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In order that our numerous readers may not impeach us with **changeableness**, we offer as a reason for deviating in our last number from our usual form, that it was in accordance with the suggestion of a number of our friends, and partly under the impression that the alteration would be generally approved of. The experiment having been made and found to be inconvenient in several instances, we feel warranted in resuming our **original** form, which we consider better adapted to the space occupied by the Tables, &c. usually inserted in an Almanac; and more agreeably to the wishes of our readers in general.

We have in this devoted a much larger space to **reading** than has been occupied by any previous number, which will be found to contain matter highly valuable, both as regards usefulness and entertainment. In making this addition, we have necessarily abridged some portions of the statistical department. With regard to the improvements in the Calendar Pages and Astronomical Calculations, we leave the Editor of that department to speak for himself.

Our readers will perceive that we have made a new arrangement of our Calendar Pages. A few words in explanation of the Astronomical part may not be amiss. The Rising and setting of the Sun is given in Apparent Time. If Halifax had a horizon open to the east and west, we should have thought it necessary to have given the correct mean time of rising and setting. The length of Day is formed by doubling the time of Sun Setting, and on the contrary, the length of Night is obtained by doubling the time of his rising. Hence the increase or the decrease of the length of daylight may at any time easily be found. The Equation of Time to Greenwich Noon for each day is next given. The *approximate* mean time of the Moon's rising and setting is given only, for the same reason as applies to the Sun's rising and setting. But the true mean time of her Meridian passage or Southing, is given for Halifax. The Tides on the opposite page are those following the Moon's Meridian passage. The intermediate tide may be found sufficiently accurate by taking half the difference of any two tides. As the Lunar day exceeds the Solar day in length, there will be one day in the month in which she will not pass the Meridian, and consequently where the word "morn" occurs, there will be only one tide in the course of that twenty-four hours.

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