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"De Omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis."

"The sweat of learned Jonson's brain,
Or gentle Shakespear's easler strain,
A HANDY COACH conveys you to,
In spite of all that rain can do."—SIR J. SUCKLING.

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PREFACE.

IN writing this Handy Book, I have sought to supply the public who ride in cabs or omnibuses, (and what Londoner, nay, what Provincial is there who does not occasionally ride therein?) and also the proprietors, the drivers, and the conductors of these public vehicles, with a condensed summary of the Laws and Regulations, on which their mutual rights and liabilities depend. I have endeavoured to exhibit the law as it is, rather than to crowd the few pages at my disposal with suggestions of what it might be, and to hold the balance fairly between the hirers and the hired—between the public, the masters, and the men. I have to return my sincere thanks to the following gentlemen, without whose official aid, freely extended, the compilation of this little work would have been impracticable:—For Police, to Sir Richard Mayne, Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan police; Colonel Fraser, Commissioner of City police; Lieut.-Col. Paschal, of the department for Inspection of Public Carriages, and

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I now submit my little treatise to the reader, trusting that its publication may assist him in, or, better still, save him from, litigation, and asking him to pardon its many imperfections.

W. T. C.

5, Crown Office Row, Temple,
December, 1866.

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