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It comprehends those branches of Natural Philosophy known as Mechanics, Hydrodynamics, Pneumatics, and Heat, in their more common application to the practices of modern improved farming; and, so far as practicable, technical words and phrases have been avoided, and the whole rendered simple and intelligible to ordinary readers.

The leading principles have been derived from the existing stock of knowledge; but no treatise on these subjects, as specially applied to agriculture, having before appeared, the various examples of the application of those principles to the structure and use of farm implements, and to the farmer's daily routine, are mostly original.

For the purpose of adapting the work to schools, wherever it may be desirable, it is divided into sections, each of sufficient length for a single recitation.

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