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PREFACE.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

WHEN I was a boy—that is a long time ago, you will say—well, when I was a boy and went to school, I had a knack of hatching up stories to tell to my school-fellows after we had been sent to our dormitories; for we were put to bed as soon as it was dark, that we might be out of the way; and as six o'clock was rather too early an hour to go to sleep in the long winter evenings, I used to sit up in my bed and entertain my companions with various *odd* stories hatched up for the occasion; and so constant was I in telling them, that they were called "PARLEY'S HATCHUPS." Now, although I hatched them, as it is called, I wish

you to understand that the eggs were laid in my mind long before, by what I had seen myself or heard from others; and, consequently, these "HATCHUPS" are not mere fictions, but are founded on truth. As such I trust my young friends will receive them; and I hope they will make merry with them, and laugh heartily during their holidays.

PETER PARLEY.

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