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And Nature, the old nurse, took
The child upon her knee,
Saying : ' Here is a story-book
Thy Father has written for thee.

" Come wander with me,' she said,
' Into regions yet untrod ;
And read what is still unread
In the manuscripts of God.' "

LONGFELLOW.

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TO

MY DAUGHTER HORATIA,

DEAR COMPANION, FELLOW-WORKER AND ASSISTANT

IN HAPPY HOURS DEVOTED TO NATURAL HISTORY PURSUITS,


I DEDICATE THIS VOLUME,

HOPING IT MAY REMIND HER PLEASANTLY OF THE PAST.

MARGARET GATTY.



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