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Thomas Mays-Fly

London, 1840

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Lord, who would live turmoiled in the court,
And may enjoy such quiet walks as these ?
SHAKESPEARE, *A. Henry VI.*



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PREFACE
TO
THE SECOND EDITION.

THE appearance of a second edition of *SPRING TIDE* affords the author an opportunity of disclaiming what has been attributed to him; namely, an attempt to imitate the style of honest Izaak,—a very venial offence, which, however, he does not acknowledge. He was an angler, and haunted the streams long before he became acquainted with the delightful pages of “*The Contemplative Man’s Recreation*,” and his endeavour to describe those scenes in which his youth delighted, must be attributed to that inextinguishable love of a country life, which he believes to be a characteristic of many of his

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countrymen, and not solely to a vain desire to follow in the footsteps of that venerable father of the angle.

The favourable manner in which this little volume has been received by many who never in their lives cast a fly, encourages the hope that it contains something besides hints on "the art of ingeniously tormenting," and that the plea for the existence of many remains of an older tongue in the rural districts of our happy land, may invite the attention and awaken the sympathy of those who, in the language of the learned Camden, "laugh at their great-grandfathers' English."

APARTMENTS OF THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES, LONDON,
February 17, 1852.