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and notes on the culinary delights created with birds and fish found during voyages. The book should be a useful tool for all those with an enthusiasm for the sea and ships, or with an interest in the English language in general. Smyth was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of which he was President from 1849 to 1851. He spent the last seven years of life assembling the "Word-Book" from the enormous quantity of material amassed during his long career, and completed it just before his death.