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## PREFACE.

THE constant difficulties in which gamekeepers are involved, and in which they involve their masters, seem to me sufficient justification for a work which should be clear in its language, and capable of being understood by persons who have not the opportunity of consulting legal text-books, and who cannot be expected to do so.

This little book is, then, designed in no way to compete with those treatises on the Game Laws, which we already possess.

My aim is merely to put into the hands of those employed in the preservation of game a short and untechnical statement of their powers against those who may break the laws relating to game, and trespass in pursuit of it.

If, haply, I shall also instruct some poachers of the pains and penalties they may incur, I shall perhaps have found another reason for writing these pages.



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# DEFINITIONS.

WHEREVER the word "Game" is used in this Game. book it includes only hares, pheasants, partridges, grouse, heath or moor game, and bustards, unless, as at page 28, other animals are particularly mentioned.

Trespasser must be taken to mean a trespasser Trespasser. in pursuit of game punishable as such under the Game Laws. The fact that a person is not a trespasser within this meaning of the word does not necessarily mean that he is not a trespasser within the strict meaning of the word, and liable as such to a civil action for trespass.

Night, for the purposes of the Game Laws, Night. commences at the expiration of the first hour after sunset, and concludes at the beginning of the last hour before sunrise.

It is often most important that a keeper should take an accurate note of the time at which an offence, or what he may deem an offence, is