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PREFACE.

In the preparation of this Essay I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to Mr. E. P. Roe, an American author, for the small figures (p. 26) on planting Strawberries, which were reduced from his excellent work entitled Success with Small Fruits, London publishers Meszrs. Seeley, Jackson, and Halliday, Fleet Street. I have to thank Mr. A. Pettigrew, Cardiff Castle Gardens, for photographs of Apple and Pear trees, represented on pp. 81, 93. It is right to add that the illustrations on grafting, pp. 109, 110, were taken from the Journal of Horticulture. The remaining thirty-three engravings are original. Those representing Currant and Gooseberry branches, both in a resting and bearing state, were sketched from bushes grown by Mr. E. Molyneux at Swanmore Park. I have grown many similar to them, also every kind of plant, bush, and tree referred to in the pages. Varieties of fruits, notably of the moet important—Apples—have

Waristes of fruits, notably of the most important—Apples—have been chosen for their usefulness, earliness in bearing, with good appearance and quality of the fruit, rather than for the predominance of some one particular merit esteemed by conneisseurs ; and, as far as possible, those sorts have been included which have proved the most productive in generally unfruitfal years. Slow, shy, and uncertain bearers, no matter how handsome and excellent the fruit, are not the most useful for planning by cottagers and small holders in gardens or fields.

I shall not consider this Essay satisfactory if it does not prove serviceable to many (at present inexperienced) cultivators of hardy fruit.

London, December 1st, 1889.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

The author, while gratified by the generous reception that has been accorded to the first edition of this work, regrets that the sudden demand for a re-issue, which has to be propared with the utmost possible dispatch, affords no opportunity for revision. The literary imperfections must therefore perforce remain, but they do not affect the practical lessons embodied in its pages.

London, October 1st, 1890.

AUTHOR'S NOTE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

As in the case of the second edition of this Essay so in the third. It has to be produced so quickly to meet pressing demands that the matter must remain as before, and it is hoped that its usefulness may equal its acceptability.

London, November 1st, 1891.