Excerpt from Naturalists Ramble to the Orcades

The following chapters contain the unpretending record of a short summer tour made by myself to the Orkney Islands in the months of May and June, 1860, under a youthful desire of becoming practically acquainted with their Natural History, and with a view of obtaining specimens for my private collection. They shortly afterwards made their appearance, at various intervals, in the columns of the Field newspaper and their republication having been urgently solicited by several private friends, I am enabled, by the kind permission of the Editor of that journal, to offer them in their present form to the indulgence of the public.

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