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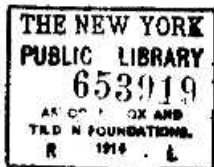
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INTRODUCTION.

To supply the Mechanic with a concise history of the invention and subsequent improvements of the Steam Engine, from the earliest period to the present time, together with such practical rules and explanations as would enable him to design and construct a machine of any required power, and of the most improved form, for whatever purpose desired, has been the main object of the Author of this volume.

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