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The happiness of human hind
Consists in rectitude of mind,
A will subdued to reason's sway,
And positions practised to obey
An open and a generous heart,
Refined from selfishness and art.—William.

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## THE GRANDCHILDREN

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SIR THOMAS AND LADY BARRETT LENNARD,

BECHUS, ESSEX,

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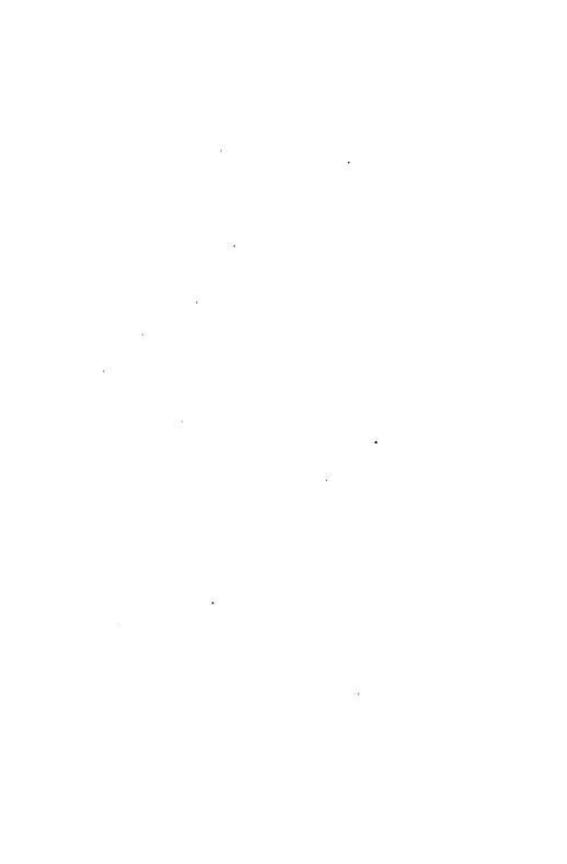
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## ADVERTISEMENT.

THIS little Work, the production of leisure hours, and undertaken at the request, and for the amusement, of the younger part of a domestic circle, was not written with a view to publication: The wishes of kind, though, it is to be feared, too partially judging, friends, have caused its appearance in its present form: to those friends, therefore, and such other young readers as shall be disposed to think favourably of it for the Author's sake, it is alone offered: it pretends to no merit but simplicity; it holds out no claim but to forbearance.

BRETTS, August 15, 1820.



# THE SON AND THE WARD.

### CHAPTER I.

CHARLES and AMELIA MELWORTH were, the children of affluent parents: their father had in early life amassed considerable property by a strict attention to mercantile concerns,—an attention so strict, indeed, that he had even denied himself those recreations and indulgences usually the concomitants of a rising fortune. He was, in the world's phraseology, a complete "man of business:" his mornings were wholly devoted to the countinghouse; and when, after the fatigues of it, he retired at a late hour to his drawing-room, the society of an amiable and accomplished wife was often found insuffi-