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*Facile ex his est rebus cognoscere quæque.*—LUCRETIVS.

See with what ease we view e'en distant scenes,  
And thus from far and near draw ways and means.

MR. MACCULLOH,

A friend of mine who is a great astronomer and stargazer, has erected an observatory provided with a variety of instruments necessary for the prosecution of his favourite science. Amongst them there is a large telescope which distinguishes objects at an immense distance, and, when directed towards the expanse of heaven, penetrates beyond our mundane sphere, into the immeasurable space of infinity. He has a nephew whom he is anxious to render as learned as himself in the system of the universe, but the arch-rogue, whenever his uncle's back is turned, takes a delight in levelling the telescope to a horizontal position, and by turning the glass upon its pivot making discoveries all around him in this nether Canadian world. His uncle having taught him to make minutes of his observations on the heavenly bodies, he habitually takes notes in like manner of what he perceives amongst the earthly bodies whom he prefers to contemplate. Some of these he has communicated to me and has promised me more. I send them to you for the amusement of your readers. JEREMY TICKLER.

Turned the telescope towards the mountain, and directing it to the window of a young lady's chamber, saw a handsome foot-boy lacing her stays. However, as it is understood she has made a vow of dying an antiquated virgin, there can be no harm in that.