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TO ANGLERS.

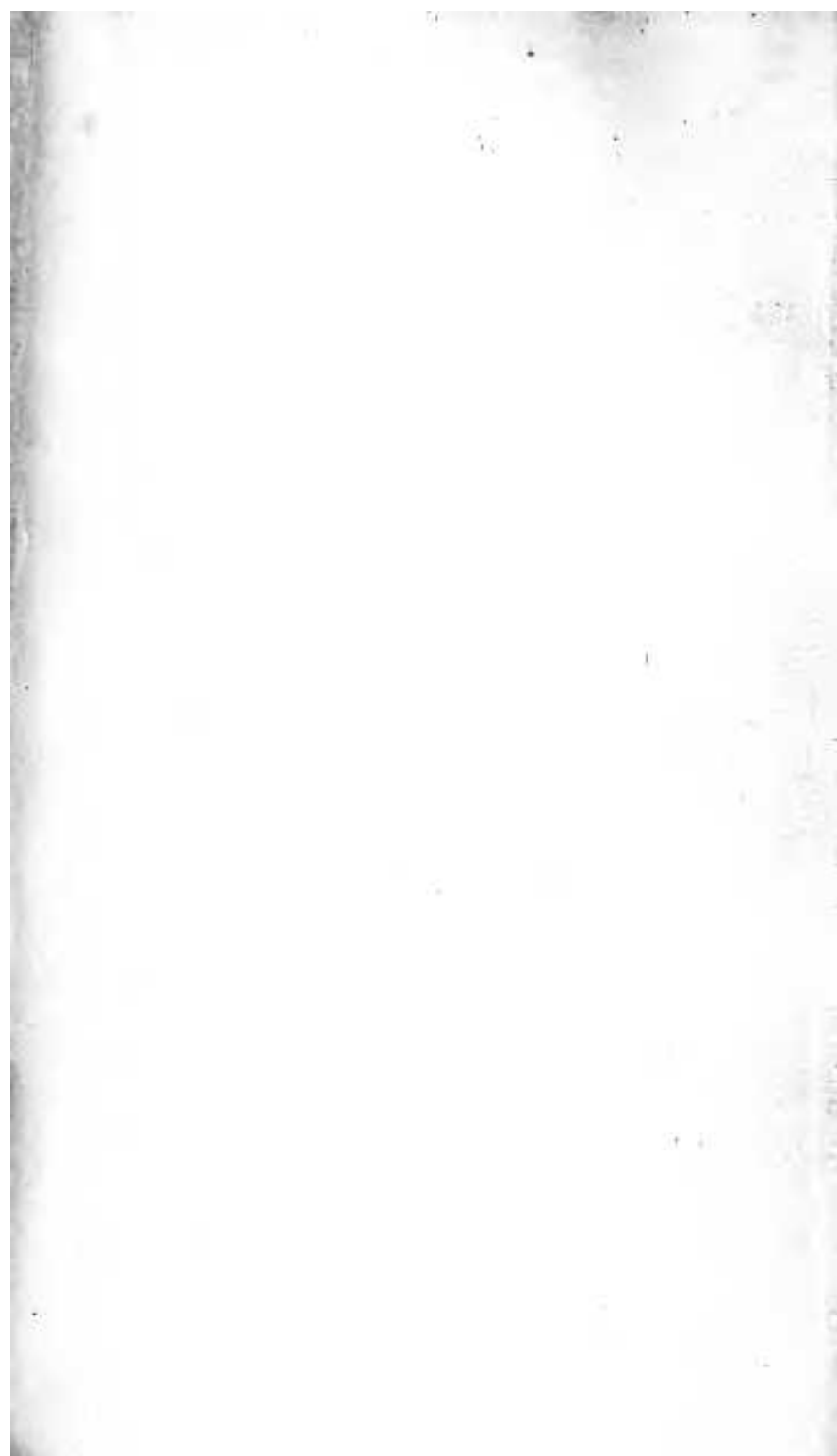
AS a means of furthering the intention of this work, the author undertakes to supply **EVERY ARTICLE REQUIRED BY THE FLY-FISHER**, manufactured under his immediate superintendance by experienced **PRACTICAL ANGLERS**.

The author is naturally anxious for the extension of those principles of the art which he advocates, because he believes them to be true; and, in justice to himself, he desires that they may be fully and fairly tested by those who are inclined to adopt them. This can be done only by following implicitly the various instructions contained in the volume, including, of course, those relating to the **MANUFACTURE** of the different implements required. It is easy to believe that in this department the most minute description must necessarily be inferior, as an exemplification of principles, to the **BONA FIDE** articles themselves; for it will be admitted that the difference between articles which are really good and useful and those which are worse than useless, is very difficult to be discovered, on mere inspection, by the most experienced angler, and is obviously quite impossible to be discovered by the tyro.

The author has therefore come to the determination of devoting his constant personal attention to the manufacture of the various piscatorial implements, of which the prices will be found moderate and the quality and adaptation unexceptionable.

From the list of articles may be enumerated **Rods, Lines, Reels, Collars, and Artificial Flies**, to which the greatest care and attention are bestowed. Also, **Gut, Hooks, Panniers, Landing Nets, &c.** Flies of other kinds than those recommended in this work are also made by the author, on order, from written directions or from patterns.

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"The most important principle, perhaps, in life, is to have a pursuit,
— a useful one if possible, and at all events an innocent one. . . .
Though I do not expect, like our arch-patriarch Walton, to number
ninety years and past, yet I hope, as long as I can enjoy, in a vernal day,
the warmth and heat of the sunshine, still to haunt the streams."

SIR H. DAVY.

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DEDICATION.

To whom can I more appropriately dedicate this little literary effort than to my parents?

My mother's earliest lessons inculcated a love of Nature along with a love of Virtue and of my fellow-men.

My father first introduced me to the green fields of my native valley, and on the lovely banks of the stream which meanders there so musically, initiated me into the mysteries of "the gentle art;" and thus, in actual contact with Nature's beauties, assisted to develop the germs of admiration of those beauties which my mother's lessons had implanted.

Much of my subsequent happiness has been derived from those early impressions and instructions.

To you, then, my dear father and mother, I dedicate this little work; and I hope that you will not consider so insignificant an offering as the literal index to the amount of gratitude and respect which is, and always has been, entertained for you by

YOUR TRULY AFFECTIONATE SON.

PREFACE.

THE present edition may be considered as an entirely new work, so extensive are the additions and so altered is its style of publication. This will at once be evident to every one who compares it with the previous editions.

A considerable sale for the work in its former shape — a mere outline of the present edition — encouraged the hope that a more extensive and complete treatment of the subject, on the foundation already laid, might more deserve the approbation of the angling public. The writer therefore determined to make the attempt, by entirely re-writing the original, and by supplying such new matter as he thought likely to be interesting and useful. In the following pages, therefore, the instructions for making artificial flies, and the illustrations by which they are accompanied, will, perhaps, be recognised as the most promi-