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PREFACE

THE idea of writing this little book occurred to me because numerous people have frequently asked me, "When did you take up gardening?" and seemed surprised at my reply, that I never remembered being without a garden. The fashion of "taking up" gardening is now so prevalent, that I thought it might be a help to have some simple book that would form a sound foundation of the rudiments of gardening for children and beginners of all ages. I hope this little volume may be fortunate in directing their ideas to the work required to produce bright gardens, and that by pointing out a few of the endless attractions of the pastime, it may increase in the young the taste for practical gardening, which I myself, in common with thousands at all times of life, have found to be one of the surest sources of happiness. This

book is only intended as a sketch, and gives the merest mention in unscientific language of some of the most obvious plants and necessary work in each season of the year. More complete and scientific works should be referred to for following up the threads of knowledge in the lines here indicated.

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