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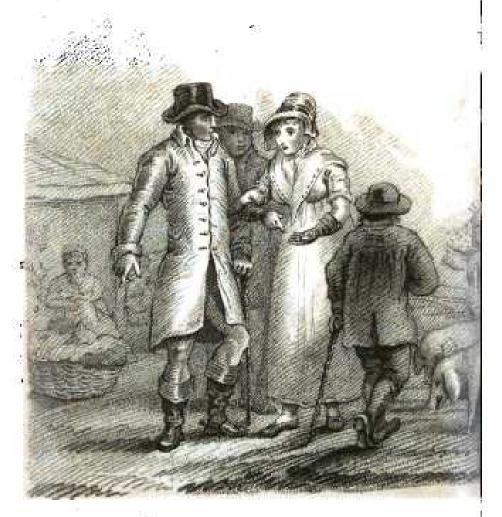
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By MRS. HOFLAND.

AUTHOR OF THE SON OF A GENIUS, -DAUGHTER OF A GENIUS, &c. &c.

Third Edition.

A simple race! yet bence Britannia sees Her solid grandeur rise; hence she commands Th' exalted stores of every brighter clime.

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[·] Mr. and Miss Edgeworth,

the rising generation; which she trusts will not be less acceptable than those which have preceded it, since it is governed by the same principles, and dictated by the same feelings.

The Publishers, desirous of giving a more extensive circulation to the works of the Author of The Son of a Gentus, have printed this Work in the present form, and hope the reduction in price will merit the attention and support of the Public.

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CHAPTER I.

- to me last night for the Green How farm, but they complain of its being too small," said Sir Harry Eustace to his groom one morning as he watched the operation of saddling his favourite steed.
 - "Your honour may make it larger; Farmer Norton's lease is out at Michaelmas, and if you join Lea Mea-

dows to Green How, it will be a thing —aye, one of the finest things in the county of Stafford."

- "I will speak to old Grey about it."
- "Never speak to he, your honour —what's the use of your honour coming to age, and having your leases all out, and every thing tumbling as it were into your hands, if so be you go to consult your steward about every thing—it ben't his way to give in to these great farms, but being as how all the quality do it, why shouldn't your honour, I wonders?"
- "But perhaps this same Farmer Norton may be as little willing to go, as old Grey to send him."
- "Who's to ask he, I wonders? besides, to my mind, your honour,