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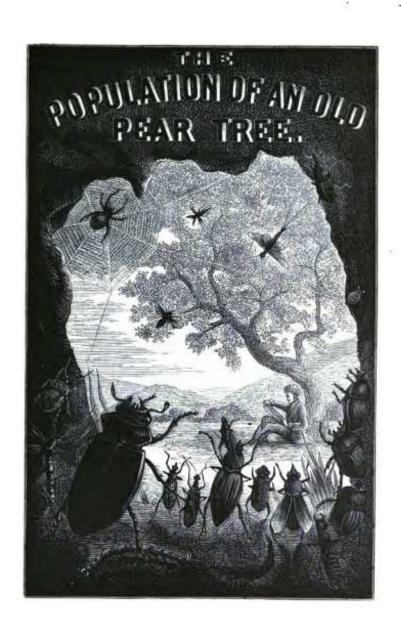
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INTRODUCTION.

When certain blue spirits begin to flit about me, I depart from my study to go and read, in what I am allowed, even by my clerical uncle, to call my book of devotions.

The devotions I mean are not in my bookcase. No publisher, if he ever thought of such a thing, could bring them out. They are a page of the book of Nature, opened in the country, under blue sky, displayed at all seasons. Every