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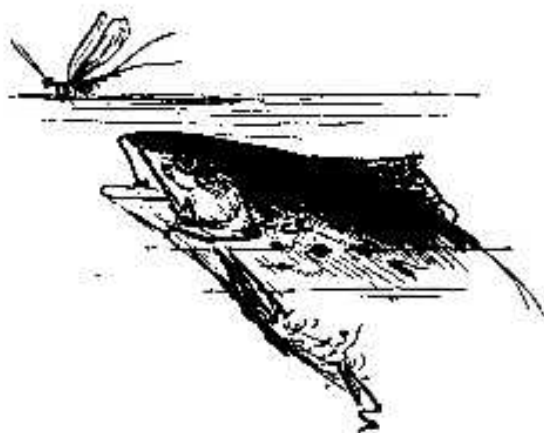
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PREFACE.

THIS volume contains a series of essays, by different writers, on the art of trout-fishing. The aim of the authors has been to compress, within the narrowest possible limits, such practical information and advice as will enable a beginner, without farther instruction, to attain moderate proficiency in the use of every legitimate lure. In carrying out this design their endeavour has been to avoid unnecessary technicality, to steer clear of "fads," and to confine themselves to statements likely to receive the general assent of experienced anglers.

To make the work as complete as possible a chapter has been added containing a brief statement of the Law of Scotland relating to trout-fishing. This, which is believed to be a novelty

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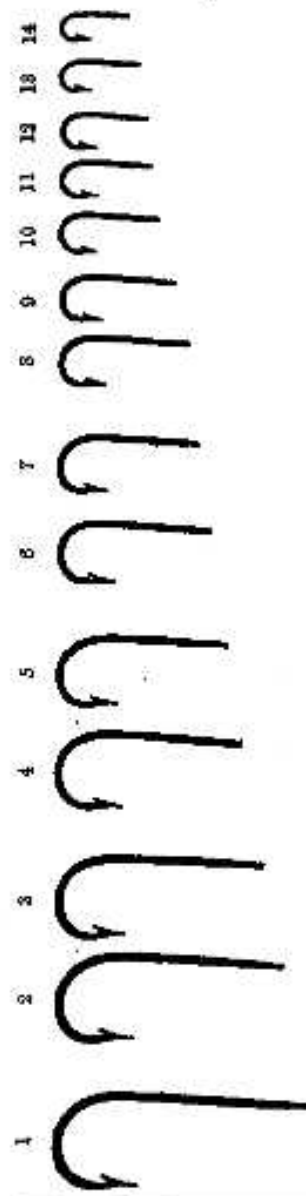
in angling literature, may be of service to readers who are not versed in legal lore.

Although the authors are most familiar with the streams and lochs of Scotland, they are not without the hope that what they have to say may also be found useful by their brethren south of the Tweed.

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CHAPTER I.

WET OR SUNK FLY-FISHING.

THIS style of angling is almost universally adopted in Scotland, and is also common in many parts of England. Although it may not call for such minute study of insect life as is considered necessary by the votaries of dry fly-fishing, it demands an even greater knowledge of the habits and haunts of trout; while in point of excitement and variety it falls in no way short of the rival method.

Rod.—For wet fly-fishing we prefer a light one-handed rod of moderate stiffness, measuring from 9 to 12 feet in length. For a few of the broadest rivers, however, where it is sometimes necessary to cast a very long line, a two-handed rod, 13 or 14 feet in length, may be found more serviceable.

Opinions differ so much as to the best material for rod-making that we think it advisable to leave this matter entirely to the taste of the angler. There is one point, however, as to which it is impossible to be too emphatic,—and that is, in warning the beginner against the use of a rod