

THE First Edition of this work (June, 1855) was written on the spur of the moment, and principally for my own amusement. By reason of its many imperfections, I have made this new edition, in the hope that, upon its receipt, my friends will kindly consign the old one to the flames.

Etymologies are, however, at all times deceptive; and I feel assured that many errors will still be discovered in my deductions, but plead in apology the old proverb, "*Noli equi dentes inspicere donati.*"