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MY FATHER was a good and ardent sportsman ; as a shot he was inferior to few, while I have never met any person who could beat him as a fly-fisherman ; even till the last days allotted him on earth, he could find pleasure by the brawling stream, and although his eye had lost its brilliancy and his hand its quickness, still numerous were the fine trout and salmon that rewarded his labour.

Doubtless it is from my father that I inherit this enthusiasm for field sports which has induced me to seek game in almost every portion of the globe, not only for the sake of slaughter, but in order to study their habits and instincts. Nor am I satiated ; the table may lose its attractions, the wine cup cease to gratify, and the majority of the amusements of youth become stale and tedious, still I crave for those inno-