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For the bright, gentle, holy thoughts that breathe  
From out their odorous beauty, like a wreath  
Of sunshine on life's hours."

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## PREFACE.

Nor many years since, window gardening consisted in a few desultory attempts at ornamenting the outer dwelling by placing rows of plants upon the window sill. At the present time, household horticulture is an art; an art the practice of which has been necessitated by that desire for the beautiful which is characteristic of human nature.

The more extended the area of towns and cities, the greater the necessity for attempting to replace by artificial means a little of that natural loveliness which disappears so rapidly at the advent of bricks and mortar; and the following pages, the result of many years' practical experience, have been written with a desire to still further popularise the art of home gardening, by enabling those who have no surplus funds to expend on luxuries, as well as the rich, to obtain a window garden that shall be at one and the same time an object of interest and an ornament, a never-failing solace from the cares of daily life. Gray has truly said: "Happy are they who can create a rose or rear a honeysuckle;" but we would say more: we would say, Happy are they who can by care and skill make a plant grow where all else is barren; happy are they who can induce a flower to bloom, however lowly a weed, where its natural grace and beauty—for even weeds are graceful and beautiful—will impart a charm to surroundings of depressing dreariness.

TOM AND JANE FERROLD.

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