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## PREFACE.

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IN bringing the sixth edition of this work before the public, it becomes a pleasing duty to return thanks for the support it has received.

Honestly aware I have no pretensions to the title of a writer, I believe its merit is entirely confined to its practical character.

Fifty years daily acquaintance with the subject, qualifies me to write upon it.

I have endeavoured to condense the information it contains, and to the best of my ability have expunged every unnecessary word.





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**EGGS FOR SITTING FROM CHOICE BIRDS**

*of every Breed of*

**FOWL AND DUCK.**

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**PARTRIDGE AND PHEASANT EGGS**

**IN THE SEASON.**

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Every possible care is taken to ensure good eggs, and JOHN BAILY can confidently appeal to thousands who have bought them, and been very successful. But, as they are beyond his control after they have left him, he respectfully declines any responsibility about them.

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**THE WHOLE FOR READY MONEY ONLY.**

## FOWLS.

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### CHAPTER I.

Just as change of air is at times necessary to the human being in order to preserve or regain health, so is fresh ground necessary for poultry. The constant occupation of the same spot becomes injurious. It will at once be seen such a necessity militates against anything like a permanent building, where the well-doing of poultry is the object to be attained. Where they are merely adjuncts to the stock of a model dairy or farm, or the objects of fancy, the end is attained if a certain number are always to be seen in good health and feather. If left to find their own roosting places their judgment will generally be found to be a correct one; they will avoid draughts, and if they have enemies around, they will choose places inaccessible to them. Where there are large farm-buildings, almost every covered place becomes a roosting-place—cattle-sheds, cart-houses, calf-pens, and even pig-styes. There is one advantage in this, they are healthier than when they