

# Random Readings.

## SENTIMENTAL, AMUSING, AND INSTRUCTIVE.

The Earth's Journey.—In winter we are nearest the sun, and in summer farthest from it; for the difference in the season is not occasioned by the greater or less distance of the earth from the sun, but by the more or less oblique direction of the sun's rays. The length of the path travelled over by the earth is estimated at 567,019,740

miles, and, as this immense distance is passed over in a year, the earth must move 17 miles a second—a rapidity so far exceeding our conceptions, that it gave very just occasion to the pleasant remark of Lichtenberg, that, while one man salutes another in the street, he goes many miles bareheaded without catching cold.

The Sexes.—The finger of God himself has marked out the impulses, the habits, the character of the two sexes. Man has vigour, woman refinement; man has the reasoning faculty best developed, woman the perspective; man has the power of abstraction, woman rarely possesses it; man is the creature of calculations, woman of impulse; man is capable of deep research—he proceeds slowly and cautiously, measuring every distance, and counting every step of his progress; woman bounds along with rapid feet, observing the most prominent objects in her path, and from them forms conclusions often erroneous, but always ingenious.

Greatness.—A great man is made so for others, not for himself,—to relieve the poor, comfort the afflicted, protect the oppressed, correct the vicious, deliver the captive.

"When I am a man," is the poetry of childhood; "when I was young," is the poetry of old age.

Definition.—An investigation was held, the other day, by the directors of a school, into the conduct of some

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found that they are not as subject to disease on the virgin soil as when grown in land, long under cultivation. Early planting has been found productive of the most flattering results; indeed, many crops have entirely escaped disease from having been planted between the 1st and 10th of May; and by harvesting them by the 20th of September. It is not only important that potatoes should be planted early, but also that

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