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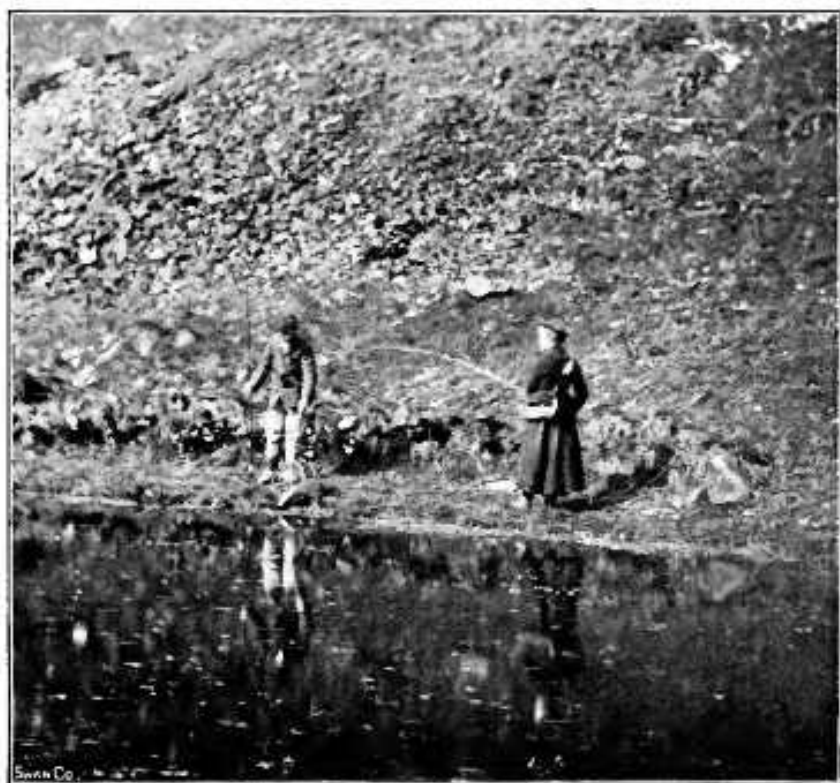
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P R E F A C E

THERE are more ways than one of seeing a fresh country. One may make a lightning tour through some of the chief towns, race through the picture-galleries, and glance at the buildings of interest. The traveller does not learn very much of the country and the people by flying along the beaten track and staying in conventional tourist hotels. When I wander, at home or abroad, I choose for preference a cross-country line. The hills, the rivers, and the forests, appeal to me quite as powerfully as the cities, cathedrals, and works made by hands. With the rustic person everywhere I have a sympathy. I love the open air and those who dwell where there is calm and breathing-space.

Our journey in Spain and Portugal was rendered varied and instructive by combining the recreation

of trout-fishing in the wilder regions with visits to the towns and their museums of art. In this chronicle I have written chiefly upon the days spent by lonely streams and in little rough hamlets of the mountains. Few anglers visit Spain expressly for the pursuit of their sport. This is because so few fishermen know where to go and how to fish in that delightful country. I went, I saw, and I was not disappointed. When opportunity offers I hope to go again, equipped with the experience of my first itinerary. It is not true that all the Spanish rivers are 'poached to death,' that the trout are small, and that poor sport awaits the angler in the Peninsula. I have shown in these pages that some of the rivers teem with trout of a sport-giving weight. These streams are free, and they will compare with waters in Great Britain which can only be fished at a high charge. I might even say that they will contrast with them to the decided advantage of the Spanish rivers. The reason for my faith will be found in this narrative.

Some of the matter forming these chapters appeared first in the columns of the *Field*. With

the kind permission of the editor of that journal, I have incorporated portions of the articles in this volume. I also beg to thank the art editor of the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* for leave to reproduce some photographs which formed the illustrations to my wife's account of a lady angler's adventures in Spain.

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