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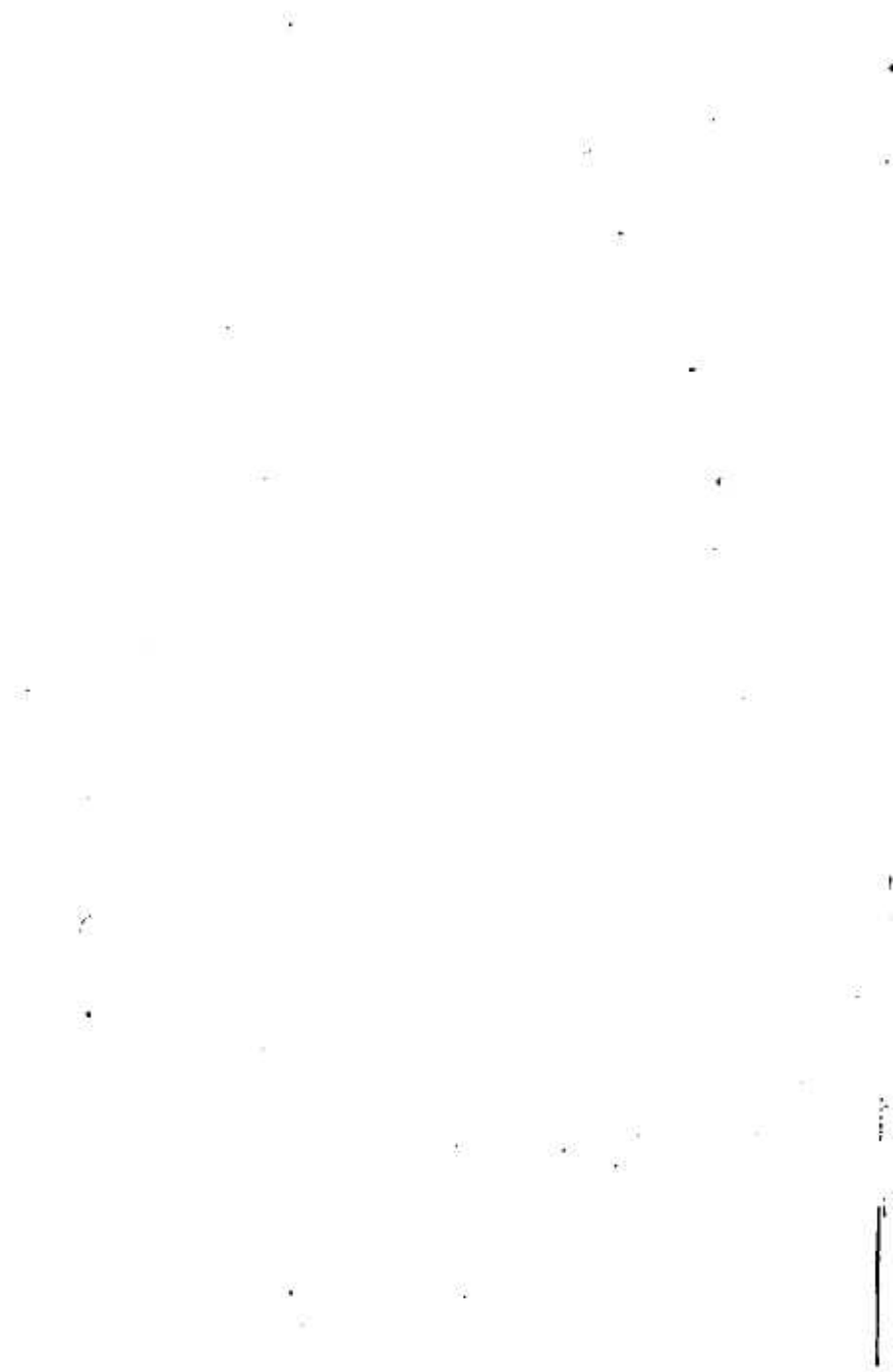
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THE
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CONTAINING

INFORMATION FOR THE USE OF LADIES PROCEEDING TO, OR RESIDING IN,
THE EAST INDIES, ON THE SUBJECTS OF THEIR

OUTFIT, FURNITURE, HOUSEKEEPING,

THE REARING OF CHILDREN,

DUTIES AND WAGES OF SERVANTS, MANAGEMENT OF THE STABLES,

AND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVELLING.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED

RECEIPTS FOR INDIAN COOKERY.

By A LADY RESIDENT.

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P R E F A C E.

As a young lady, my outfit for India was undoubtedly a deeply interesting topic; as a young *married* lady the appointments of a house, horses, &c., demanded almost equal consideration. Naturally those upon whom the providing of these requisites devolved, consulted with friends who had visited that equally over-praised and over-abused country.

Wide were the differences in their opinions as to what it was necessary and desirable to purchase. "Muslins cannot be *washed* in India," gravely enunciated one ancient dame. "Silks cannot be *worn*," wrote a second. "Nonsense," ejaculated a third, younger and prettier than her predecessors in council, "I lived in Trichinopoly, the frying-pan of India, and very soon not only wore, but wore out the silks I took with me." "Two dozen nightcaps will be ample," suggested a fourth, and ample indeed they

proved, never having been needed at all! The finale of my misfortunes, from following all the good advice so liberally bestowed, was my purchasing a "lady's cloth" riding-habit, "so cool, so cheap, wears as well as broad-cloth;" in my innocence, and to my sorrow I believed them: it wore a few months only, and then was positively in ribbons!

"How much I should have saved myself and my friends, had there been a little book of useful practical advice on the wants of an Indian lady then available; but I never have seen such a volume." This was the thought which occupied me a good deal on my first arrival in the country; my resolve, springing from the knowledge of the want, was to supply it, if possible. Seven years' experience has shown me daily more and more what is needed in India by ladies of moderate means, and I have endeavoured to render this modest little book, as far as in me lies, a compendium of all the information actually necessary for their domestic comfort.

THE AUTHORESS.