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PREFACE.

THE idea of writing a work on Domestic Pets was suggested to me several years ago, and it has haunted me ever since, though a variety of reasons have hitherto prevented the execution of the design. Now, however, that I chance to have a short interval of leisure, I have taken up the subject in earnest, and with my favourite dog lying at my feet, a cat purring on a sofa at my side, and two gold fish swimming merrily about in a vase before me, I sit down to write about the animals I am so fond of; and of which, fortunately for the interest of my book, thousands of other people are equally fond as myself.

The four-footed domestic pets I have written about at length in this little work, are dogs, cats, and squirrels ; but I have also said a few words about rabbits, guinea pigs, and white mice. With regard to the feathered race, I have treated at some length on parrots and other talking birds ; and canaries and other singing birds ; and I have added a few words about doves and fancy pigeons. I have not forgotten gold fish ; and I have slightly mentioned monkeys, though I think the latter so mischievous and disagreeable that they scarcely deserve to be called Domestic Pets.

J. W. L.

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