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INTRODUCTION.

A DESIRE to form an acquaintance with the whole world, though very comprehensive, is natural to the youthful mind, which, as yet, is unoccupied with the cares of life; it is also praiseworthy, as it indicates a thirst after knowledge; and thanks to the labours of travellers, it may be gratified, without exposure to the fatigues and dangers of long journeys by land and water, the perils of the ocean, the inclemency of foreign climes, the ferocity of uncivilized tribes, or the artifices that, among politer nations, are too frequently practised upon the young and inexperienced. The study of mankind tends to enlarge the understanding, at the same time that it prepares the reader for action upon the great theatre of the world.

Supposing my readers to* have already acquired the elements of Geography, I shall not trouble them with the boundaries, divisions, and other geographical particulars of the countries we must visit: the *people*, not the *place*,

now claim our attention. Suffice it to observe, that we shall take the four great divisions of the earth in succession, beginning with America, whence we shall proceed to Europe, thence to Asia, afterwards to Africa, and conclude with the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

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 PICTURE OF THE WORLD.

 NORTH AMERICA.

GREENLAND.

THIS country was long supposed to be a part of the American continent; but recent observations prove that they have no real connection. The southern portion of Greenland, on which the Danes have settlements, forms a large peninsula; its northern parts stretch towards the pole, in seas inscrutable on account of the vast mass of perennial ice, which denies access to them.

The Greenlanders are short in stature, seldom exceeding five feet in height, their complexion is brown or olive, and their hair coal black and long. They are extremely nimble with their feet, dexterous in the use of their hands; and, by being inured to carry burdens from their earliest infancy, they have the reputation of being able to carry