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THESE Sketches were written at different intervals, and make no pretentions to originality. Part of the materials have been drawn from authors of the most unquestionable authority, whilst the rest came under the writer's own observation and enquiry. It is thought the subjects would be interesting and convey information to the general reader.

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