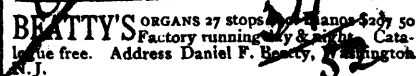


In the heathen turf you will often find a plant closely remarkable for its peculiar roots; from the main stem down to the minutest fibre you will find them all abruptly terminate, as if shorn or bitten off, and the quaint superstition of the country people all ages tell once on a time it was a plant of singular potency for healing all sorts of malady, and therefore the great enemy of man in his malignity, bit off the roots in which its virtues resided. The plant with this odd history is a very good emblem of many well meaning but little-effecting people. The efficacy of every good work lies in its completion, and all their good works terminate abruptly and are left off. The devil frustrates their efficacy by cutting off their ends; their unprofitable history is made up of plans and projects, schemes of usefulness that are never gone about, and magnificent undertakings that were never carried for-

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