

ing Account of the known World.

But after all I have no very great Opinion of my own Performance; I am sensible there are many Inaccuracies and Improperities, which I hope a Sollicitude to crowd as much as possible in a little room, may apologize for.

I had indeed no Thoughts of publishing this Collection, till the far greater Part of it was drawn up; when I shew'd it to some Friends; but especially to two Gentlemen, whom I knew to be good Judges in Things of this Kind; they all agreed, that it might be of Use to young Persons, and also an Entertainment to others, who have not an Opportunity of looking into large Volumes.

As to the Method of Education, which I have taken, and which laid the first Rudiments of this Treatise; I have the
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