



ILLUSTRATIONS OF ASTRONOMY.

NO. 2.—COPERNICAN THEORY OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

Having illustrated the Ptolemaic Theory of Astronomy and noticed some of the absurdities involved in it, we now proceed to illustrate that theory of the Solar System which has obtained during the last three

centuries, and which, from its author, is termed the Copernican Theory.

The word *solar* is derived from the Latin word *Sol*, which signifies the Sun. The Solar System, therefore, is the system of the Sun—the system of