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PREFACE.

A FOURTH VOLUME OF the GEM is presented to the Public by the Editor, with sentiments of gratitude for the indulgent reception accorded to his former labours, and not without a hope that his present efforts will be attended with equal success. He feels that, though little credit can be due to him for producing a book worthy of praise, he might be justly censured if he failed to do so, having the assistance of so many talented pens. In this persuasion, he has endeavoured to make such a selection from the pieces which were submitted to him, as might most contribute to the rational amusement of

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the reader; and he trusts he has secured that end, which is the best criterion of merit.

Of the plates (which, however, as well as the literary contents, must abide the judgment of public taste), the Editor has only to observe, that the subjects were selected by the same distinguished artist who superintended the embellishments of the former volumes.

In conclusion, the Proprietor and the Editor unitedly return their sincere thanks to the various writers and artists whose names and productions will be found to grace the present volume.

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