigorating recreations to be found in the "land of the mountain and the flood." It is for such as these the following pages are chiefly intended. The author, himself a mere tyro in the branches of sport therein treated of, would give to *brother-beginners* some idea of the enjoyment which is attainable by all who may be possessed of ordinary activity and perseverance. With this object in view, he has endeavoured to give a faithful narrative of his own experiences; and while, for the advantage and warning of the novice, he has not left unrecorded his own errors, he would humbly deprecate severe criticism at the hands of the more experienced veteran.

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