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PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON  
MERLIN'S PREDICTIONS.

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THE *LION*, is an emblem of GREAT BRITAIN; and it is well known how much she values herself on the prowess of the master beast of the forest.—The *COCK*, is an emblem of FRANCE; we frequently read of the Gallic Cock.—The *DOVE*, is an emblem of AMERICA, as is well known amongst the learned, for these cogent reasons; Christopher Columbus was the first discoverer of this vast Western Continent, and Columbia is significant of the Dove, and the Dove is well known to be an emblem of innocence.

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*“When the savage is meek and mild,  
“The frantic mother shall stab her child.”*

[MERLIN.]

WELL might the royal Psalmist with an uplifted mind exclaim, Lord what is man, that thou art mindful of him. And in other of his productions, when under the influence of the spirit of truth, he very readily and justly acknowledges that the ways of the Almighty are past finding out, or in other words, unfathomable to us the muck worms of the earth, when compared to the Deity.—I thus introduce the subject with these observations to notice that soon after the christian era, that truly interesting epoch—that the superior light, with which it was ushered in, soon began to dwindle, and alas! man, fallible and pliant man; soon felt the fatal effects thereof:—It is a very interesting adage to go to the fountain head for the pure water;—And as long as the priests of the altar acted up to their original institutions in the promulgation of the Gospel of Peace, and princes did not forget they were men,

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