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PREFACE.

Most of the following compilation is abridged from the pages of the elegant author of "Philosophy in Sport." The Editor has occasionally borrowed, however, from Miss Edgeworth, Hutton's Recreations, Dr. Brewster's Letters on Natural Magic, and others. Instead of translating the ideas of these writers into a different phraseology, he has used the identical expressions of the original authors, so far as was consistent with simplicity and brevity. He has, also, freely used the privilege of condensing and simplifying the original matter, and of interspersing such remarks and illustrations of his own as the subject seemed to require. In the use of scientific terms, he has labored to be as correct and precise as if he had been professedly writing a treatise on Natural Philosophy.

The object of this little work, is to awaken in the minds of the young an early love of science, by blending amusement with instruction, and if possible, to redeem some small portion of that large amount of time and intellect, (for where do the young exhibit more intellect than in their sports,) which are devoted to recreation. It is hoped that it will also be found useful in promoting the habit of applying the principles of science to the ordinary affairs of life—a habit indispensably necessary, if the possessor would derive any important advantage from his knowledge; but still a habit which the abstract nature of sterner productions is often far from favoring.

How far the following selections have been made with judgment, and presented in an amusing and instructive form, is left with an indulgent public to determine.

SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

ON a beautiful afternoon in May, George Somers, a bright-eyed, rose-lipped boy, returned home from the last day of his examination.

He had always been a diligent pupil, and from his efforts to do well on this occasion, was a little fatigued. Still he was in fine spirits, and his cheek glowed with the feeling of conscious merit; for he knew that the testimony of his industry and good conduct which he had received from his instructor, would delight the hearts of those whom he dearly loved. As he bounded lightly into the parlour, he was welcomed by his mother and

sister with a smile of approbation. Then he thought he would not have exchanged his feelings for all the world, and he determined that he would never deviate from a course that was productive of so much happiness. Can there be an incentive to virtue so powerful as the exhilarating smiles which the school-boy receives from an affectionate parent?

On this occasion George did not forget to lay up his philosophy on the shelf, but he accompanied the act with a secret resolve to have nothing more to do with books, until the school-bell should summon him away from his sports and amusements.

The vacation before him was a long one to be sure, but he had no fears that time would hang heavily on his hands; and at first it did not. For many days he did nothing but play at balls, marbles, and other games: But at last he grew weary of all his sports: His ball was lost, and he forgot to procure