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MADAM,

ENCOURAGED by the condescending and benevolent regard which your Majesty uniformly manifests for the welfare of all classes of the subjects of these favoured realms, not only in the grand outline of national advantages, but also in the humbler details of domestic life, the Author of this little Manual, in its eighth edition, begs permission, with most profound respect, to dedicate it to your Majesty, as an expression of dutiful and loyal attachment, and with the anticipation of obtaining for the Work a more extensive degree of acceptance and usefulness, under the auspices of a Queen who is herself a pattern of conjugal and domestic virtue.

DEDICATION

That your Majesty, together with our illustrious and beloved Sovereign, may long reign over an enlightened, a virtuous, a loyal and a happy people; and at a very distant period, through the merits of our Redeemer, exchange an earthly for a heavenly crown, is the fervent prayer of,

MADAM,

Your Majesty's

Most humble dutiful servant,

And faithful subject,

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THE writer of this little volume has long been accustomed to observe the habits, resources, and privations of the labouring classes of society, and to cherish a lively interest in their welfare and happiness. Under a conviction that the outward condition of these classes might be materially meliorated by an improvement in their moral and prudential habits, she has often indulged the wish that some enlightened and benevolent friend to their true interests would furnish them with a familiar compendium, calculated to meet their daily round of wants, feelings, circumstances, and duties, and to suggest friendly and profitable hints relative to each.

Several performances of the kind have appeared, some, probably, with which the present writer is unacquainted. Those that have fallen in her way she has found either deficient on account of the scanty circle of topics embraced, or unsuitable from the mixture of irrelevant and objectionable sentiments. The need appeared still to exist, and from circumstances which it is unnecessary here to detail, the task which she would fain have assigned to an abler hand has fallen to her own. It has been pursued with diffidence under a deep conviction of her own inability, yet not without deriving considerable pleasure from the subjects that have passed under her notice; and should her little work prove subservient to the well being of those classes for whose use it is designed, and auxiliary to

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Nov. 1831.

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