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P R E F A C E

TO THE SECOND EDITION.

ENCOURAGED by the rapid sale of a large impression of the first edition of this work, the author has endeavoured to make the present edition still more deserving the favour of the profession, by various additions, alterations and omissions.

Among the additions will be found articles on *Mental Impressions, Light, Heat, Cold, Electricity, Magnetism, Diet, Climate,* and *Exercise*, considered as therapeutic agents. The processes of the British Pharmacopœias (including those of the new Edinburgh one) have been described in a more detailed manner. Upwards of a hundred wood-cuts have been added. They comprise figures of crystals, and of some insects used in medicine; microscopic views of the amylaceous grains of commerce; and illustrations of chemical manufactures, and of the modes of preparing some vegetable products. And, in the typographical part, various improvements have also been effected.

As some reviewers have spoken in terms of commendation of the very extended index, the author thinks it but just to state that it was carefully made by his wife, to whose pencil he is indebted for the figures of the grains of fecula, drawn to one scale by an excellent microscope, and camera lucida, lent him for that purpose by his friend and colleague, MR. LUKE.

47. FINSBURY SQUARE,
March, 17, 1842.

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PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION

The author of the first edition of this book has received many kind notices and expressions of interest from the public, and it is with pleasure that he publishes this second edition.

Since the first edition was published, several new works have appeared, and the author has endeavored to incorporate the most valuable of these into this edition. The names of the authors of these works are given in the list of references at the end of the book. It is also to be noted that the author has revised the text of the first edition in many places, and has added several new chapters and sections.

The author trusts that this second edition will be found useful to the public, and that it will be a pleasure to read it. He is, however, aware that it is not perfect, and he trusts that the public will be kind enough to point out any errors or omissions, so that they may be corrected in a future edition.

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