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## Obfervations in November.

November's blaft now howls along the heaths; Defcending torrent deluge all the plain;
Decay o'en Nature's imiling afpert breathes; Irs bequty withers-while fie mourns in vain.

nant, and it required all the addrefs of the Farmer and his wife. to reftore order and good-humbür; at length, however, they fuccepeded, and the jug began to circulate brinkly.

Gallipot, who had not yet thoroughly perceived that Syntax wis only joking, when he declared that he was the difciple of Gall and Spurzheim, feemed anxious to renew the converfation, but was prevented by Mr. Deputy Rarmm propofing the health of the King-as a toaft, to be drank in a bumper of ale. This, of courfe, was acceded to: but its potent effects were foon vifible in the behaviour of the Deputy, who foon began to hum "God fave the. King ;" and when he had finifhed, declared hé wifhed he had the "Courier," for he wanted much to know how affairs were going pn: he had miffed it much fince he had been in the country, and, above ah, the difcuffions at the King ${ }^{\prime \prime}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ Head had been a woeful tofs to him. He now, howeven, begạ to fancy that his old friends were around him, and began' to harangue them:
"Gemmen, you perceive that there thing has taken place, which I prognoficated long ago-the glorious victory of 'Lay Belly Alliance,' or, as my friend

## Certainly not.

December hath xxxi Days.




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forthe YEAR of our LORD $\mathbf{3 8 1 6 , \text { bighly mactury fer ipery }}$ bere eiliber by Land or Water.






Co which is contaiaed much interefting mattor, and which beg :Ftave to recommend to the moft profound attention of all. Who defire to knaw nore than their neighbours, and to have: their names enrolled amongt thofe of the moft diftinguiboed fravans et plilofopbes.

In my laft preface I gave'a detailed account of my aerial journey, tugether with a prophetic diary for the year ilis. I have the pleafure of faying that all my prognoftifications were verified. I muft confefs, that although my chief end in thus unveiting the arcana of futurity; was to enlighten the minds of meen at large, yet, 1 did hope that at the fame time 1 frould pe purfuing the right path to fame and opulence. Of the former 1 may fay, without vanity, that I poffefs a pretty large flare; fulicient to fatisty the defires of any reafonable mind; of the lat tery-alas I I am as poor as Job was in the days of his adverfty. Former ages wore moge generous than the prefent. Frum them E received the homourable title of Knight-but now-a-days, the sumber of thefe homourable men is fo great, that I who have laboured inceffantly for the good of the public, am loft in the general mals-my country neighbours, by whom I was hereto Fore looked up to with a degree of reverence, begin to lofe that Seelinge as they have found ont, that there is farcely a willage in Eugland, in bich a kight does not refide. T-I certainly have not wielded a fword-but I have wielded a goofe-gmill-my noighbours cqnot diftinguifh the difference-and thus I fear my ancient signity will be confounded with the pretenfions of thore, whofe henours are but of the growth of yefterday. Howeyer i aliways confole myfelf with this refection, that an impartial public wild decide between the men of war, apd the man of peace.

I have had fome thoughts, principally on this accounts of removing my abode altogether to the upper regions, and theme in the fotitulead privacy of my Fizpiarian sefidence, forget the petty vexations of this tumultuous world. It feems a noif prop phdeatial circumftance, that at the time when I was aboyt to fiffer (what Hudibras could never endure) I mean, in piy homourg a fituation fould have fo twondertully fallen to mylot, where I can enjoy my folitwey dignity, without the danger of intruders. The mone I revelve this poojoct In my mind, the mose I am enamoured of it-ibut- canaot loave my real friends,


 the mind have roem so expand themfolves-anid: wheres evoty thing, tben the very air itfelf, confpires to elevatewrefine - and fpirfuratize the ideas of a alligent fearcher itro the ceoriomy of nature. Hete then is the Reliquize 8acrum- ithe firt meteh: 6 fra fyftem which is to aftonim, confound, and corlvetr the phition phiters of all nations. If ran apoiogy be required for prefdnting this to the world-let me fay that the prefent day' is shel period for new fyferms-the rage for fytem is mof prevalent.- (Whe have fyftems of philofophy-of religion-of anatomy'; \&c, "\&er and why fhould you not have

## A NEW SYSTEM OF METAPHYSICS ${ }^{\text {P }}$

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Poor Sir Robin, Kit.
I really can fee no plaufible reafon, why you thould nobt, atia therefore here it is, juft as it came forth from the brain-yot have it therefore at firft hand.
" When l have examined matter, (that is, the matter of thfs world, I fay nothing of the matter of my fatellite) it has'appeared to me that it could not think, and 1 have readily admittell beings purely Ypiritual ; it is true, correct ideas of Yach fubftances have never been formed. This proves the fagacity of man does not reach very far.- But does it prove there is nothity beyond 3
© When I have confidered the animals, I have not been atrie to help thinking them intelligent, and that fo much ingentiity was not without fome underftanding. They are, therefore; fatd 1, provided with a fpiritual fubftance. But what there finfects, thefe worms, thefe microfcopical animals, who fricreafe without number in the forteft fpace, have they each a fpirtimet, that is to fay, an unchangeable, immortal foul?-may fome one ray'-I do not rimagine any fuch thotight ever entered into'a found head-my readers may therefore be affured it has neber entered into mine.
"Then calling to mind that intelligent fubftance diffured through the whole earth, and perhaps farther,' that immettre Ipirit of whom fome ancient philofophers have talked, undipr the name of the univerfal foul'; 1 have thought that, withont myltiplying infinizely fpiritual fubftances, that foul was vety proper to rupply their place, and alone fufficienf to give life to all the anithals- I have the efore embraced the opinion of the éńcitents, with fóme exceptionş̣.






 ainsoationtof, its fublamee:
$x$ - Darthers the ancients believed that man, like the aninals. Herived from the traiverfalifoul all the intelligenge he is endowed yolth - this is a grand miffake. If we confider in man, that hidden principle which carries him fo efficacioully to tollow the impreffions of fenfe, though ever fo repugiant to reafon, we fhall agree with the ancients, that this principle muft be the fame which animates, rules and directs the animals; the pure fenfitive nature of the univerfal foul is vifible in it. But when I parceive in man another agent, which tends to fubject all his pactions to the rules of juftice; which fo often oppofes the Tenfes (though feldom with fuccefs) which, even when it fucceeds not to hinder the fin, never fails to $\&$ ing him with remorfe and repentance; I cannot help thinking, that belides the uniyerfal feirit, there is in man another principle of a fuperior orjer: a principle known by the name of the rational foul. It is manifeft by the clafhing between the pafions and reafon, that there are in us two contradictory beings which oppofe otie another: If I may be allowed to compare things of fo diftereit a nature, 1 fhould fay that every thing which partakes of the ,univerfal foul, is like a foonge foaked in the fea, and that if moreover the body is endued with a reafonable foul, evtiich is the cale of man) it is like the fane fonge foaked in the fea, but in which a drop of oil has found its way.
$\because$ In fine-the ancients believed, that the univerfat' foul'was diffufed every where ; but meither can that be. Perhaps it pervades the terreffrial globe, or it may be, the whole folar ryitem, or even farther; but ftill it is certain it has its bounts-litis Gad alone that fills immenfity.
"But how hall the exiftence of a thinking being be admitted, which, bounded as it is, has however fo prodigious an exterifion? What ideas can be formed of its capacionfiets ánd its linits? How can it animate fo many bodies phyfically fepartited one from the other, and forming fo many individuals? Lei us fathom as far as in us lies thefe depths of obfcurity.
"Since fpiritual fubftances liave no folidity, they are pertetrable, and take up no room. From their penetrability it fotlows, that feveral Cpirits may exiff in one and the fame race,
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 mote or:lefs entended, to contain, and to be contimend; and then we may teturn to our compariton of the fponge $x$ 'penen trated by a drop of oil, and immerfed in the fea.
. On the other hand, by wirtue of the laws of combinationy: the:refult of the unions neceflarily differs from the ftbitanbes: that:are united: and it does not appear that the foul:and the; body fhould make an exception. When the fpirit and matter ase waited, think not the fpiris the fame as before-it is in dome neafure materialized-think not the matter fuch as it was bqu: fore; it is in fome manner Spiritualized. From this mixture: sefults a new being, different from pure fpinit, though it retains its mablef virtue ; different from brute matter, though its part takes of its qualities, It is a particular being, forming an india' vidust, and thinking a - part; in fine, it is fuch a boing as you chat are reading, fuch as I that an writing. Therefore, what perw ceives in us, is, properly fpeaking, neither the univer ful fpixity nor the rational foul, vor organized matter; but a componad of ath three. Juft as when a lion roars, it is not the univerfab foul that is in a rage; it is the compound of that foul, and the brain of the lion. Hence it comes that each animal forme:a.feit prawe thinking individual, though all the animals think only. by yiotue of the one and the fame univerfal four. Let ans prois eeed without lofing fight of the faiat light which gaides us through thefe dark paths.
"We have feen that to form an auimal, there needs only a combination of the univerfal foul, and organieed matter; and to farm a man there mint be anpther union of organized matior; moiverail, foul, :and rational fonl. If the univerfal fpirit was whanting, ever obedient to the dictates of the mational fouls wemould fer mone hut virtuous and fpotlefs men, fuch as are no Where to be found.: If the rational foul were wanting, abandows edto nis indind of the univerfal fpirit which always followe the allurements of fenfe, we fould fee none but monters of viogalatd diforden

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vift The umiserfal faut is mited and fepatted, in thei fame cir: carmbancess But it is not always. feparated for evir. . HEtets in atiyi preofan; the motion, effential to life, afteo having totally' ceafedy corne i to ibe remawed (a thing which overy phyyicitn! knows to be very proffibit), and what will be the confoupuence p? The rationial foul which departed upon the ceafing of the wita! notion, cannat return; trut the univerfal fouly iabwaye prefent; cannot fail of remniting with the organized body fet in motion: assuin. The man is dead, for his fout is feprorated frotn his hody: $: \mathbf{H e}$ preferves however the air of a living man ; becaufe the univerfal foul is refettled in his brain, which it directs toled rably well:
s. Such to you appears a perfon perfectly recovered from apoplectic or lethargic fits, who is but half come to life; his foul is Hown; there remains only the univerfal fpirit: Encefs of joy, ar of grief, any fudden oppofition may occafion death, and does eccafion it, in tact, oftener than it is imagined. Let a fit of jealoufy or paffion affect you to a certaint degree, your foul, too frongly fhocked, quits its habitation. And let your friends fay what they pleafe, or fay what you will yourfelf, you are dead, poficively dead. However you are not buried, the univerfal Coul afts your part to the deception of the whole world, and civen of youtfelf.
str L Thall now Speak of the figns by which the living may be ditinguifed' from the dead; and doubtlefs the reader fees already what thefe figns may be. To behold wickedaefs with: unconcern; to be unmoved by virtue; to mind only felfinterelt; and without remorfe to be carried away. with the torremt of the age, are figns of death. Beaffured, no rational foul im.' habits fitch abandoned machines.
"I will eonclude with opening a door to new reflections.' Suppofe $x$ man, like fo many others, vegetates ortyry and is real duced to the univerfal foul; I demand whether the racei of fieh zman is not in the fame ftate.: If fo, I pity our polterity: : ?aty tional fouls were femrce ameng our forofathors; they aro ftill more among es.; furely there will be mone left ameny olup' offis fpring. All are degenerating, and we wre! very boar the ldft


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for the year of man's redemption', 1816:

## THE GHOSTLY ADVENTURES OF

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\text { SIR TRISTAM; } \\
\text { A POEM, }
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Dcdicated to all the lovers of the marvellous in the Unitad. Kingdom.

The night was dark-the night was cold, A winter's night in days of old ; When, from the ancient Gothic hall, : : i sir Triftam gave his page a call. .

Sir Triftam was a worthy knight, Of fame renown'd, of honour bright;' Proof of his courage had been made, Before his Shoulder felt the blade.
"Hubert," he faid, "go bring my fword, With which I thrafh'd that doughty Lotd,. Who dar'd, within this facred, place, Affront my knighthip, face to face."

Sir Triftam, whilf at cafe he fat,
Had heard a footfep, pit-a-pat;
And itarring from his eafy chair, :Refolv'd to fee that all was, fair.

He thought-and 'iwas a ferious thought; Which late events to his mind brought, That he might be that night a lroft To entertain fome fhiv'ring ghof.

The thought once lodg'd within his breaft, He vow'd he'd take that night no reft; Till he had fearch'd the cafte round, And all the vaults beneath the ground.

His trufty page now brought his fword, $\cdots$ :
Whom then he bade, upon his word, Declare that he, although twas late, Where'er he went, would follow ftraight.

Ferth went the knight-his trufty page Did many mocking fights prefage; Spectres, and fkwls , and bleached bones Scatter'd around, and blood-ftain'd fones.
wh, Por he had heard old men declare,
Fafts which had made him quake and ftare, How, at a certain night $i^{\prime}$ 'h' year, Strange lights did in the vaults appear.

Thrbugh gatleries long they took their wad, And Hubert then for once did pray,
That he might fee the light again,
Although he fear'd his pray'rs were vain.
At length they reach'd a vaulted room, In which he fear'd to meet his doom;
When the knight bade him ope a door, Which ne'er had feem'd to ope before.

He phalld-uthe rufty hinge did creak, And then was heard a horrid fqueak; "Save and defend us all," he cried, "From every harm that doth betide."
"Knave," cried: Sir Trifam," hold yoar tóngue, Or elfe thy nofe iftalt quick the wrung,
Think you that all the hofs of faints '.. A
Will hear your ptay'rs, 'and tow', anid platnts i"
 "In truth I am fon poth afraid it? 3 , , it ir.t.
"Go forworli, fool !" the keight mopliedyt oll
"Orielfo this blade fhat ope phar adeat! : $九$ "
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Increasid poor Hubert's fear and fweat of 4
But go he mufl-fo on he west,
Although his breath was almoff $\rho_{\text {pent: }}:$ is of
He had not many paces ftirred, Before a whizzing noife was heard; And ere recover'd from this ftock, He on his face receiv'd a knock.
"Angels and miniifters of grace defend us,*** Cry'd Hubert, "here's the ghoft will end us: His ugly fift-beyond all fizeHas nearly knock'd out both my eyes."

Sir Hubert now began to hope
His courage bere would have futl fcope;
He long had win'd to meet a ghof,
And once, for one miftook a poft.
Againft this poft he fpent his rage,
And broke a fword remownd for ages
But now he thought the time was nigh
When he frould conquer one, of die.
With hafty fieps he pac'd the vault, But fpeedily was made to halt; For 'gainf the wall with force he rufh'd, And from his nofe a red fream gufh'd.

The freaming blood-his courage rais'd, He thought the ghoft his face had gras'd; And bidding Hubert ga before, He grop'd his way towards the door. .

Then turniag down a narrow aife,
Sir Triftam lifteniag flood anplide ;
No ghofly socenss reach'd hise car,
No horxid fpectres did fppear:

And fomethitg in the palmage Mirrxi : : : in: :s
He follow'd whence the noife proceeded ${ }^{2}$." "
"At length,": he ery'd," 1 have fuccetededi"
"Within this paffage lies the ghoof,
Whofe conqueft foon chall be my boall:
This trufty fword fhall fend him bame
To the Red Sea, from which he came:"
Then rufhing towards the fatal fpot,
Sir 'Triftam every fear forgot: " Ghoftly difturber of my peace, Take that-and let thy waud'rings ceare."

Woe to the ghoft, had he been there,
The fury of his wrath to fhare;
But fomething check'd the direful blow. And laid the honour'd knight full low.

Along the floor he lay-the while A voice like thunder hook the aifle,
"Help !-help !-l'm murder'd;" then a groam,
That echoed back from every ftone.
'Twas Hubert's voice, -he left the knight,
By his command-to fetch a light:
But thinking danger ftill was near,
He funk upon the ground through fear.
The knight arofe, and vow'd he'd make " Each bone within his fkin to thake;
The object of his hopes fo near,
And his vile form to interfere !"
"Well," may fome lover of the marvellous fay - res this lat was certainly not fupernatural-but, what was the caufe of the fqueak ? and what gave the blow, that nearly blinded Hubert ? How do you account for thofe things ?"-ll will tell you-The next morning Sir Triftam renewed the feareh-and the firf objcit was a dead rat, whick Hubert had fqueezed to death in opening the door-and the next thing which prefented itfelf, was an owl-this being difurbed in the midet of his inofturnal cogitations, had revenged the interruption by fying in the face of Hubert-W Was there: any thing fupernaural in thio it I give you sill next year to anfwer theiguefriond. ....i, थ, of THE DELIGHTFUE HISTORY 41,?

# BARNABY BLANK,"Esq., 

or

## BIG-NOR-PARK.

IN THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN PARTS.
PARTV.
"f Wili you have the goodnefs," faid Barnaby Blank; Efq. to the fhade with whom we laf year left him converfing; " ${ }^{\text {et }}$ explain the nature of thofe fingular appearances which you call furfaces?" "Certainly," replied the fhade. " 1 do not wothder, in the leaft, that they excite your curiofity. . There is firfti the furtace of Modefty, and this is the only thing neceflary for a Babylonian lady Equipped in this, they go forth to the the t atre and the ball-room; places in which it is extremely conve. ${ }^{5}$ nient to have only the furface of modefty. The moft clegane? mode of arraying themfelves in theie furfaces, forms one of the moft important features in their fyltem of Education.- From: their earlieft years, they are taught to part with the fubftance"; and to be contented with the furface. They are told, when ${ }^{1}$ and where it may be difplayed to moft advantage; and; by thes time they have arrived at years of difcretion, they are perfect adepts in this moft neceflary art; and with the aid of a:fan, are fhielded from any unpleafant fenfations, which had they' the fubftance of modefty, muft be produced by the languages: manners, and aetions, which they coutimully mear, obreste, apd practife. There is alfo the furface of Friendfhip, by the: means of which all Babylon feems to be but one family. Friend-* Ship is like a frong band, made of very weak thread, twifod topether. A Babylonian is tied to no one by the band, but" he' is tied to each of his fellow-citizens by a fingle thread. There is the furface of Piety-many years ago in great repute. ${ }^{\text {L }}$ Is,gives people a certain Gothic air, quite sidiculous in the eyes at the bawt ron. A few years: Ance it was foundoaly among the adherents to the ald bigots, and in an order of
men, who on account of their functions epuld not lay it afide how defird folderi iney, might be- although it stum be confeffed that many even of this clafs did bid defiance to old prejudices, and boldly ventured to declare that they did not poffefs even the furface of piety. Within thefe few years it has again been grawinigt into repure. .
"Oiv $6 f$ the moft ftriking furfaces in Babyion," codt faued the thade, "is that of opulence. Behold in the temples, in the affemblies, in the public walks, thofe citizens fo richly dreffed, thofe women fo adorned; thefe children fo neat, fo lively, and who promife fo fair to be one day as frivolous as their fathers: follow them to their homes; furniture of the beft tafte, commodious ápartments, houres like palaces, all continue to proclaim opulence-but fop there:' if you go any further, you will fee families in diftrefs and hearts overfowing with cares.
"Again, there is the furface of patriotifm-we muft diffinguih in the conduct of the Babylonians between the theory and the praftices. The theory turns entirely upon patriotifm. Public geod, national intereft; glory of the Babylonian name, all this is the tanguage of theory-the practice hangs folely upon the hinge af, private intereft. It is very remarkable that in'this res frect the: Babylonians have long been dupes of one another; TAO many perions plainly perceived that Couztry did not much affeef them, but they heard others talk of it fo often, and foaffectionataly, that they verily believed there was ftill fuch a thing as a patriot, although they were not fo themfetves.
,4.Such is the lot of the elementary fpirits," continued the made" "No fooner are they out of the probation column where: theysare, parified, but they return to their ufual labours; and to fee where their prefence is moft neceffary; and whese man have moft need of their affitance. At their coming out, of the column they afcend this hill. There by'a mechanifmes whing required the utmoft \&ill of the fpirits every thing that palles incall parts of the world is feen and heard. Thou artgoing to try the experiment thy felf."
Qq each fide of the column is a large ftair-cafe of above a: humdned Aeps which leads to the top of the hill. We went upy 2nd, wore feareely half way when my ears were fruck with a dif:agrefable humbing,: which increased as we advanced. : Whers we cane to a plettorm in which the hill onds, the firf thinge, that fruck :my.eyes was a globe of a confiderable diamecer. At a difance it was, a hursming; Dearer it was a frightful thunderd ing noife formed by a contufed mixture of fhouts of joy, ravings. of, defpair, fhaieks, comptaints, ringings, murmurs; ;acclamat tiopsspluaghter, greans, and whatever proclaimsthe inpmoderate: forrow and extravagant joy of mortals.
"Smallimperteaptible.nipes, (Said the ftrade), cometriom each point of the earth's furface, and end at this globe. The ipfidea is organized fo that the moction of the air which is proppegired through the impenceptible pipec, and grows wealcter is titue) refumes frefh forcerat the entrance into the glebe and becotere fenfible again. Hence thefe noifes and hummingse But what would thefe confufed founds fignify. if memos were nall foriut to diftinguih them? Behold the image of the ceavth painted ant the globe; the iflands, the continente, the oceatas whtrich, fuat tound, join, and divide all. Doft ohow mot fee Eurape, ithat quarter of the earth that bath done fo much mifkitef ato the other three 3 burning Africa, where the arts and the mints that atend them have never penetrated; but from which nailijento of human beings have been folen in order to gratify the iunsuict of Europeans by cultivating their lawds, and enriching, thet frit with their blood? Asia, whofe luxury, paffing to the Eumpeasi sations, bas done fo much good according to fome, and fo maticky marm according to others. America, till dyed with the bleod: of its unhappy inhahitants, whom men of a areligion thase brathets ‘peace and good-win!' came to convert and barbwotiny stoun der ) Obferve what point of the globe thou pleafef, phace:themei the ond of this pod which I give thee, and putting the otheriond to thy ear, thou gadt hear diftinctly whatever is faid in thes correfponding part of the earth."

Surprifed at this pradigy, I put the end of mon mon Babylon, I applied my sar and heard what follows. "Is is it neit true," faid a farmer of the impofs who was making bisctatcue kations upon the people, "that in the occafions of theifturey" every one fitould contribute in proportion to his-meare, affers at deduction of his neceffary expenfes? Is it not sufo tries that des Very fhort man fpends lefs in cloaths than a very tall one; Isis: zot true that, this difference of expenfe is very coniderables: fince there is occafion for fummer habits, winter habits 'fprimg' habits, autuma habits, country habits, riding habits, and © know not how many others ? there fould be fikewife moming and evening habits, but the morning is not known ac mabelon. I would therefore have all his Mejefy's fubjectes mealubed randtaxed each inverfely as his fature . . . . Another confideraciol: of equal weight. A tax on bachelors, has been talked iof ${ }^{\prime}$ Money fhould be raifed upon thole who are rich enought to be married, and efpecially upon thofe who are rich enough to vom. ture upon having clisidren, and therefore thamied toen- fhointai be taxed in a patio comporaded of the ampuat of thefr:capitto tron, and the number of their childrete. I have in meppocketbpok. I know not how many projects as geod, as thafef; xad, whichx I havé very luckily devifed; each man has, his talents: this is

F9Agalloule diftanoe was a grammaxian making his obfervatons. 4. Threa languages (faid he) are fooken at Babylon, that of the suodes, that of the pectit. maitre, and that of the better fort. The Grft ferses to exprefsin a difagreeable manner hocking things. Withall their judgment, feme authors have writren in this langrage; and the Babylonians, with all their nicenels, have read Chem with pleafire. The fecond is made up of a certain cond rexcuce pf words without axy meaning. You may talk this lan. guage a whole day together, and when you have done, it will Be found you have faid nothing at ali. To enter into the character of the idiomy it is effential to talk inceffantly without meafortand as far as poffible from common fenfe. The third wants a cemain precifion, a certain force and certain graces: but it is fuifeeptible of a lingular elegance and elearnefs. It will not perhaps be expreffive enough of the flights of the poet, or the seantports of the mufician ; but it exprefles with admirable eafe all the iddaco of him who obferves, compares, diffufles, and feeks truth. : Without doubt, it is the propereft language for reafon ing; iand maoft anhappity it is leaft ufed for that purpofe." The end of my rod by chance fell upon an affembly where they wore talking of happinefs. Each declared his opinion as follows:
4 At lengeth (fays one) this fuperb colonnade is laid open ; they. think of:removing thofe pitiful little houfes which darken that grand and beautiful fronts they repent of having built under ground to adosn a place : tafte is reviving: the arts are going to flouridh : , very fhortly Babylon with prochaim the magnificence of themanarch and the liappinefs of the people." . . . . . . . . " It . is:a great queltion," faid another, "whether colonnades, finel fquaros, and large cities, will make a nation happy: they muft beienfiched. Indufry nuat be excited, agricultute encourraged. manufactures ingremed, and trade made to flourifh: vithous. which ad the reft is nothing."
"Nonseafel" Said $z$ shird, "I have faid it, and 1 fay it agains: if we loith be happy our wianners nuif be more fimple: the circle of our wants contracted; and in a country life, we nanf: withdraw from the vices which attend the luxuries of cities."
" 1 do not know wherein confifts the happinefs of nations; ${ }^{2}$. faid a fourth, "but 1 think the happisefs of individuats renfiftry in. the heatith of the body, and peace of mind." . . . $\because$ Aftar-i
 and. हrapquillity is tirefome. To be happy, you moft enjoy a. great regotakions for aesvery infont your cat wial be sickled; will ine grated with cenfures, becaufe there is ap pleafing every boden It is ind opaion, that every mian is happy in proportion to his authority and power; for one can gratify onefelf in the fame proportion."....." "Yes! but then that eagernefs will be wanting which ftamps a value upon things : if all was in your power you would care for nothing. For my part, I am of opiniont that ed be happry we mitht defpife all things; that is the only way to avoid alf kind bf vexation and trouble whatfoever.".. . . . . . . "A And think we fhould con. cern ourfelves with every thing : by that means we fhall partake of every occation of Joy.: . . . . . . . "Now" 1 think we fhould be indifferent to every thing; as the means of enjoying an unchangeable happinefs." ..... "I take wifdom to be the thing, tor that alone will fet us above all events." "And I fay it muft be folly; for tolly creates her own happisefs, independently of any thing crofs or difagrecable about her." . . . . . . . "You are all of you in the wrong. Nothing general can he affigned that may be produetive of the hadpip ners of particular perfons. So many men-fo many minas; this defires one kind of happinefs, and that another: ome wintes for riches, another is content with neceffaries: this wotrlar ${ }^{2}$ bve and be loved; that confi ters the paffions as the bane of the foul. Every one muft fudy himfelf and follow his own inclination." "Not at all; and you are as much mifaken as the reft. In vain do 1 perfuade myfelf that I thould be happy, if 1 poffeffed fuch a thing; the moment I have it, I find it infufficient'; and with for another. We defire without end and never enjoy. A certain inan was continually travelling: about, and always on toot; quite tired out he faid, If 1 had a horfe I toitild be c̣ontented. He had a horfe ; but the rain, the cold, the luyi were fill troublefome to him. A horfe (fayb he) is not fufficient; a chariot only can fcreen me from the inclemencies of the air. His fortune increafed; and a chariot was' bought. What followed? exercife till then had kept our trateller in mealth: as fion as that ceafed, he grew infirm and gouty; and prefently atier, it was not poffible for him to trável either on Woll dr on horleback, or in a chariot."

Thus my dear readers I have brought you to the end of part the fitith of this interefting and wonderful hiftory, compared with which the moft interefting yoyages and travels of bour moft celebrated men are dull and infignificant. A productions which - as rèniaikable for its clofe adherence to truth and probabitity; as for its fidedity in the correct delineations of natare, and in thy


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# SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSES 

 $\pm 1$ sisule is. Or fiery oven's grand commotion, Shall crack the circumpolving thell, And fend us all aloft pell-mell.1/Mins 27. Sun eclipfed, invifible at Greenwich, Conjunction at 3 h. 6 mit A.M. the fran will be centrally eclipfed, on the Meridian at 2 h .46 A min. in She Moxning in Latitude $58 \quad 52^{\prime}$ South, Longitude $13^{\circ}, 26^{\prime} \neq$ Eaft. Jone 9th and 1oth. Moon eclipfed, vifitle at Greenwich. B. M.


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Jopitan will be a Morning Star: will the 2gth of April, then' and E'tenítg


## THE FOUR SEASONS:

OR, THE WHOLE YEAR IN ONE PAQE.
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2d. Sumprr Quartir commences on the 2att June at 2 h . ws mim afternoon.
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Firf midt the fetwofs of the year,
Spring and itt jorund traint apperr,
Ten thoufand werfod hues- ate feem-
The violet-puspla-minewand green-
Are all tombin'd to ernathent the treade.
A Sommer Fivening.
The fun was fet, and twilight's lateft tay
Yet linger'd ere it fled and clos'd the day ;
6low in the Eatt, the Meon arofe to tiew,
And s'er the feene, a mellow'd glory threve.
On the lake's face its urdulating betim,
Dazeled the cye that watch'd ite filent fiream;
No found was heard, fave where the cat'ract $¢$ \&f,
And fpread its echocs murmuring through chedtan.
An Autumn Etening.
Tbe Sun was haftining to his ocean Bed, -
His broad ofb finking slow'd with deeper red,
The mountain tops were ting'd-the village fpim
Caught his laft rays, and blaz'd with vivid fire.
The foreft which on Wernode's top had rear'd
Its lofty head for ages-now appear'd
In autuinn's hies-its ftrong boughs gently wiw'd;
That oft the elemental ftrife had brav'd.
Wirrir.
Day clofes in a pace-the falling finew
Throws its pale mantle o'er the fields below ;
The wind blows keen, and fighing as in goes,
Seems to combiferate the poor man's woes,
While o'er the embers' flow departing blaze,
He, with a wife and children, thiw'ring geme.

