

EXCURSIONS

IN

NORTH AMERICA.

AFTER Mrs. Middleton had concluded the tour of the British Empire, she laid a plan for the completion of her children's education, adapted to the situations she intended for them.

Arthur had always shown a disposition for an active life, and a desire for novelty, which inclined her to accept the offer of a friend, to procure for him a writer's place in the East Indies; but several circumstances combined at the same time to unsettle his mind, and excite an eagerness to undertake a voyage to America, much earlier than she approved of his abandoning his studies, or being released from the parental care of Mr. Franklin. In the hours of relaxation, both Arthur and Edwin were indulged with a variety of books, calculated at once to instruct and entertain: amongst these, none delighted Arthur so
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