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## P R E F A C E.

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THE following sketches are the results of some vacations chiefly spent in rambling about the Continent with a fishing-rod. Written on leisure evenings on the spot, they can pretend to have little literary merit, and will doubtless appear trivial to the serious traveller in search of information. Indeed I should scarcely have thought of republishing this selection from desultory work done in hours of idleness, had I not often been asked by friends and others for hints upon fishing expeditions. Nor am I certain that the angler who stays at home may not find something in these pages to interest him. I have even a faint hope, judging from what people tell me at dinner-parties,

that there are some unconscientious readers without the moral courage to undertake the perusal of the tremendous volumes in which modern travellers are wont to tell us their experiences—not always of unknown lands—who may read a little book like this when they are tired.

I can safely say that the actual sport obtained during the tours I tell of was less than a fisherman who intended to get as large baskets as possible would meet with. For these expeditions were not undertaken with the business-like and earnest energy with which we go fishing in this country, if we make it the chief object of a holiday, be it of a day or of a month.



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### I.

#### AN AUTUMN RAMBLE IN THE SALZ- KAMMERGUT AND TYROL<sup>1</sup>

A PLEASANT and striking sail of fifty miles down the Danube from Passau brings a traveller to Linz, a hot and dusty town, from whence it is easy to find the way to the mountains of the Salzkammergut by Gmunden and the Traun See. This lake contains plenty of fish—trout, pike, and char. The last is the kind which seems most prized, but one hears of very large trout being taken from time to time in the nets. Throughout its length of eight

<sup>1</sup> 1873.