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George ... 1/6



Epistle Dedicatory.

LAST effort of my spurting pen ;
Last ebullition of my brain ;
Last record of a sunny gleam ;
Last memory of a waking dream ;
 To whom shall I confide thee ?
I form'd thee not in hope of gain ;
Yet thou must not exist in vain ;
Thy mission must not be to vex,
Thy influence must be reflex ;
I give thee to the gentler sex,—
 Success must now betide thee.

Ye nymphs, who daily stand and wait,
With luring smile and tempting bait ;
Who with such winsome arts enthrall
Each swain who looks upon your stall,
 And fill with wild confusion ;
Your favour I would now bespeak,
To dedicate to you I seek
This short and unpretentious tale,
In your fair hands it cannot fail
To find a large and ready sale,
 Without undue obtrusion.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the sampling process, ensuring that the data is representative of the entire population. The analysis methods used are based on statistical principles, providing a clear and objective interpretation of the results.

3. The third part of the document presents the findings of the study. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the variables being studied. The data indicates that as one variable increases, the other variable also tends to increase, suggesting a positive relationship.

4. The final part of the document discusses the implications of the findings. It suggests that the results could be used to inform decision-making in various fields, such as business, education, and healthcare. The study highlights the need for further research to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends.



Epistle Apologetic.

WHEN I state that this little book was written and printed solely as a contribution to the BAZAAR, the *bizarre* nature of its contents will be immediately recognised if not appreciated. It contains the simple story of the experiences, conversations, and thoughts of two unsophisticated and unobtrusive individuals who spent a few days in the Sunny South during the month of October last. When the journey was projected, there were *three* young hopefuls eager for the fray; but one gentleman, as the following pages mournfully testify, retired from the conflict *before it began*. The number was reduced from three to two, not by *decimation*, but by *trigonometry*. We will not now dwell upon our loss, nor in this place attribute the smallest particle of blame to our departed friend, because it is simply unnatural that "two *Wights* should make one black."

"Going away in October!" was the ejaculation of numerous friends who have never dared to venture from home later than the middle of August. Some suggested that the weather would be fit only for the peregrinations of an octopus, whilst others were of

opinion that the long dark nights would be simply unendurable. All were unanimous in predicting our speedy return in a state of chronic hypochondriasis. Fortunately, we had tried October before, and our experience justified us in trying it again.

We drew up a programme of a most comprehensive nature, embracing the whole coast-line from Plymouth to Portsmouth, and including Dartmouth, Weymouth, and Bournemouth. On mature reflection we discovered that any attempt on our part to fill so many *mouths* would result in the whole of our time being remorsefully swallowed up. This discovery also put a fine point on the old moral, that "one swallow does not make a summer"; although one *mouth* is usually sufficient to make a *swallow*. The programme soon degenerated into that unhappy condition known under the Public Companies Act as "*Limited and reduced*;" with what consequences the gentle reader will learn by-and-by.

My companion in travel (Mr. Thomas Morley) being already an old friend of all frequenters of Bazaars in this neighbourhood, and consequently of nearly all who are likely to buy or read this book, needs no introduction here. In the following pages I shall follow the homely example of Lady Brassey, and call him TOM.

J. B.

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, SALE,
March, 1884.



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