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THE first six volumes of a new General Collection of Voyages and Travels, comprising the Narratives of the European Travellers, are now submitted to the Public. The Plan of the Editor's System of Geography has been followed, as far as was consistent with the different nature of the present Work. In several Collections of this kind, it has happened that the Voyages and Travels in Europe, by being reserved to the last, have been either omitted, or given in small detached portions. The arrangement here adopted has at least supplied that defect, without hazarding a similar imperfection in relation to any other quarter of the globe.

The discovery of a direct maritime intercourse with the great empire of Russia, and the consequent extension of commerce and navigation, being justly regarded by historians as the first dawn of the wealth and naval preponderance of England, it has attracted the first attention in a national collection. This discovery, the most interesting among those of Modern Europe, is naturally followed by the best descriptions of the other countries situated in the extremities of that part of the world, so as to present for the first time, a connected prospect of those remote regions, so interesting to the imagination from the peculiarities of their position and climate, and of the life and manners of the inhabitants.

Having thus surveyed the boundaries of Europe, the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has been considered, for the reasons detailed in the Editor's Modern Geography, as holding out the next claim to notice. After this have been placed the descriptions of France, Italy, Spain, and other countries in the south of Europe, which are followed by the best accounts of Germany, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Russia, with the other northern districts, thus completing the series of Voyages and Travels relating to this important quarter of the world. As, however, this work is intended for the general reader, a brief account of the ancient Voyages and Travels which led the Phœnicians, Greeks and Romans, to what may be