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Preface.

At the time these "LESSONS" were commenced, the author was teaching a few children; and no book on Natural Philosophy suited to their capacity was to be found. It was written for their benefit, and taught to them as it progressed.

The form of question and answer was used in the manuscript, and is retained as the simplest method of instruction.

Its introduction as a text-book throughout the United States, indicated a measure of approval that far exceeded the expectations of the writer, and she presents to the public a new and improved edition, with the hope that this little volume is thus rendered somewhat more worthy of the marked favor which it has heretofore received. **₩**3: 15

Lesson first.



N what town do you live? In In what county? In In what state? In the state of Do you live on a continent or on island?

On a continent. What is a continent?

A very large portion of land, and larger than any island.

How many continents are there?

There are two continents.

What are these two continents called?

The eastern and western continent.

CONTINENTS.

On which of them do you live? On the western continent. What is the western continent called? It is called America. How is America divided? It is divided into North and South America. In which do you live? I live in North America. In what country of North America do you live? In the United States. In what part of the United States? In

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Lesson Second.

HAT HEMISPHERE is America in? In the western hemisphere.

Then in what hemisphere do you live? In the western hemisphere.

What is a HEMISPHERE?

A hemisphere is half a sphere. What is a sphere?

A sphere is a globe or ball.

Then what is a hemisphere?

It is a *half globe*, or *half a sphere*, or half a ball.

Is an orange a sphere?

It is; because it is round like a ball.