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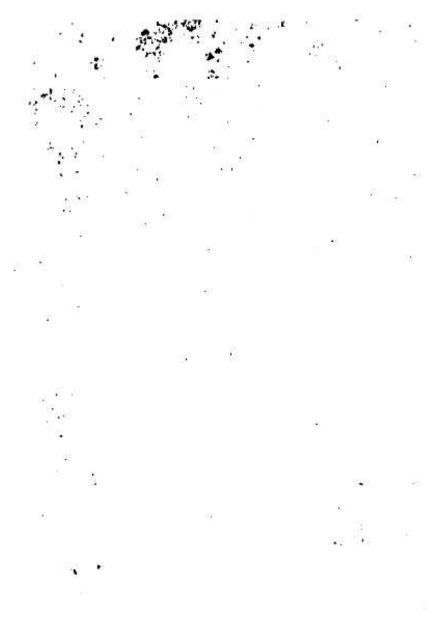
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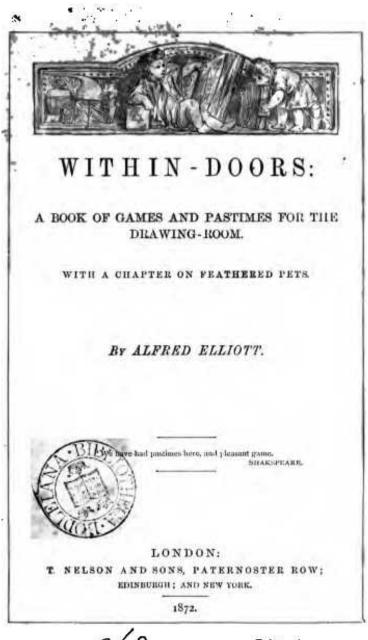




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the following pages I have endeavoured to present a compendium of the games and sports most popular among boys and girls, and best adapted for their amusement within-doors, during their

vacations at home, or in the intervals of work at school. If the absence of some pustimes generally included in a volume of this kind should be noticed, I can only say that I have omitted those which I deemed unsuitable for the "rising generation" of to-day. There are many of these still included in our books of games, which I think should be discontinued along with the knee-buckles and powdered wigs of our grandfathers, and the farthingales and ruffs of our grandmothers. And it has been my object to omit every sport or game calculated to excite ill-feeling among the players, or introduce into their amusements the spirit of discord.

To enliven my subject, and to combine, as far as possible, instruction with recreation, I have introduced into these pages some musical exercises for the voice and instrument, and a few games in French.

PREFACE.

I may add, that the description of each game is original, and not servilely copied from the labours of my predecessors; and that in many subjects I have been favoured with the assistance of experienced "professors," who have zealously devoted themselves to the study of chemistry and charades, blindman's buff and forfeits, card-manipulation and proverbs, magic tricks, and feathered favourites. Let me hope, therefore, that this little volume, both on the score of comprehensiveness and originality, may be cordially welcomed by the boys and lasses of Great Britain and Ireland.

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