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GAMEKEEPERS, AND ALLOTMENT HOLDERS

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# THE WILD RABBIT.



## CHAPTER I.

### INTRODUCTORY.

FOR some years back the author of these chapters has been practically interested in rabbit-farming on the estate of his noble employer, the Earl of Wharnccliffe, by whose desire the thoroughly equipped experimental rabbit-warren in Wortley Hall Park was made, and by whose liberality and permission the whole of the experiments,

&c., recorded in the following pages have been carried out to a successful issue—it is hoped, with a prospect of usefulness to all who are interested in such subjects. About four years ago the author addressed one or two notes to 'The Field' on the subject of rabbit-warrens, as much to obtain information as anything else, which brought him a great deal of correspondence from gentlemen and land-agents in various parts of the three kingdoms, all deeply interested in the subject, and anxious for information. These correspondents, a number of whom have been here to see the warren, had land on their hands, in some cases amounting to several thousands of acres, suitable for warrens, to which purpose they were ready to put it with any reasonable prospect of success, if they only knew