

## THINGS USEFUL AND AGREEABLE.

## SELECTED.

*As joy rises to the greatest height at the removal of some violent distress of body or mind, so sorrow is felt most acutely at the removal of what makes us happy.*

*Paternal love is the same in every bosom, and in every country. The carresses bestowed by the lowest gradation of Arabs, in a mud hut, on their children, are as pure and cordial as the tenderest exhibitions in a Christian family: A mother is always true to the instincts of her nature. She cherishes and defends her child, and death alone can limit the extent of her efforts.*

*"Affairs must suffer when recreation is preferred to business. Affectation in dress, implies a flaw in the understanding. Affectation in wisdom often prevents our becoming wise. A man had better be poisoned in his blood than in his principles. A virtuous mind in a fair body, is like a fine picture in a good light. A burden which one chooses is not felt. A careless watch invites a vigilant foe. Acquire honesty; seek humanity; practice economy; love fidelity. Against fortune oppose courage; against passion reason. A fop is the tailor's friend, and his own foe. A thing worth doing at all, is worth well doing."*

## THE BIBLE.

Golden Treasure; Book Divine!  
Simple, beautiful, pure, sublime  
Eloquence and Poesy  
Find their richest gems in thee:  
Truth and love in flaming light  
Burn upon thy pages bright.  
Ages hidden in the past  
Are upon thy mirror cast.  
Oh thou art a glorious guide  
O'er life's dark and boisterous tide.

For when doubts and mysteries reign  
In the troubled human brain,  
And eternity doth seem  
Only as a wondrous dream—  
Then thy spirit o'er the night  
Gives the mandate, "Let be light!"  
Then be mine thou precious boon  
Light my pathway to the tomb,  
And when life's short reign is done,  
Give me to a higher home.

"THE EARTH is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. *For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*"

There was sent from China to the Great Exhibition at London, a set of *Early Cups and Saucers*, with the gilding laid on,—by a process unknown to English manufacturers, in solid gold plates; of these plates each cup contains no less than 961, and of these 260 are ornamented with imitation rubies. Each cup is also enriched with 269 solid silver plates, of which 31 bear small emeralds. The saucers are still more highly enriched, each being inlaid with 1,035 plates of pure gold, and of these 416 bear imitation rubies. They have also 432 solid silver plates inserted in each, in 66 of which are emeralds. This unique set belonged to a mandarin of the highest rank, and is the first specimen of the kind ever imported.

*Fuller's Earth.*—Fuller, the well-known author of *British Worthies*, wrote his own epitaph as it appeared in Westminster Abbey. It consists of but four words, but it speaks volumes:—

"Here lies Fuller's earth."