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*Nihil tam absurdè dici potest, quod non dicatur ab aliquo philosophorum.*—CICERO.

There is no absurdity to be imagined that can not be equalled by the paradoxes of some philosophers.

In a scarce work, entitled *Athenian sports, or paradoxes merrily argued*, printed in 1707, some of the arguments are presented with such ludicrous sophistry and mock gravity, that they cannot fail to be entertaining, if not instructive. Under the mask of humour there are also occasional touches of deep research, and abstract reasoning, which it may be no unpleasant task to the Scribbler to develope, and enlarge upon, in some future number, as presenting congenial matter for the employment of a pen and a mind much attracted by the *nugæ curiosæ* of literature, and habituated to apply them to modern times, and daily occurrences. As texts therefore that may hereafter be dilated upon, or as objects of curiosity in themselves, I present the following to my already numerous, and I hope not ungratified, readers.

Paradox II. *That no colours are real, but only appear such to us.* This is one that is demonstrable by natural and experimental philosophy, and since the dissemination of the Newtonian principles can scarcely be considered as a paradox.

Paradox V. *That it is the pleasantest life to be always in danger.* Here the following curious so-