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THE progressive advancement of Chemical Science and many new discoveries in Natural History, have contributed, within the space of a very few years, to alter materially the character of Pharmacy; and consequently to give to each new Edition of the Dispensatory the aspect, almost, of an original work. These circumstances have augmented the author's desire to make this volume as complete as possible: and, while he has endeavoured to correct some errors which found their way into the former editions, he has endeavoured to add as much new matter, both to the text and the notes of this edition, as the course of his reading has enabled him to collect.

Among the new works which he has consulted, candour obliges him to say, that he has taken advantage of the excellent translation of the Pharmacopœia of the Royal College of Physicians of London, by Mr. R. PHILLIPS, Professor BRANDE's Manual of Pharmacy, and the Parisian Codex Medicamentarius. He has, also, availed himself of every work on Natural History which has come within his knowledge, as well as the numerous Voyages and Travels which have appeared since the publication of the last Edition of this

work; and he trusts, that the information which he has obtained from these sources, has greatly enriched the field of his exertions on the present occasion. It has been indeed objected that the facts in Natural History which the author has endeavoured to accumulate in this work are of no practical utility, and are out of place. He replies in the words of Pliny, (lib. i. in Procem.) "Rerum Naturæ contemplatio quamvis non faciat Medicum; aptiorem tamen medicinæ reddit, atque perfectum."

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