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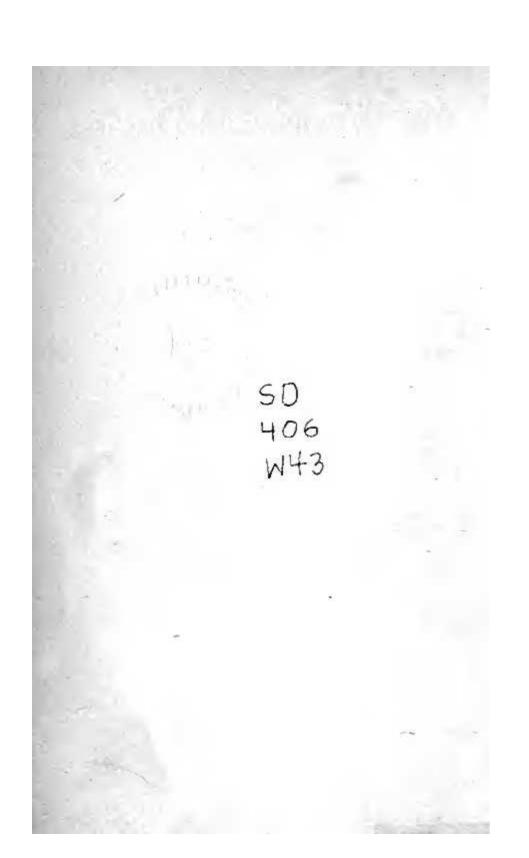
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PREFACE

The reasons for writing this book are : (1) that no work of a similar kind has been published; (2) that numerous inquiries as to the treatment of tree wounds and diseases suggest that such a book is required; and (3) the writer's knowledge of the subject, the result of many years' practical work and observation, has caused him to relate his experiences in the matter.

The book, too, has been written by special request, and an apology is due for its nonappearance three years ago, as arranged. Unforeseen circumstances, however, prevented this being done.

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INTRODUCTION

Though no book dealing exclusively with tree wounds and diseases has been written, yet references are not wanting, in ancient as well as modern works, to the doctoring of fruit and other trees. In Evelyn's Sylva, published in 1670, under the heading of "Infirmities of Trees," some quaint instructions are given regarding the treatment of canker, hollowness, wind-shock, blasting, and caterpillars. "Hollowness," he says, "is contracted when by reason of the ignorant or careless lopping of a tree the wet is suffered to fall perpendicularly upon a part, especially the head. In this case, if there be sufficient sound wood, cut it to the quick and close to the body, and cap the hollow part with a tarpaulin or fill it with good stiff loam and fine hay mingled. This is one of the worst of evils, and to which the Elm is most