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PREFACE.

IN compliance with numerous and pressing requests (apart from the after-noted initial suggestion of Mr. Thomas, late gardener to Sir Robert Peel, Bart., and now gardener to the Duke of Devonshire, at Chataworth), the articles on Mushroom culture in the open air, which were recently published in the *Journal of Horticulture*, are embodied in this small treatise, with several additional chapters to render the work more complete and useful. I am compelled to add that during the passage through the press of the articles in question so many letters were received, and are still arriving, that it is still impossible to answer them by post. Those readers of this treatise, however, who may need further cultural particulars can, if they desire, have them through the correspondence columns of the *Journal* in which the greater portion of the essay originally appeared, provided they state their wants clearly and concisely. Already I have the satisfaction of knowing that my endeavours to impart information on the cultivation of this profitable crop have not been fruitless, several examples of success being recorded that cannot be cited here; others will follow if the simple instructions detailed in the work are strictly and intelligently carried out. The best time for beginners to collect manure for outdoor Mushroom beds is towards the end of July. In three weeks it will be ready for forming into beds or ridges, in another week spawn may be inserted, eight weeks afterwards Mushrooms will appear, and the beds will continue productive for three months. Thus, broadly stated, there is one month of working, two of waiting, and three for gathering the crops.

J. W.

London, May 1st, 1883.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

THE rapid sale of this treatise has proved its acceptability, the first edition having been exhausted in a few weeks. To the many flattering notices of the work in the press, and the approval of cultivators of great reputation, this result is mainly due, and the kindly references of all are much appreciated. The present edition being of a more substantial character than the former, is also more complete, hence it is hoped will not be less welcome.

J. W.

London, September 10th, 1883.

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION.

As the second very large edition of this small work was exhausted within a year of its date of publication, and as hundreds of applicants for copies failed to obtain them, a third issue has become necessary. The work being still larger and, perhaps, better than its predecessors, can scarcely fail to give equal satisfaction, in which case the object of its preparation will be attained.

J. W.

London, October 29th, 1884.

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