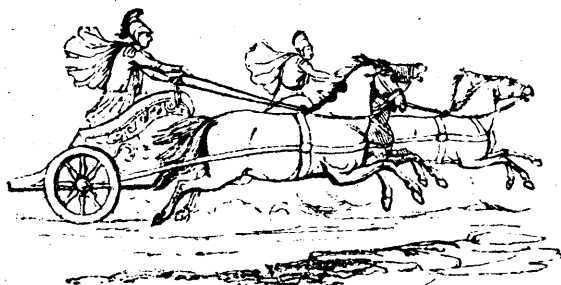


The following illustrations will give our youthful readers some idea of the principal athletic exercises which were practised at the Grecian games, and cannot fail to impress them with the much greater elevation of modern taste, and manners, and institutions, and especially of religion and morals, notwithstanding the boasted refinement and grandeur of Grecian taste and character.

CHARIOT RACE.



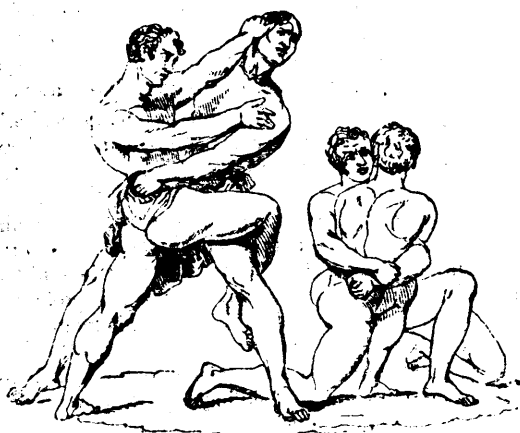
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BOXING.



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THROWING THE QUICIT.



ILLUSTRATIONS OF ASTRONOMY.

Great and devout minds have, in all ages, contemplated, with much interest, the sun, the moon, and the other heavenly bodies which people the universe : and the mind of youth finds an ennobling and delightful employment in surveying betimes those amazing productions of infinite wisdom, benevolence and power. We propose to contribute to the profit and enjoyment of our youthful readers by presenting them with a series of illustrations which exhibit the more obvious and entertaining facts connected with the progress and study of astronomical science. The engravings procured for this purpose, have been obtained from the New York Publishers of MATTISON'S *Elementary Astronomy for Academies and Schools*—a work of much originality, and highly approved by great numbers of Professors and Teachers in the United States.*

The Holy Scriptures contain, by many centuries, the oldest records of celestial phenomena, as well as of human history. MOSES, who wrote a thousand years before the oldest Greek historian, narrates the creation of the sun, moon and stars, and the commencement of their revolutions; and JOB, who probably lived before MOSES, refers to constellations or clusters of stars under the very names that they bear at the present day. He speaks of "*Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades*," and contemplates the Almighty as "hanging the earth upon nothing." Both the Egyptians and Assyrians paid much attention to the stars; and ALEXANDER the Great, 386 B. C., found, at Babylon, authentic records of eclipses, observed there, 720 and 718 B. C., and astronomical records extending back to some 2000 B. C., or about the time of the Patriarch ABRAHAM.

About one thousand years after JOB and MOSES, flourished in succession, in Greece, THALES, ANAXIMANDER, and PYTHAGO-

* The Maps, of which the engravings given are miniatures (together with the text-books), are for sale at the Educational Depository, Toronto. See Descriptive Catalogue.