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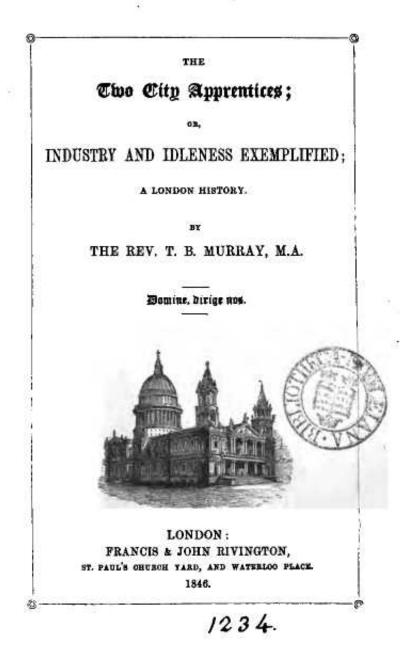
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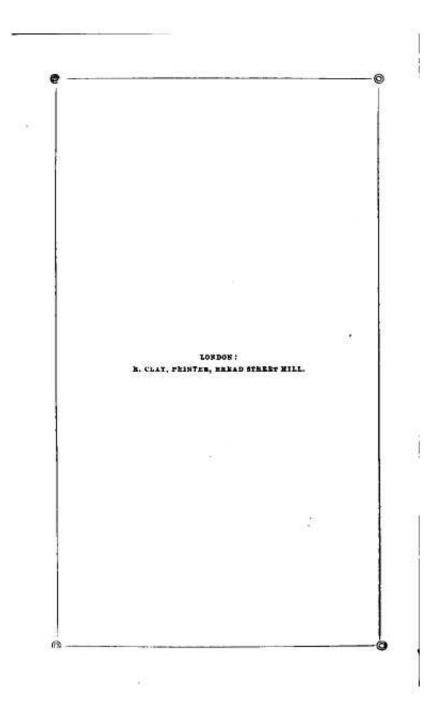
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TO THE READER.

HEALTH to thee, gentle Reader; health of body and soul! How greatly this blessing, "our being's end and aim," is promoted by INDUSTRY, and prevented by IDLENESS, observation and experience sufficiently show.

But perhaps you are young, and have not yet seen in the realities of human life the actual effects of Industry and Idleness on the condition of man. Take then, in good part, this little help, this series of reflections, which certain striking scenes from the pencil of William Hogarth have suggested to my mind.

The following general description of them is stated by Mr. John Ireland, in his Illustrations of Hogarth, to have been copied from the artist's own hand-writing :---

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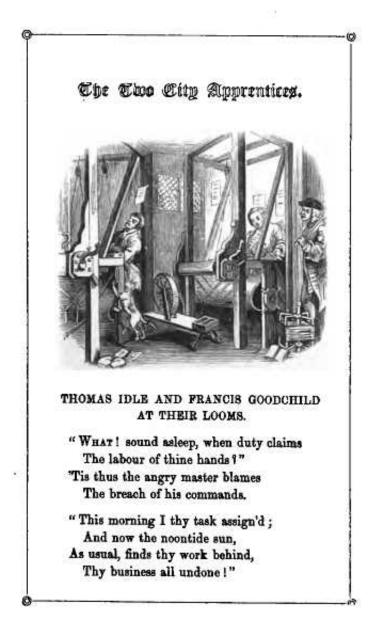
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"Industry and Idleness exemplified in the conduct of two fellow-prentices; where the one, by taking good courses, and pursuing points for which he was put apprentice, becomes a valuable man, and an ornament to his country: the other, by giving way to idleness, naturally falls into poverty, and ends fatally. As the prints were intended more for use than ornament, they were done in a way that might bring them within the purchase of whom they might most concern."

I cannot read this passage of Hogarth's, nor contemplate his "Industry and Idleness," without feeling that in these works he designed the moral and religious well-being of the young. Such is my design also in this humble effort; and may the blessing of God attend it!

LONDON, November, 1846.



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A	speeches utter'd to the dead,	
	The loud complaint was vain,	
In	temperance, as dull as lead,	
	Had clogg'd the Idler's brain.	E.
Tł	ose tatter'd leaves, that silent loom,	
	Yon shuttle out of place,	
(A	kitten's sport) declare the doom	
	Of folly and disgrace.	
H	ow different his companion's way,	
	Whose labour is delight ;	
W	hose round of duties fills the day,	
	Refreshing sleep the night.	1
Tł	e good advice his master gave	
	He keeps in constant view ;	
M	y youthful reader, thus behave,	
1.000	And thou'lt be happy too.	
Be	faithful! and the Lord shall bless	
	Thy toil with wealth and fame ;*	
Bu	t negligence and idleness	
	Shall bring a man to shame. [†]	- 12
	* Prov. x. 4; xii. 24; xxi. 5; xxviii. 19.	
	+ Ibid. xxiii. 21.	
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