

mind worth more than all that has been published on the subject to which it relates, that has come under our observation. We cordially recommend it to our readers. It treats chiefly of the fresh-water tank, (therefore all the more valuable to us,) in five chapters.—I. First Principles. II. History of. III. How to form. IV. Plants for. V. Animals for. His VI. and last chapter is devoted to the marine department. We quote his preface in full; the whole treatise is equally pithy and to the point.

“Having taken considerable interest in the domestic culture of plants and animals in water, and written the article “Aquavivarium” for the English Cyclopædia, I was induced, at the request of the publisher, to put together the following remarks. I have done so in the hope that they will in some manner contribute to make the prevailing taste for establishing domestic Aquavivaria subservient to the teaching of Natural History, and the study of God’s works.”

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*Rustic Adornments for Homes of Taste.* By SHIRLEY HIBBERD. 1 vol., 12 mo., with plates. London: Groombridge.

*The Book of the Aquarium and water-cabinet; or instructions on the formation and management of collections of Fresh-water and Marine Life.* By SHIRLEY HIBBERD. 1 vol., 12 mo., pp. 148, with plates. London: Groombridge.

*Plain Instructions for the Management of the Aquarium.* Edited by J. BISNOR, assisted by other gentlemen. London: Dean & Son.

We only give the titles of these works, the two former aim to be popular and practical, the latter we have not seen.

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A HINT TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES.—If Agricultural Societies throughout the country would hold out annual prizes for exhibition of collections of insects possessing merit, it would be some inducement to young Canadian entomologists who are at present devoting much time to the study. Farmer’s sons and others could then go to work in a practical manner, giving us yearly observations and discoveries in their respective branches of entomological study, therefore producing beneficial results, and more satisfactory to the country than paying large sums of money for a repetition of facts already known.—*U. C. Paper.*