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MY OWN LIFE.

The life of an individual who never performed any conspicuous part on the great stage of the world seems to be not worthy of being recorded. Nevertheless a true and faithful delineation of nature presents sometimes situations, which may be not only interesting but also entertaining to the reader. The events of mine, by their variety, seem to be calculated to create interest and to feed curiosity, and having been more than once desired to publish them, I yield to that wish. But in so doing I do not bind myself to more than telling the truth, it being not my intention to imitate J. J. Rousseau and to lay before the public a full and minute account of my youthful follies and errors. Wishing myself to forget them I certainly will not reveal them to the recollection of those who may have forgotten them, and still less make them known to the rest of the world. Their exposition would besides, present nothing more than that which we see every day around us resulting from the activity of passions and from the inexperience of youth.

In an age which has adopted notions so different from those entertained by our foolish ancestors who were silly enough to value honor more than riches, and who paid respect not to the longer purse but to some kind of intrinsic worth; in an age, I say, when an universal levelling system yields only to the influence of Mammon, it appears that no kind of interest can accrue from the dis-