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NOW FIRST COLLECTED AND EDITED

BY

A NORTH-COUNTRY ANGLER.

"SIC UT ERGO POTERIS ERGO VINCIS."

WILLIAM BLACKWOOD AND SONS
EDINBURGH AND LONDON
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TO
THE MEMBERS
OF THE
COQUET-DALE FISHING CLUB.

GENTLEMEN,—If it be true that human life, as the sage Samuel Johnson has asserted, be “made up of trifles,” I shall feel less necessity for an apology in dedicating, as I am now about to venture to dedicate, the following Lyrics. Of the fascinating recreation which gave rise to their composition, you are already patrons; and if, whilst in pursuit of your favourite sport, they shall help to confer a new interest upon any of the varied beauties of that Vale of Coquet which is so dear to the Angler, they will have fulfilled the intention of their authors, as well as of their editor. These songs have already been widely

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disseminated, and in some cases frequently reprinted; nor have they been undistinguished by the praise, not only of the Angler, but of the poet, of the critic, and of the bibliographer. To your patronage, however, they must owe the privilege of being now laid before the public in a collective shape; and if the history of their authorship be of any interest, to you the world must be indebted for it. Still, that this little publication may give a fresh zest to the pleasures of those who seek them in the charming valley which it commemorates, and add to the numbers of those who, whilst they cultivate a healthful and manly sport, can admire the wild and picturesque varieties of the scenes amidst which it must be sought, is the chief wish and most sanguine hope of,

GENTLEMEN,

Your faithful and obedient Servant,

THE EDITOR.

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Go ! trace yon joyous river from its source
To the blue champaign of the distant sea ;
Now bounding, a young savage, fierce and free,
Amid the cliffs, wild nurses of its force :
Now, gentler, straying in a devious course,
Sweetly diversified in pool and stream ;
Now purling music underneath the beam ;
Now foaming in a torrent, rude and hoarse.
Beautiful stream ! yet beauteous still in vain ;
Doom'd to yon ocean's fell and final clutch ;
'Mid scenes unknown,—it dreameth not of such,—
'Mid tangled meads and groves, beneath the main,
To flow for ever ! Thou need'st not repine,
All-eloquent stream. Man's fate is e'en as thine.

P R E F A C E.

It is a truth not often adverted to, that pleasure is not a unit, but a compound. He that cares to make such a search will find that almost everything coming under the category of human enjoyment is made up of many circumstances and collaterals, the aggregate of which is called "a pleasure." Hence many human pursuits are in reality much less gross than, on a first view, they would seem to be. The coarsest voluptuary includes in his practice more of refinements than he is at all aware of. We combine without knowing that we do so. The associations of ideas are so subtle as at times to become, in all probability, hardly traceable by human sagacity. When Prior, after enjoying the company of Harley and St John, went at last to Long-acre, to eat bread and cheese, and drink beer with the old cobbler and his wife, whom he had known in his youth, and before fortune smiled upon his genius, he was peradventure actuated by feelings more noble, as well as amiable, than any which his critics have given him credit for possessing. Of the associations by the