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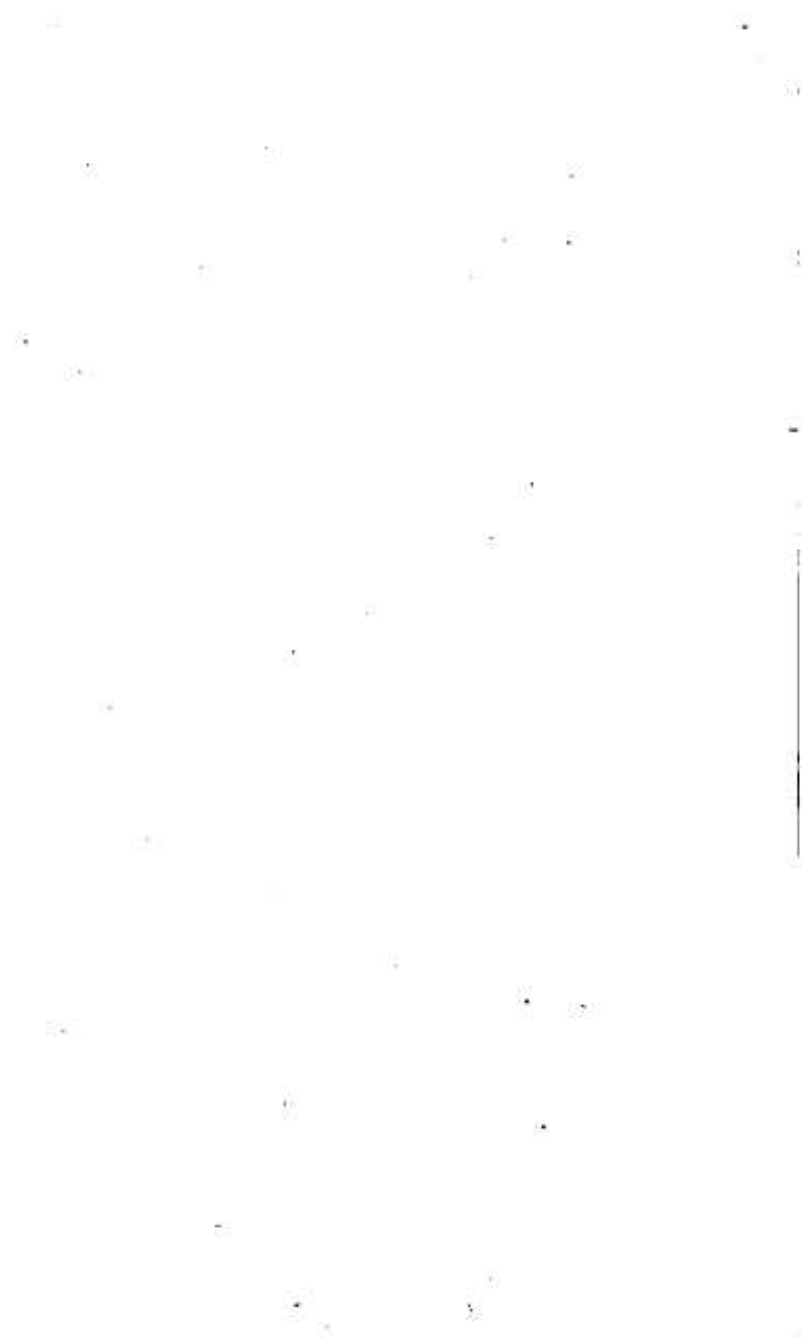
## P R E F A C E.

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THIS is the prelude to the fifth edition of the Dorking Fowl, and the third of that devoted to fowls in general.

It is six years since in a former preface, I tendered my thanks to those, who, by continued support, had rendered repeated editions necessary. The obligation is greater now, and I heartily acknowledge it.

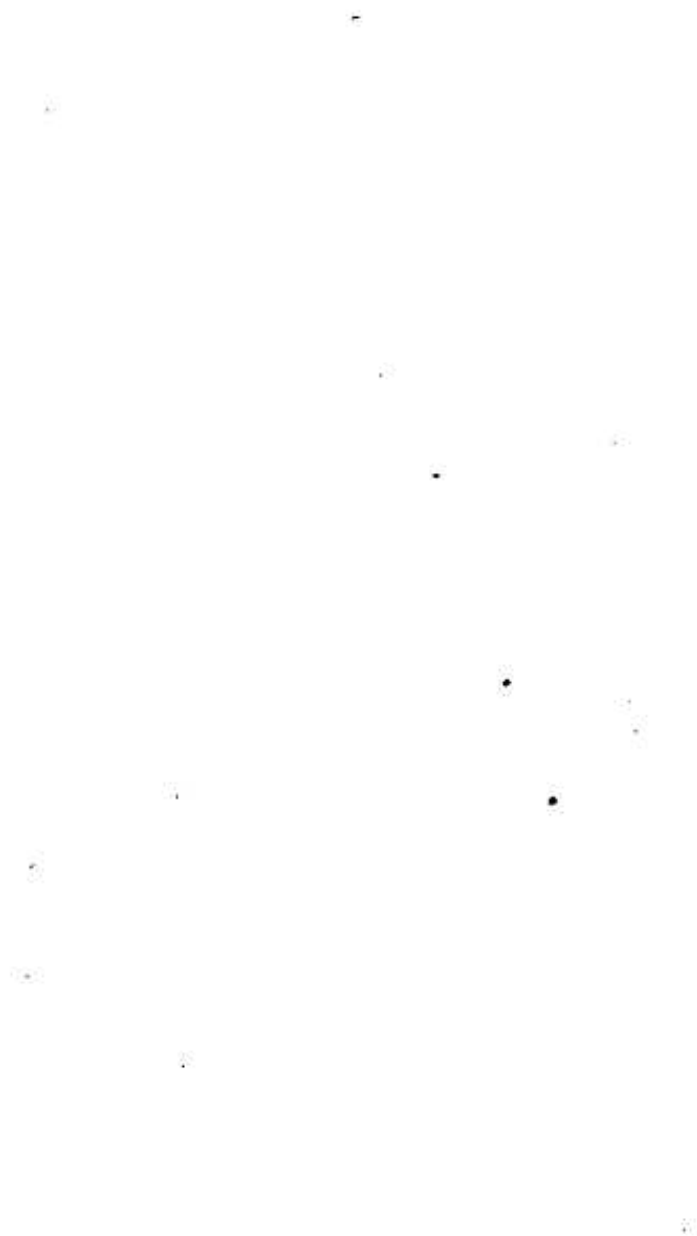
I have endeavoured to condense all I have learned from the experience of many years, and to describe it in a few words, and as plainly as possible.





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### CHAPTER I.

In order to divide the subject of poultry into chapters, I will begin first with Poultry Houses. It is only of late years these have been much thought of: in large farm-yards where there are cart-houses, calf-pens, pig-styes, cattle-sheds, shelter under the eaves of barns, and numerous other roosting places, not omitting the trees in the immediate vicinity, I do not think they are required, for fowls will generally do better by choosing for themselves; and it is beyond a doubt more healthy for them to be spread about in this manner, than to be confined to one place. But a love of order on the one hand, and a dread of thieves or foxes on the other, will sometimes make it desirable to have a proper poultry house.

The exterior is a matter of taste, but internally the comfort and well-doing of the poultry must be the only consideration; and the higher the house is, the less likelihood there is of disease or taint. Another advantage of having it lofty is, that the current through the building, being far above the fowls, puri-