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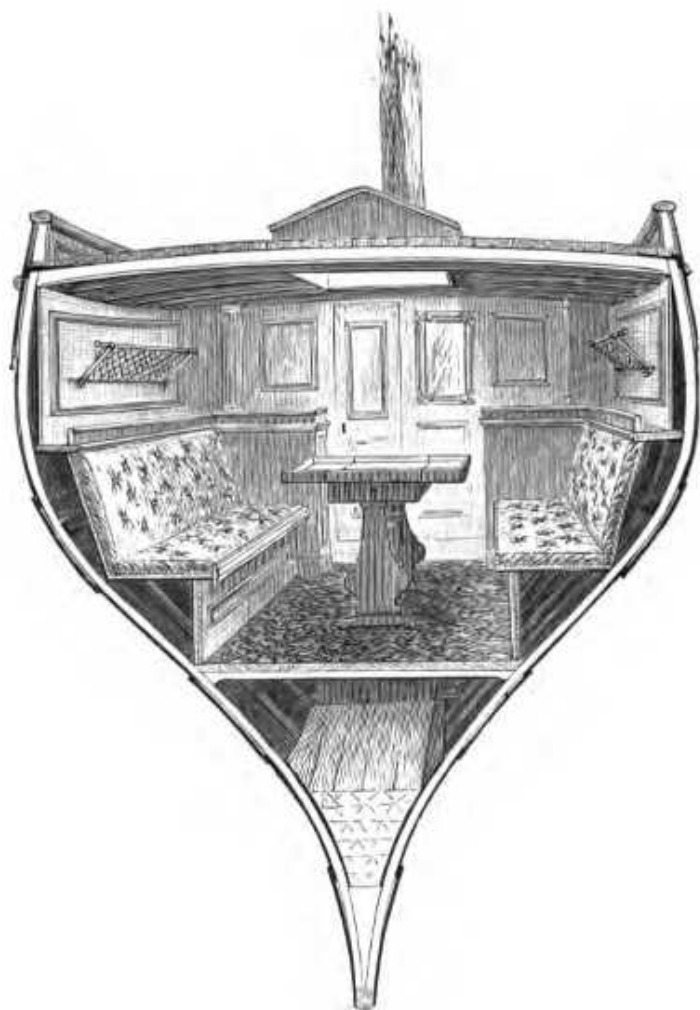
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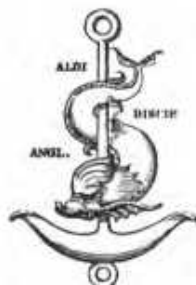
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PREFACE.

THIS book, the work of an unskilled hand, aims only at interesting those who, like the writer, place yachting above all other pastimes, and who, for the love they bear to their favourite sport, will look with lenience on all shortcomings or inelegancies of literary style. A small part of it has already appeared in the pages of a well-known monthly, and the original sketch has been expanded into this volume at the suggestion of possibly too partial friends—not without misgivings as to the reception it may meet with at the hands of the impartial public.

It may chance that it shall come into the possession of some brother yachtsman who has hitherto made the Solent or the estuary of the Thames his cruising-ground, and that he may thereby be induced to extend his summer voyage to Scottish waters. I venture to think that that yachtsman will not be unthankful, and that he will blame me mostly for the too faint praise I have bestowed on the unrivalled scenery of our coasts.

Attempts at fine writing and elaborate word-

painting have been eschewed—the national destitution in the matter of humour is, I daresay, only too apparent; but I expect to be applauded for abstaining from increasing the bulk of the book by transcribing copious extracts from Gazetteers, Legends of the Highlands, and such like. I may therefore, if I choose, call it “a poor thing, sir, but mine own.”