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THE PREFACE.

I HAVE, all my life, been enthusiastically attached to the sport of fly fishing; and circumstances have permitted me to indulge that passion to a much greater extent, and over a wider field, than either time or opportunity would probably have allowed to most fishermen. For a number of years I have kept a diary of my fishing, from which this small volume is chiefly compiled.

The flies mentioned in this book are not called by their scientific names, as I write only as a fisherman, and for fishermen; and if I have stated anything that is opposed to the opinions of the entomologist, the above must be my apology. Whenever I have made a strong assertion on any subject which is a matter of dispute with fishermen, or rather with writers on fishing, for among *practical fishermen* I believe there to be very few *really* important differences of opinion, I have always attempted to point out the way by which the value of my opinion may be tested by the reader.

On one point I trust I may, without presumption, be sanguine; and that is, that the artificial flies given in this book will, if properly dressed and compared with the

natural fly that they are respectively meant to represent, be found to be very good imitations, and, holding the opinions expressed in this book, I consider this a matter of the greatest importance in fly fishing.

Salmon fishing has not been alluded to in this work, because it would not only have made it larger than I wished, but I also believe that the art of salmon fishing is casier acquired than the best method of killing the smaller kinds of fish, and that there is a much more general knowledge on the subject.

So many books have been written on fishing in all its branches, that it may perhaps be deemed superfluous to send forth another; but as I do not consider the subject to be yet exhausted, I can only trust that the contents of this work may be considered by fishermen sufficiently acceptable to plead my excuse.

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