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APOLOGETIC AND EXPLANATORY.

The author of this work is fully conscious of some errors of *omission* as well as *commission* to be found within its pages, although he deems them of minor importance, when compared with the really valuable and useful practical information it contains, upon a much neglected but highly important branch of veterinary science and art. It was intended that its pages should have been enriched with first-class engravings illustrative of the doctrines and the practice taught. These, however, the exigencies of professional duties, and other circumstances, would not admit of being executed in a manner that would be deemed satisfactory to the public, or the author, within the limits of time at the latter's disposal. He trusts that his desire for the issuance of his work during the most momentous celebration of human progress of modern times, may, to some extent, further excuse this omission, as well as the reduction of the original price—Five Dollars with illustrations, to Three Dollars without them. It is the author's intention to fully complete his work in a future edition, and to make it worthy in every respect of the age of enlightened progress in which we live; of the great epoch now being celebrated; of the Country, *par excellence*, which as yet, has exhibited the highest developement combined with the greatest utilization of speed in the noblest of all animals, the HORSE; and of the important profession to which he has the honor to belong.

INTRODUCTORY.

HUMANE SOCIETIES AND IMPROVED HORSE-SHOEING.

Amongst the various secondary objects which Humane Societies, the world over, propose to themselves to attain in order to carry into effect their highest benevolent intentions towards the inferior order of created beings, which are associated with, or subject to, the service of mankind within the different spheres of civilization, there is none I deem of more transcending importance to the best interests of society, in subserving the noble aims, greater and lesser, which those societies have in view, and the well being of the quadruped under consideration, than *improved methods of shoeing horses*, whether for the purpose of preventing disease and lameness, or for removing or ameliorating those abnormal conditions when present. The full measure or complement of all that is possible in these directions, ought to be accomplished.

The writer of the following pages on pathological horse-shoeing, deeply impressed with this view, as well as actuated by a profound conviction of personal duty, earnestly desires to enlist the active sympathies and assistance of the above societies in every civilized community on behalf of what he regards as his mission of mercy to the victim of the most unaccountable ignorance of his necessities, in the management of one of his most essential organs of usefulness; yet, withal, an indispensable and invaluable adjunct of civilization everywhere.

About three years since, the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, awarded prizes "for the best and most practical essays on horse-shoeing, in connection with the comfort and soundness of the horse." Upwards of forty essays