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CHAPTER I.

HAWKS AND FALCONS.

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THE Windhover is a most appropriate name for the familiar kestrel-falcon (*Falco tinnunculus*, L.), for it exactly describes that immobile hovering in mid-air which is so characteristic of the bird. If we consider the indiscriminate warfare that is waged against the Falconidæ by the gamekeeping fraternity, the only wonder is that any kestrels remain to soar above the fields, spying whole armies of destructive field-mice and voles from aloft with infallible penetration, and killing all such noxious vermin with unerring swoop. It is true that a few young game birds