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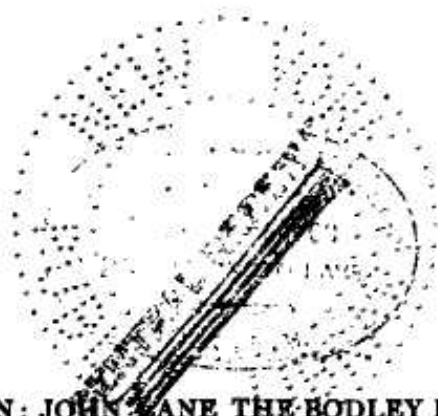
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TO OUR NEIGHBOUR  
MISS ELIZABETH ROBINS  
OF BACKSET FARM  
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## PREFACE

THE Rose is the Queen of the English garden by Right Divine and by general acclamation.

Other favourites stand near her throne. The clear-smiling carnation, the pure lily of the valley, the fairy-like but ambitious sweet pea, who casts an eye upon the very crown itself, and the violet, the violet who like King Cophetua's beggar maid wears her honours with a sweet remembrance of her lowly past. Her message is one of gentleness and love. She makes no display in courtly function, not for her the gay decoration of the ball-room, nor the glowing light of the feast. But who so welcome to the bed of the sick, to the hand of the convalescent, or on the desk of the writer? Who so at one with the mourner as he

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places his last tribute on the grave of the beloved ?

Let us honour the gentle flower which blossoms and breathes sweet odours for eight months out of the twelve.

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