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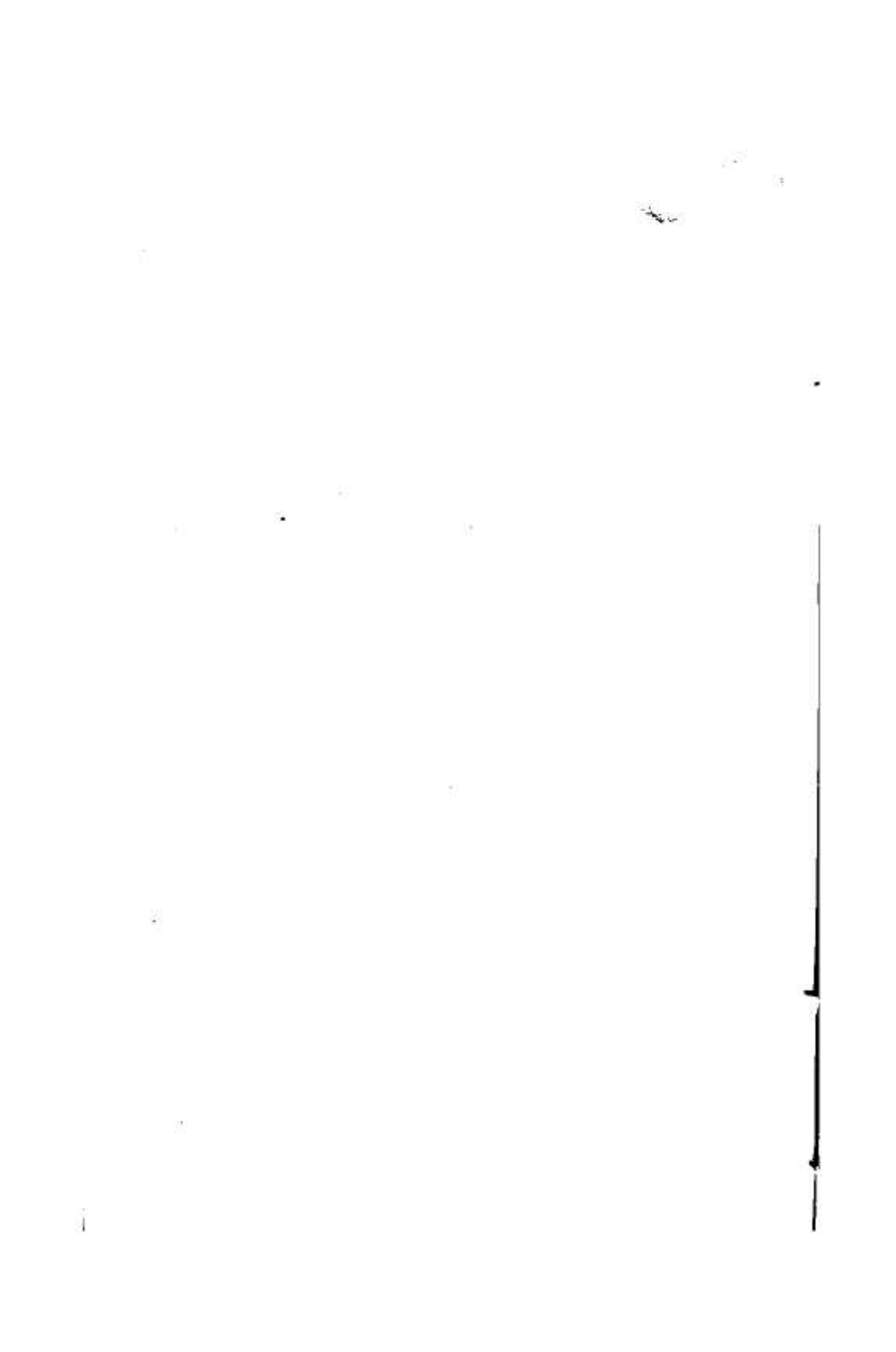
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IN REMEMBRANCE OF MANY HAPPY HOURS  
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## PREFACE.

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JOHN JACKSON, of Tanfield Mill, was, I believe, the first to devote special attention to the capture of the grayling; and on the title page of his work, "The Practical Fly Fisher," published in 1852, are added the words, "More particularly for Grayling or UMBER." From that time until 1888 no work of importance wholly devoted to the subject was published, but in that year Mr. Pritt's "Book of the Grayling" appeared, and may be considered the standard work on the subject. The present little work has in truth been a labour of love, as there is no fish that swims—no, not even excepting the trout, of which I am so fond as the "graceful, gliding grayling"; and I trust from the following pages the reader will be able to gather a few useful hints, and have in future a better opinion of this despised fish.