

PREFACE.

THERE is a charm in "perilous adventures," which few readers can resist; and, accordingly, books containing thrilling narrations of exploits and escapes are generally popular. Most persons peruse these books for amusement; but it is obvious that such works as the one we now present to the public must be full of important instruction. The dangers attending travel in various modes and in various parts of the world; the characteristics of the people and countries observed by the adventurous travellers, and what sufferings men may endure, and what contrive, to surmount the greatest dangers and difficulties, are to be gathered from these pages; and surely such knowledge is worthy of attention.

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