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PRELIMINARY.

ENGLISH literature, rich as it is in general, may specially boast its stores of wealth in the department undertaken by the present compendium, which merely professes to act as a truthful and serviceable guide to aid beginners on their horticultural journey. To continue it worthily, they must refer to, and study, the works of the Lindleys (father and son), the Hookers (father and son), Knight, Loudon, Paxton, Ingram, and others. The "Transactions of the London Horticultural Society" contain a mass of most valuable information; and as gardening is still a progressive art, a knowledge of its progress is best attained by reference to such periodicals as the "Gardeners' Chronicle," whose writers, both from their ability and the professional and official positions which they consequently occupy, are able to impart to the world each step of advancement as it is made from time to time by horticultural science.

The writer, therefore, of the present book, offers it to the public with all modesty and deference, conscious that he is speaking in the presence of the most accomplished masters and professors of the art. At the same time, he delivers it to their judgment with confidence, feeling assured that the novice in gardening, who will peruse it attentively and follow its directions, will learn much of which he was previously ignorant, and will be guided as nearly in the right path as it is possible to be by printed rules, unaided by the help of verbal instruction.

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