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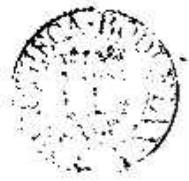

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PREFACE.

When I commenced this short treatise I intended to give a series of electrical experiments, part old, part new, calculated only to amuse. I intended to simplify the construction of the standard experiments so that they should cost pence and shillings, instead of pounds, and this would be all; but when I came to note the experiments down, I found that they would, if arranged, exemplify much of the known theory of electricity as a scientific investigation.

Recalling my school teaching of geography, that I learnt by heart, sentence by sentence from Goldsmith, with much mental labour, and which I forgot when I left school—to look around and discover that others better taught had gained more practical knowledge by the amusement of drawing maps and pointing out positions on the globe—So upon the *practical principle*, I have tried to make this a kind of map of electricity, whereby its wonderful properties and laws may be seen and remembered; by constructing or performing simply arranged experiments, which require little mental effort, reading, or study, and yet contain many *solid facts* and *principles*.

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