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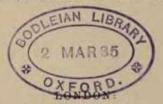
NEW INDUSTRY OF HUTCH RABBIT FARMING IN THE OPEN, AND UPON WARRENS SPECIALLY INTENDED FOR SPORTING PURPOSES;

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DEDICATION.

TO MY PRIEND

CHRISTOPHER WILSON,

OF RISHADEN,

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MANY EXCELLENT DAYS RABBIT SHOOTING ENJOYED
TOGETHER, AND IN GRATITUDE FOR MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION
IN RE MR. CONEY (THE FOUR-POOTED ONE) SO OFTEN VOUCHSAFED, THIS LITTLE TREATISE, UPON AN ANIMAL ABOUT
WHICH HE KNOWS SO MUCH, IS INSCRIBED BY

THE AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

The raison d'être of this little work is that this particular epoch of our existence, the good year 1884, may fairly be entitled the "rabbit age." Rabbits, tame ones at all events, certainly received a certain amount of attention from our forefathers, for, in 1580, we find "Tusser," who makes the earliest mention extant of this species of animal, saying, when writing the abstract of "January's Husbandry,"

Let doe go to buck, Wish "coney" good luck,

the word "coney" being evidently derived from "gwenhingen," the word for rabbit in my own language—the Welsh, which again can easily be traced to have sprung from the Latin "cuniculus." The ancients evidently regarded the rabbit also as being a source of profit under certain conditions, as, in 1631, we find Gervase Markham, in his "Way to Get Wealth," dealing in an elaborate discussion on the various sorts of what he calls "these tame rich conies," and giving minute instructions for, according to his lights, keeping them at a profit. So again, nowadays, people have got it into their heads that there is money in rabbits, as there certainly is sport; so the indication in a practical manner of the most likely means to verify this conclusion was the object of the series of articles, written for the Field newspaper, at the request of the editor, of which this volume is partly a reprint.

The first few chapters will be found to treat upon and explain, it is hoped clearly, an excellent, though somewhat novel, system for rearing rabbits in confinement whilst yet