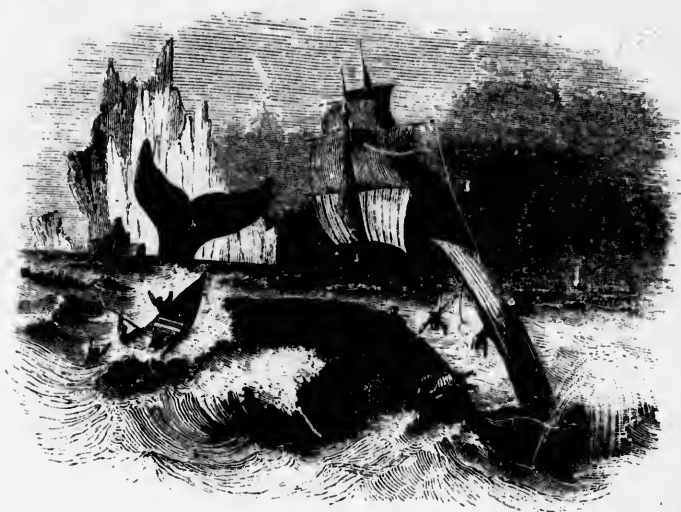




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## PREFACE.

IN the following pages the Author has endeavoured to describe with some minuteness of detail, a few of the many objects of interest more or less directly connected with the Sea, and especially to lead youthful readers to associate with the phenomena of Nature, habitual thoughts of God. A subject so vast as the Ocean might be viewed in a variety of aspects, all of them more or less instructive: the one which has been chosen is that in which it presents itself to the mind of a naturalist, desirous