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PREFACE.

IT may be as well to explain briefly the *raison d'être* of this modest volume.

"Billiards," by Joseph Bennett (ex-Champion), edited by the well-known "Cavendish," is universally admitted to be a standard work. It is, however, written for those amateurs who either possess tables of their own, with time and inclination to practise, or who care to hire club or public tables at regular intervals for the purposes of practising, the "set" strokes mathematically laid down therein.

These two classes of players are naturally in a very great minority. There is another, and a far larger, class who are content to devote a few hours a week to the game, purely as a

recreation, and perhaps never dream of having an hour's practice apart from actual play in a game, or of entering upon the drudgery which such practice entails. At the same time, they would like to have a knowledge of the theories or elements of Billiards, and to have some of their early difficulties smoothed over for them. To such players—novices, or, at the most, ordinary amateurs—this work is addressed.

In my instructions I have tried to be clear, concise, and comprehensive. At the same time, I have purposely repeated my advice with regard to several particularly important points in the game, in order to emphasize them.

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