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PREFACE

AN attempt is made in the following pages to anticipate some of the questions most likely to be asked by the collector of books at the commencement of his career. The treatise is in effect a handbook designed, and it is to be hoped destined, so far as its limits extend, to let a little light upon the simpler phases of a subject which in its more ambitious aspects is exceedingly complicated and beyond the power of any one to master in its entirety. All that can be done within the limits of a single volume, dealing as this does with a variety of subjects, is to touch the fringe of each and to quote authorities capable of leading the reader some further distance along his road when he has taken leave of me. These authorities, which are quoted in italics in the Index, are all of excellent standing. They are for the most part readily accessible and that also is an additional point in their favour.

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