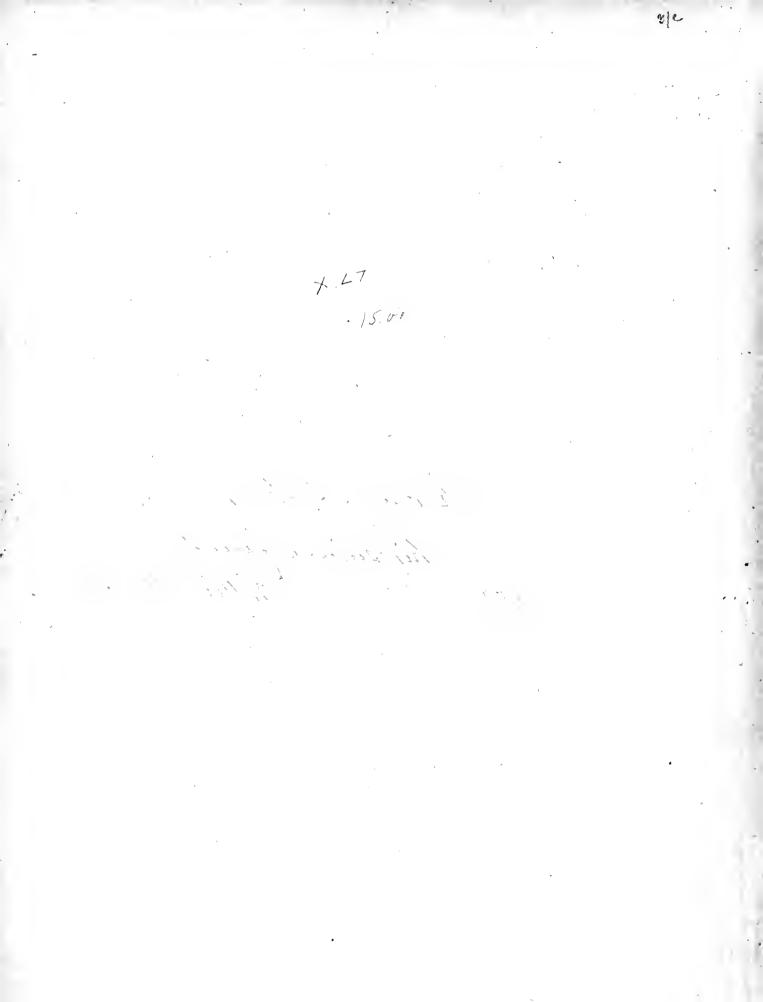


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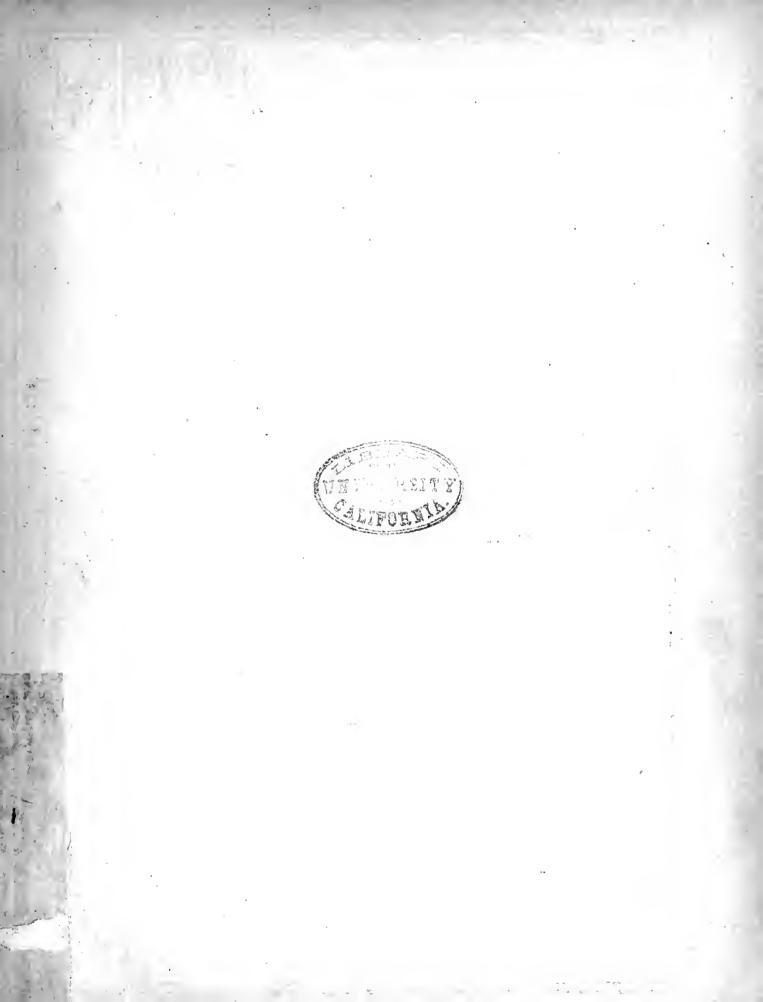
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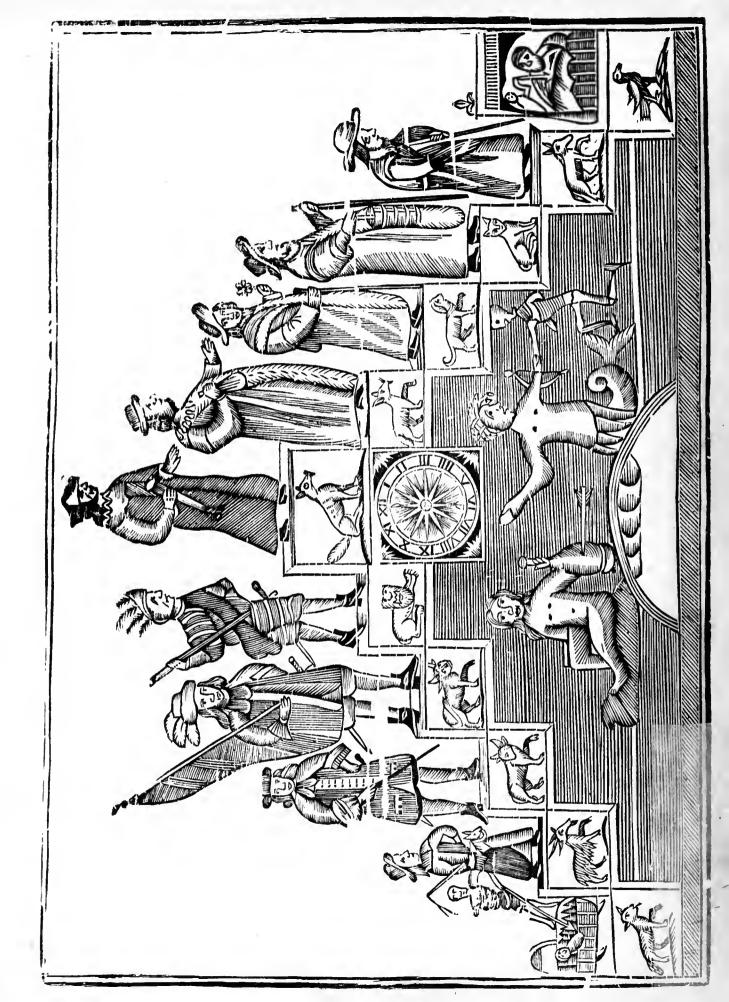
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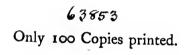
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N bringing this Collection of Impressions from Old Wood Cuts before the public, it appears defirable to supply fome account of their history, so far as may be ascertained. They were probably first gathered together by *John White* of *Newcastle*, for many are observed on the broadfides, ballads, and

other works of a fimilar kind, printed and published by him. He was a citizen of York, and came here in 1708, where he established himself as a printer. Apart from commencing the Courant newspaper in 1711, he printed and fold to chapmen and the public a large variety of "fmall books, ballads and fongs" Many of the blocks, however, are of an earlier date than the time when he lived, for amongft them is the original cut which appeared on the title page of the first known edition of Robin Hood's Garland, published in 1670; a fac-simile of which is given in "Douce's Illustrations of Shakspeare," and also in "Jackfon and Chatto's Hiftory of Wood Engraving." Some of thefe he may have procured from his father at York, who was fole printer to King William, for the five northern counties of John White lived to the age of 81, dying at his house in Pilgrim Street, in England. 1769. He was fucceeded by Thomas Saint, who probably came into pofferfion of his collection of wood blocks, for he alfo printed hiftories and ballads for the common people in large quantities. Still, in this line of production, he would appear to have had a formidable rival, in Thomas Angus, to whom he likely disposed of his collection of cuts; for they were extensively used in printing the above species of popular literature both by the latter and his fon, George Angus, whofe name is fo frequently feen on nearly all the old hiftories and ballads which were published at Newcastle. At the fale of the effects of George Angus, which took place a number of years ago, the whole collection was purchafed by the late *Emerjon Charnley*. Subfequently his fon had a few copies of imprefisions taken for private diffribution. Many applications were afterwards received by parties withing to purchafe the work, and as it was favourably noticed at the time by the general press, the prefent owner of the cuts has been induced to have a limited number of copies drawn, and arranged for fale.

Newcastle, therefore, has been long distinguished for producing at a cheap rate such popular tracts as "Tom Hickathrist," "Jack and the Giants," "Chevy Chase," "Valentine and Orson," "Dr. Faustus," "Robin Hood," "Lord Bateman," "The King and the Cobbler," "The Seven Champions of Christendom," and other rare,

"Antique Ballads fung to crowds of old Now cheaply bought at thrice their weight in gold."

These were usually adorned by the following cuts, and we may suppose that the greater number passed under the eye of *Thomas Bewick*, affording him important material for contemplation. But that individual, in the true spirit of genius, was not flow to observe wherein other engravers had been defective, and accordingly he rose in that department to be the first man of his age. At the end of the volume will be found impressions from a few blocks which received their last touches from that great artift's unrivalled hand. The work, therefore, independent of its curiosity, may be considered valuable as a contribution to the History of Wood Engraving, previous to its revival in the eighteenth century.

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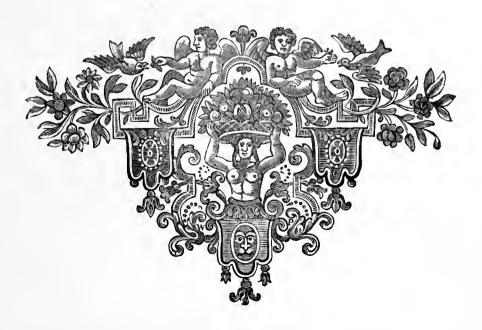














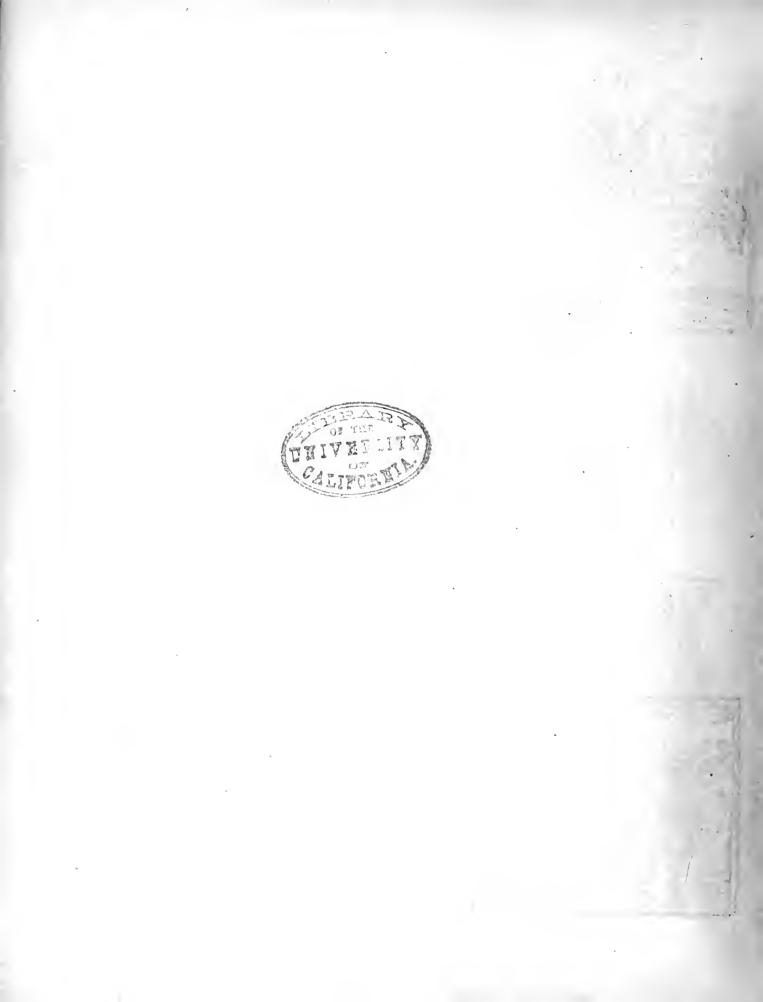


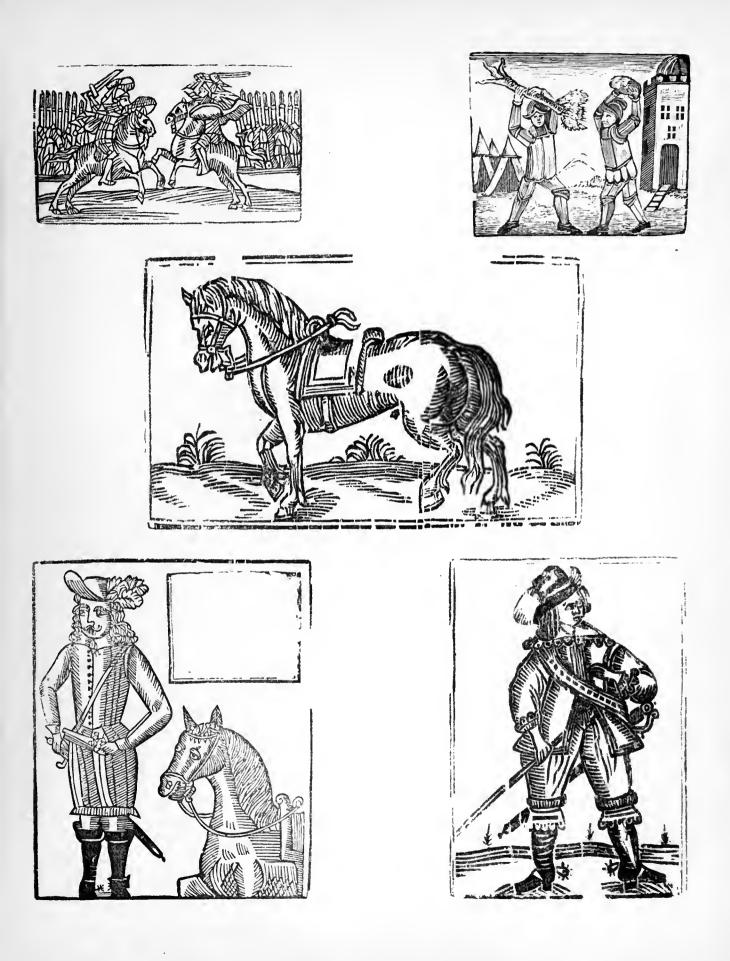


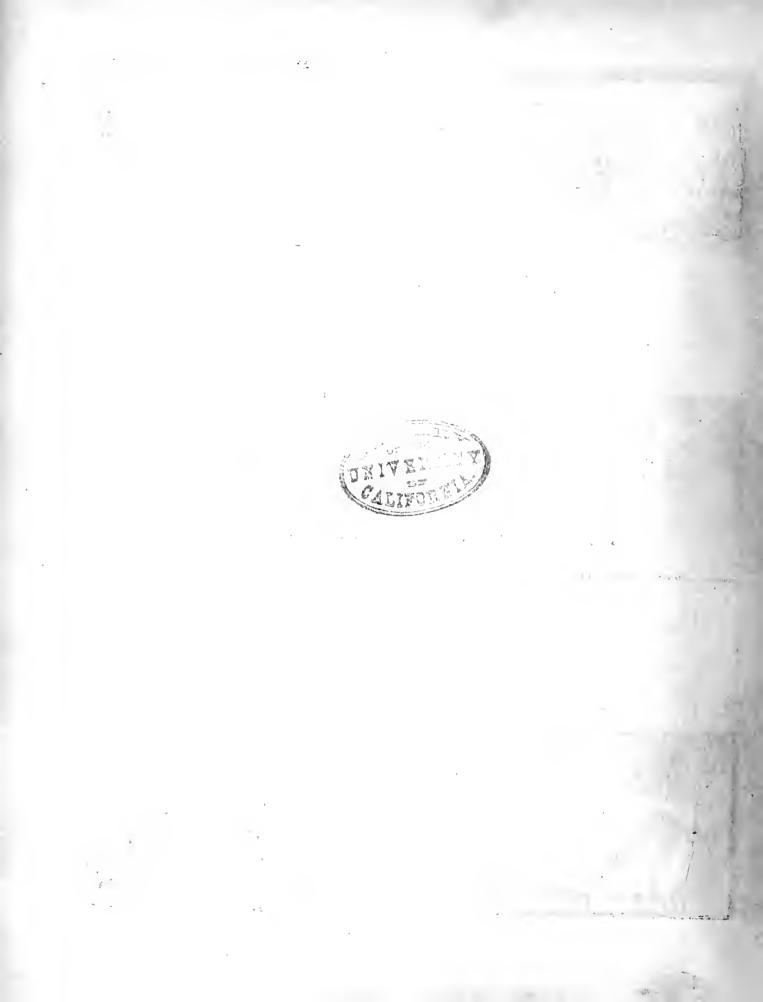






















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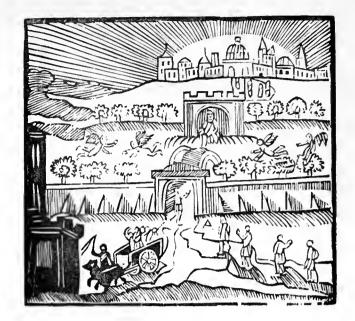


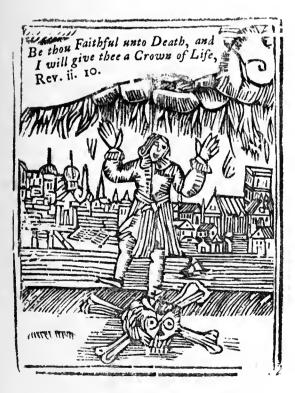




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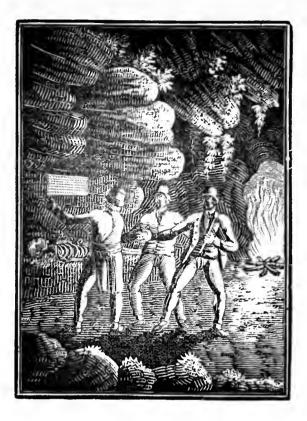


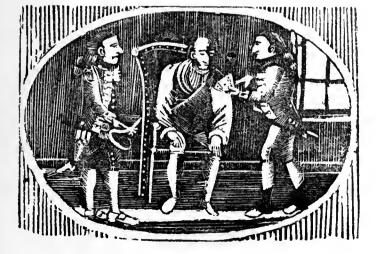
































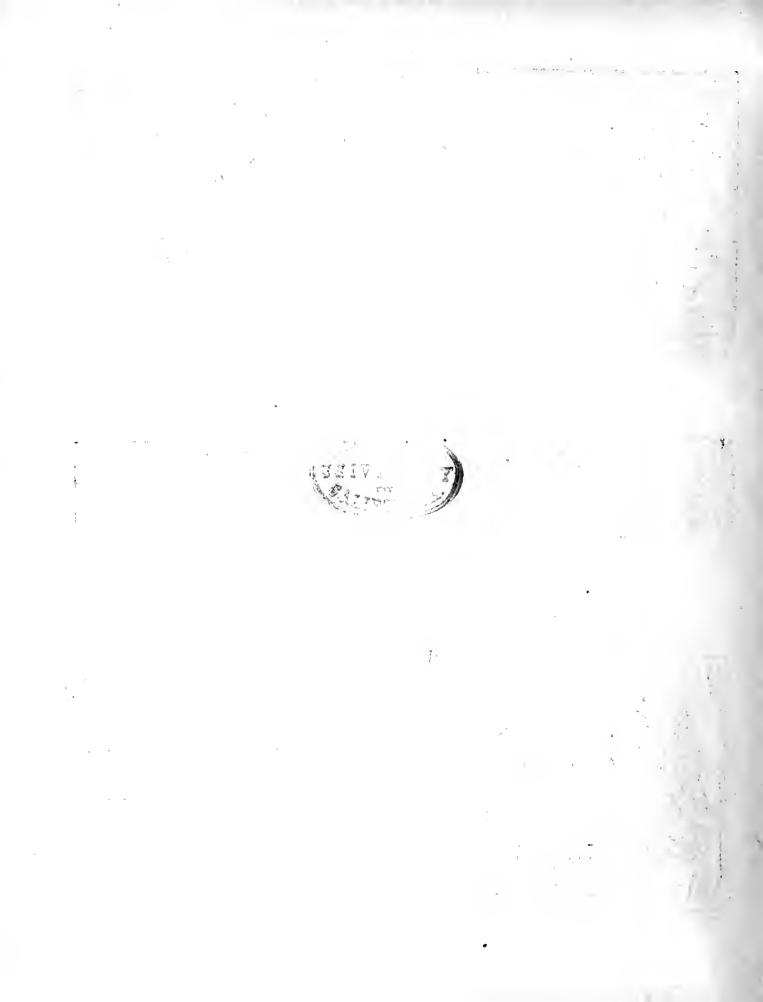






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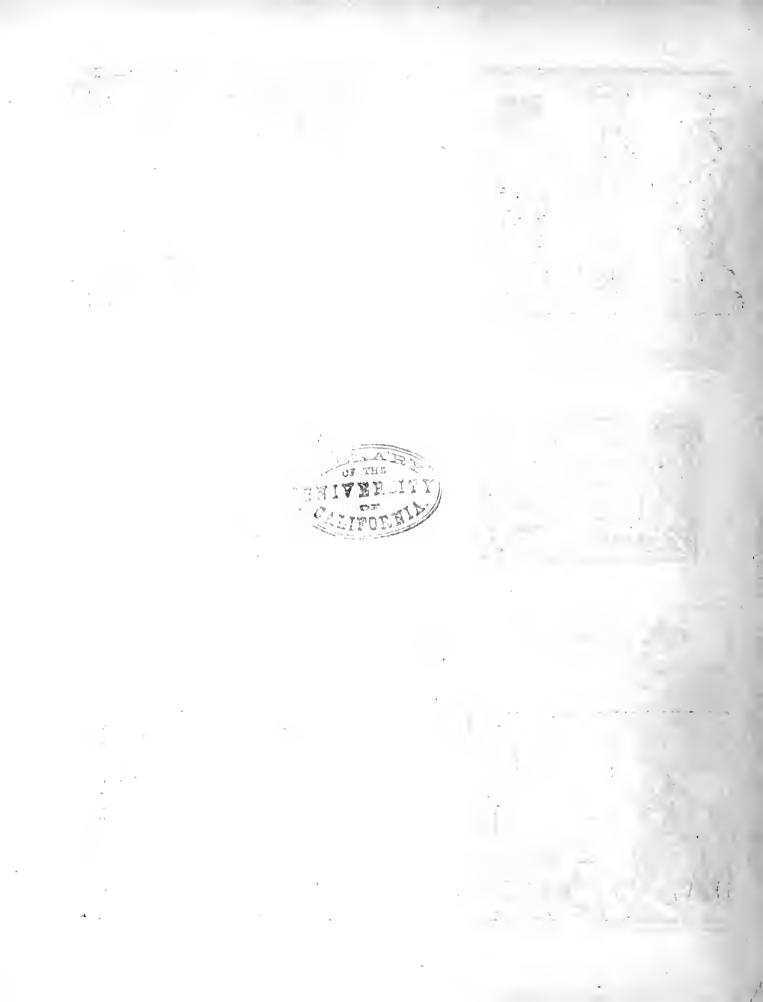






































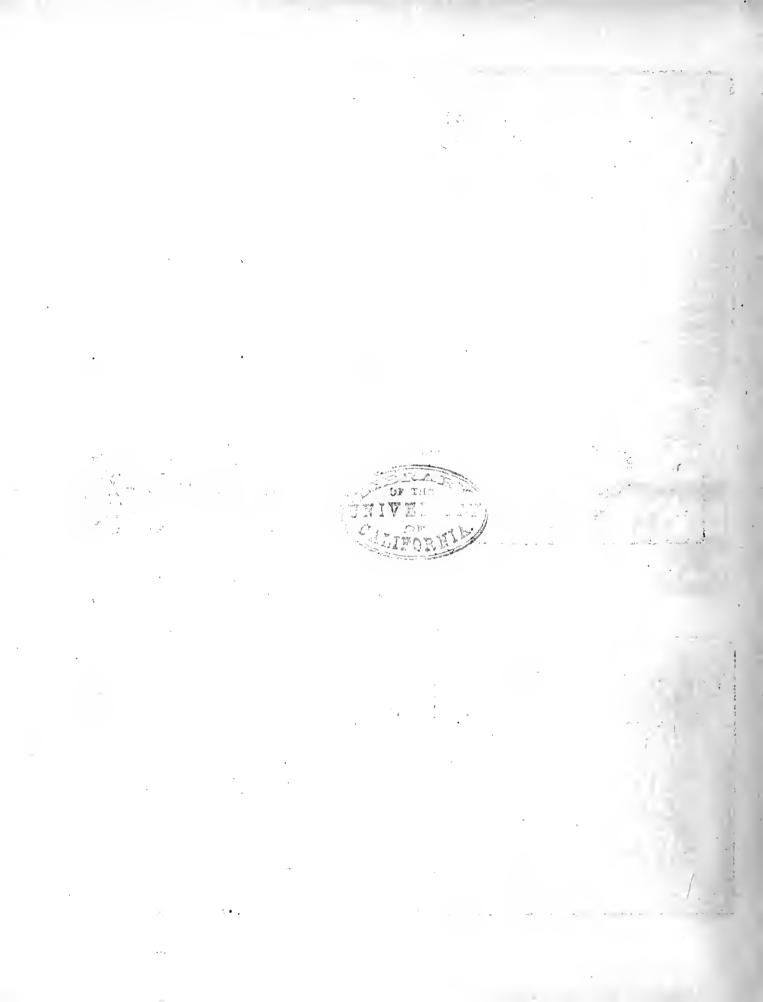


























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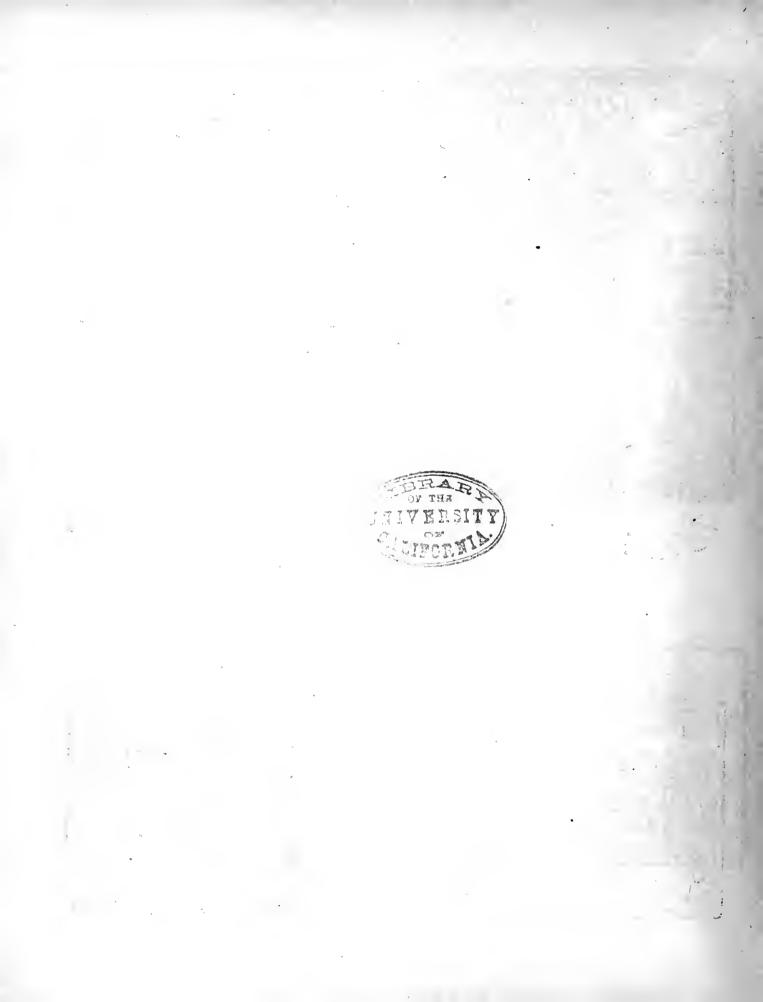














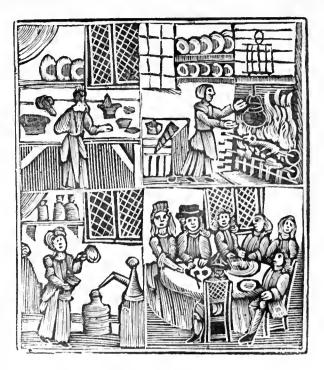
















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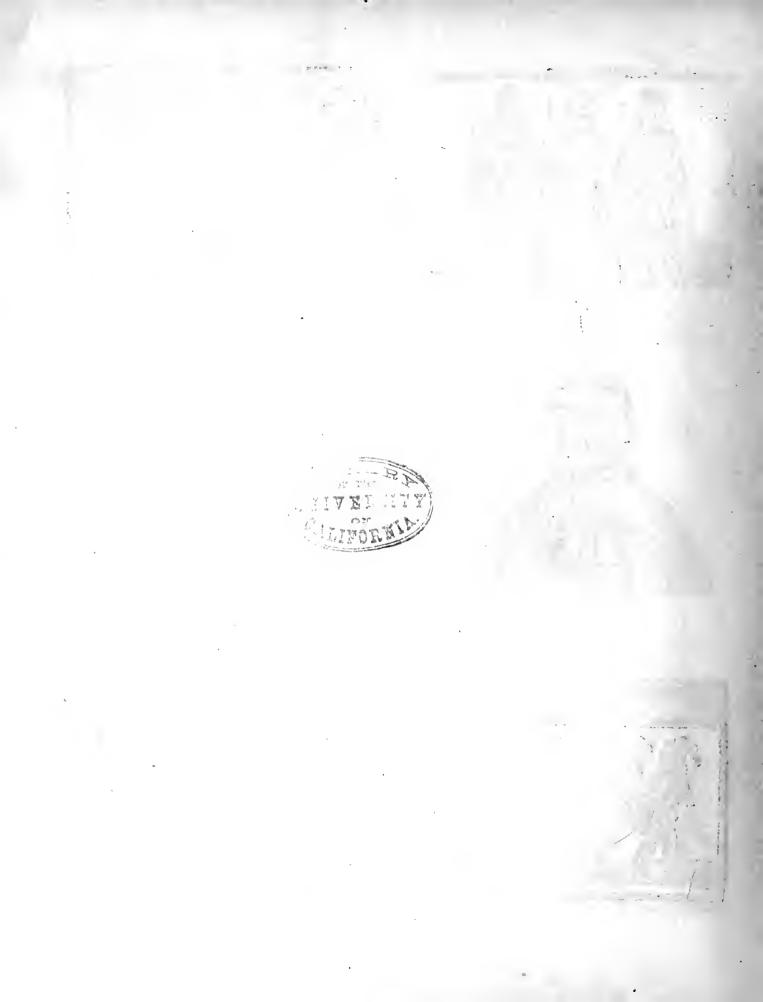








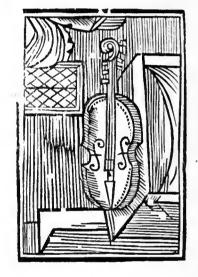






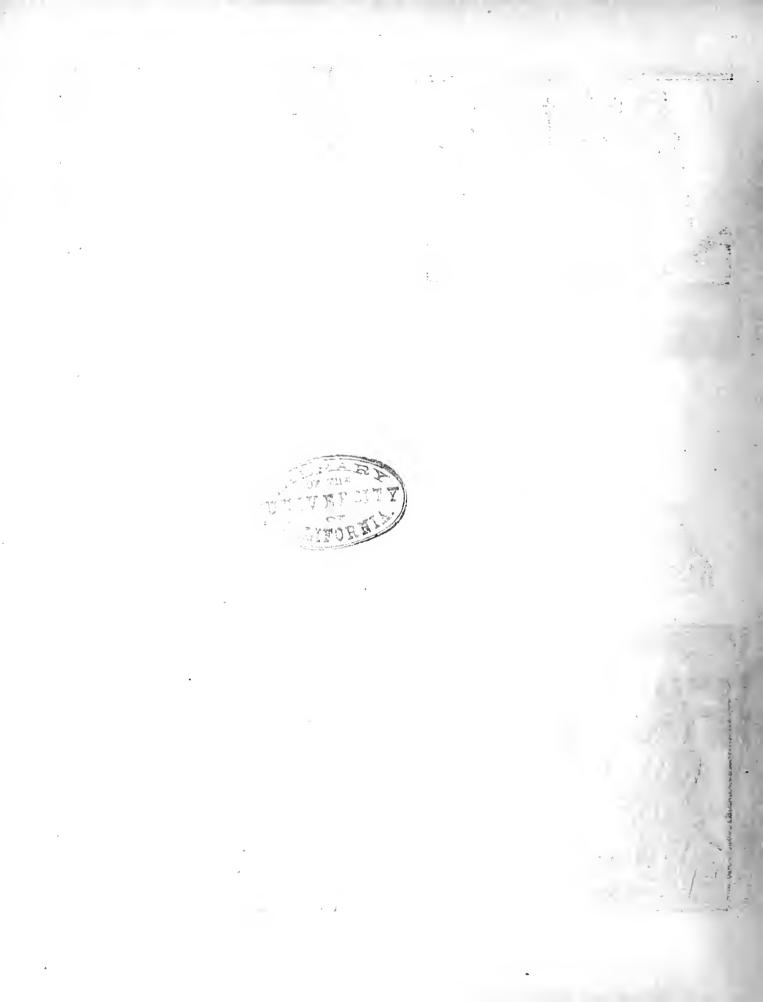






















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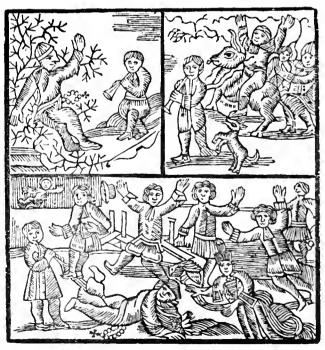






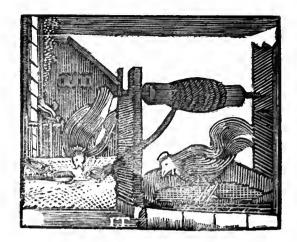


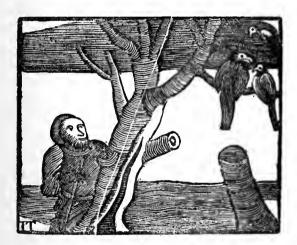


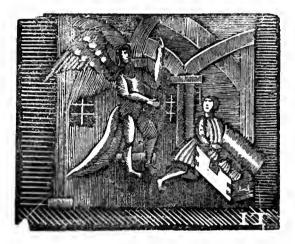


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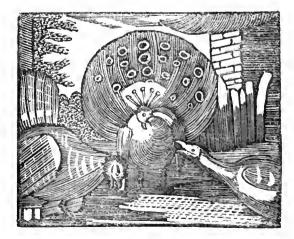








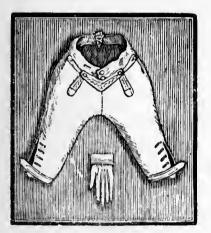




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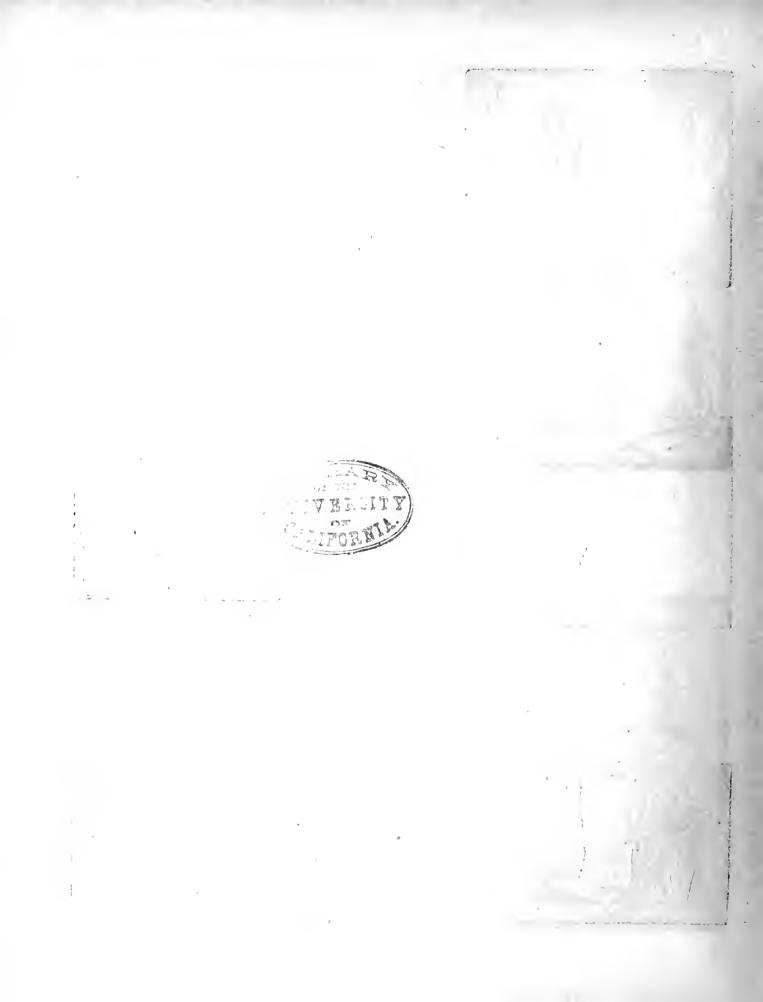




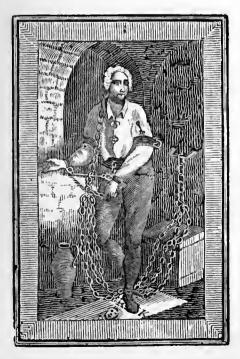






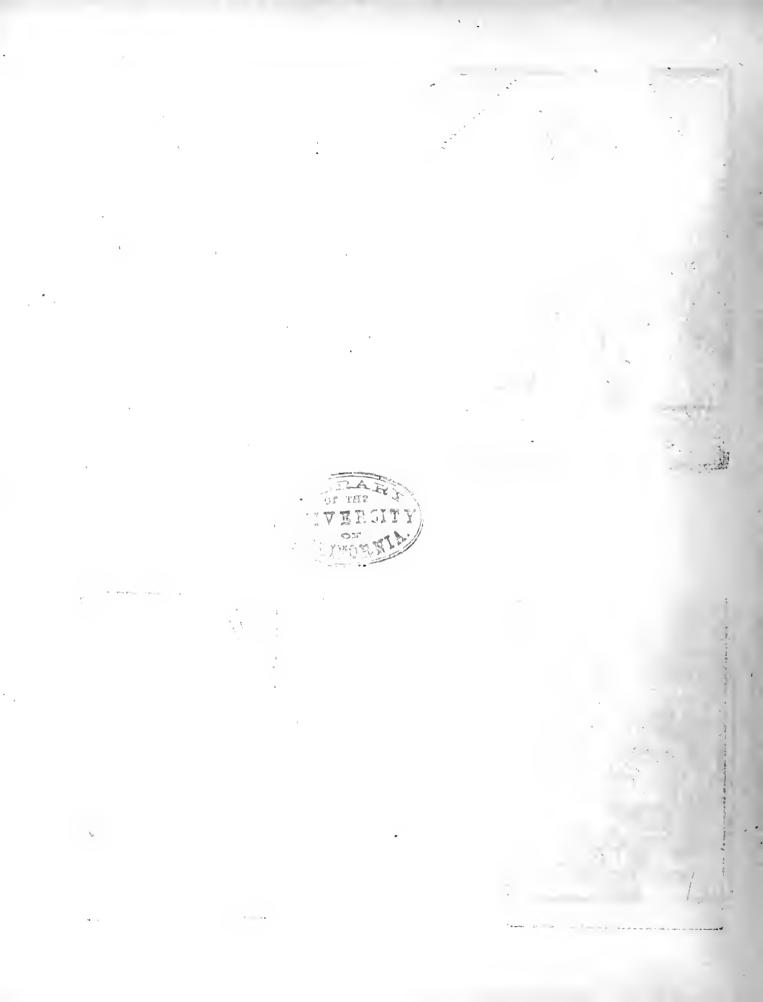






























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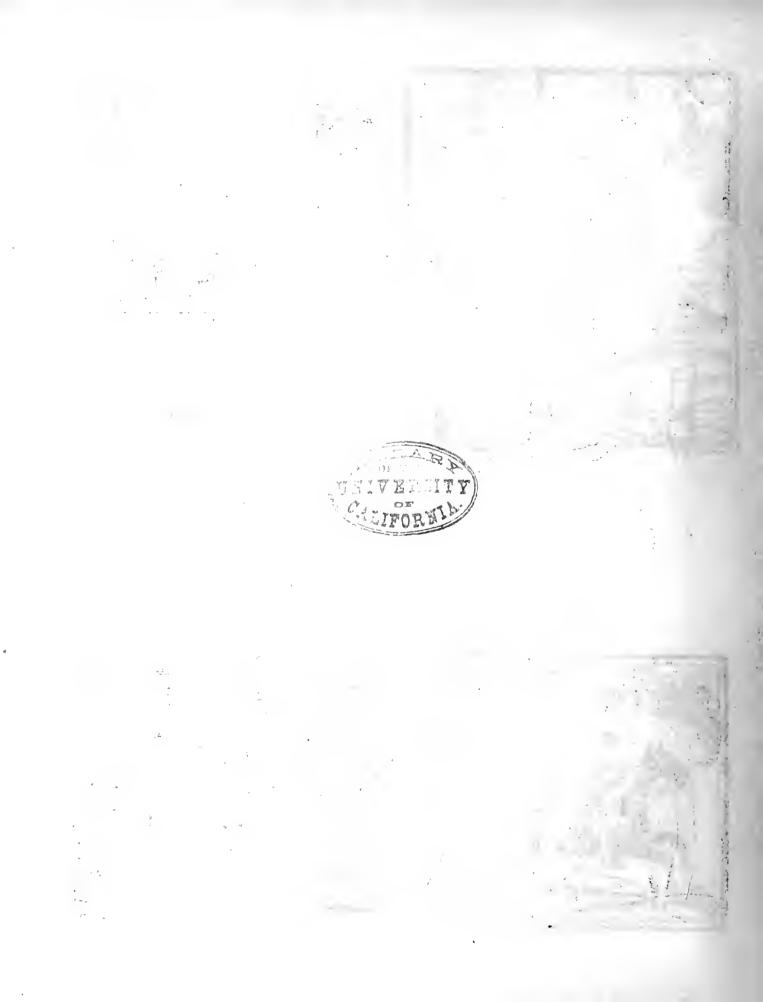


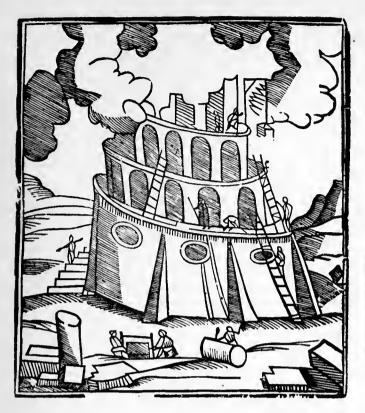








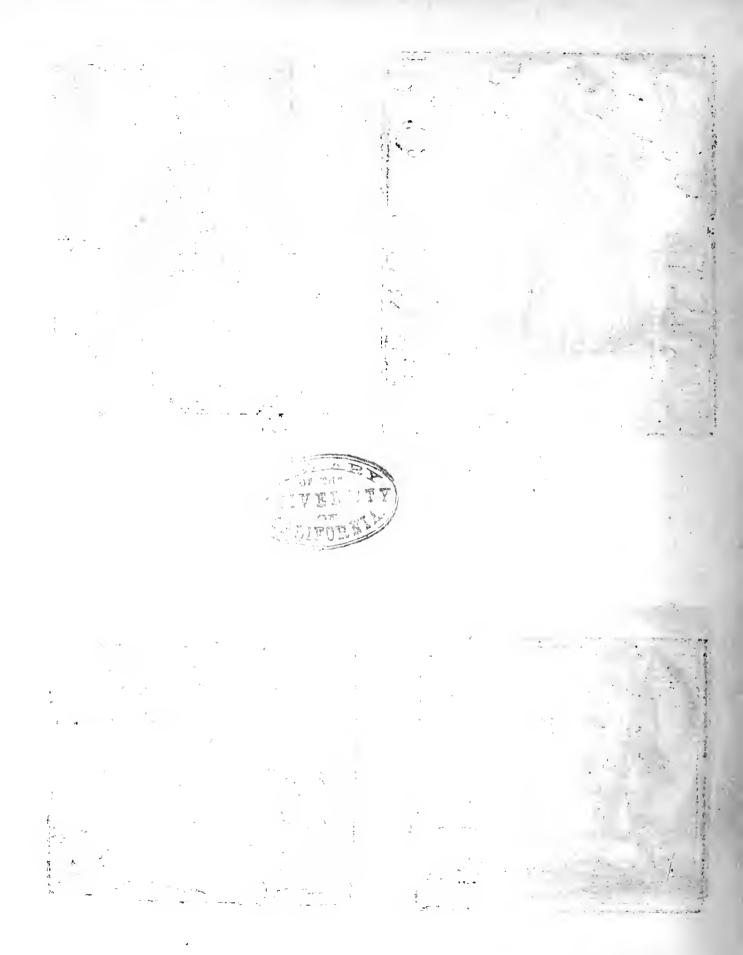
















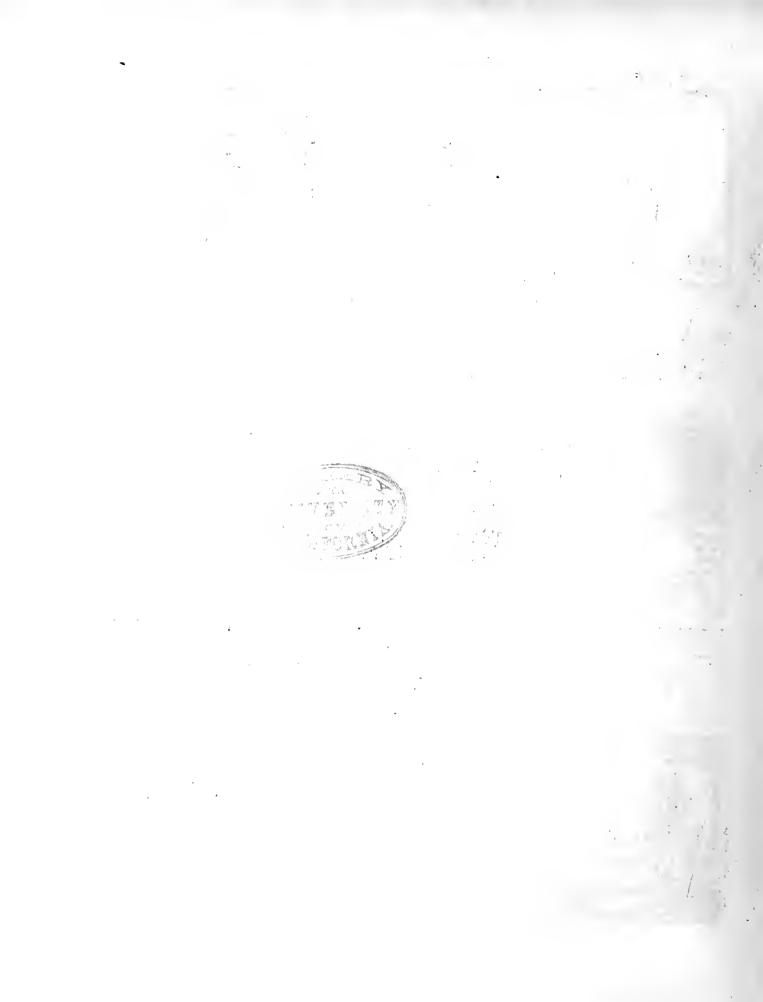














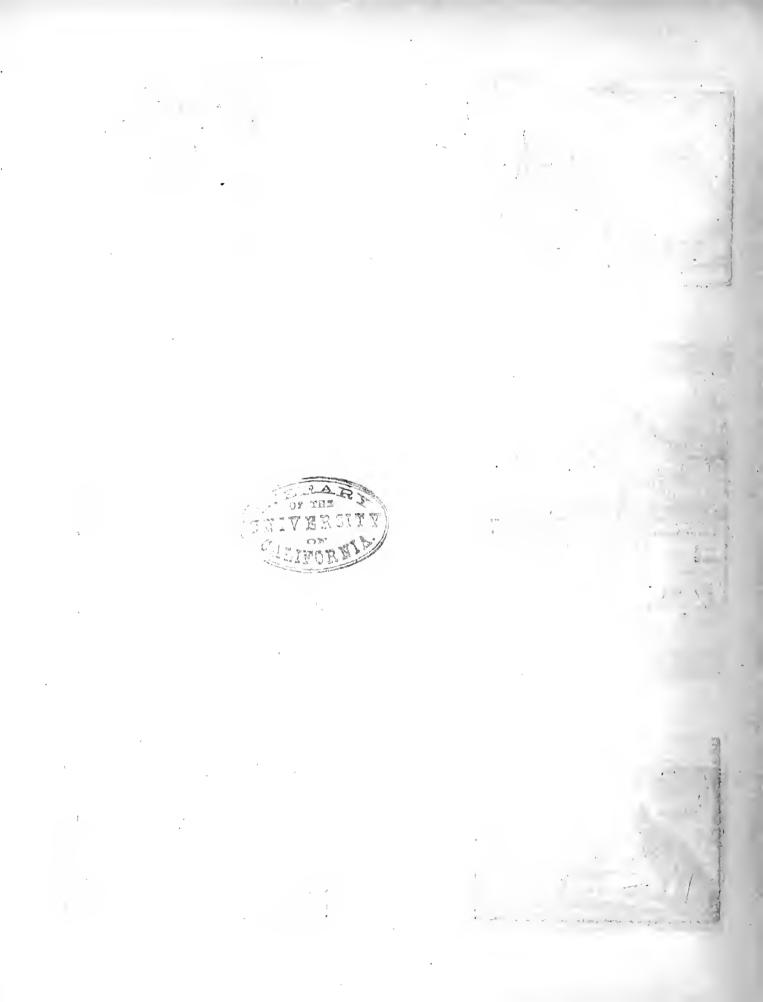






























































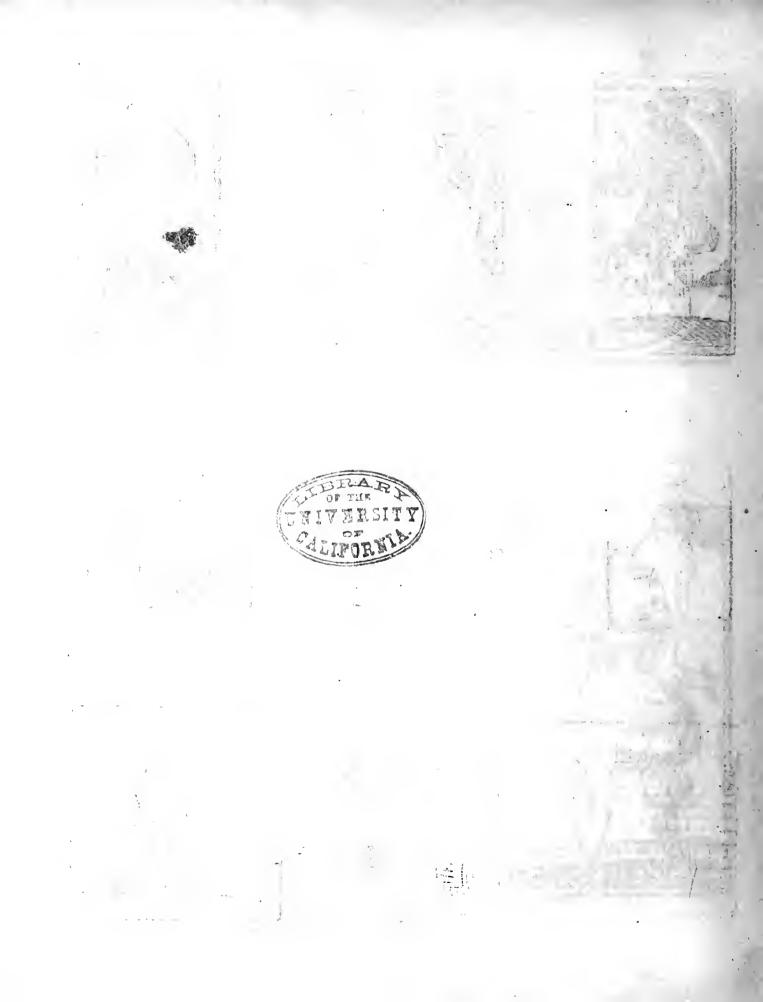








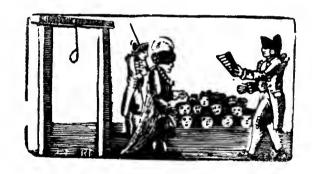






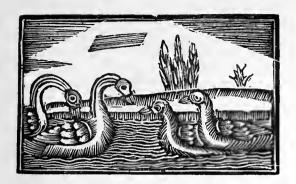








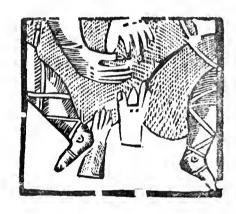




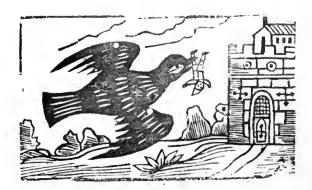


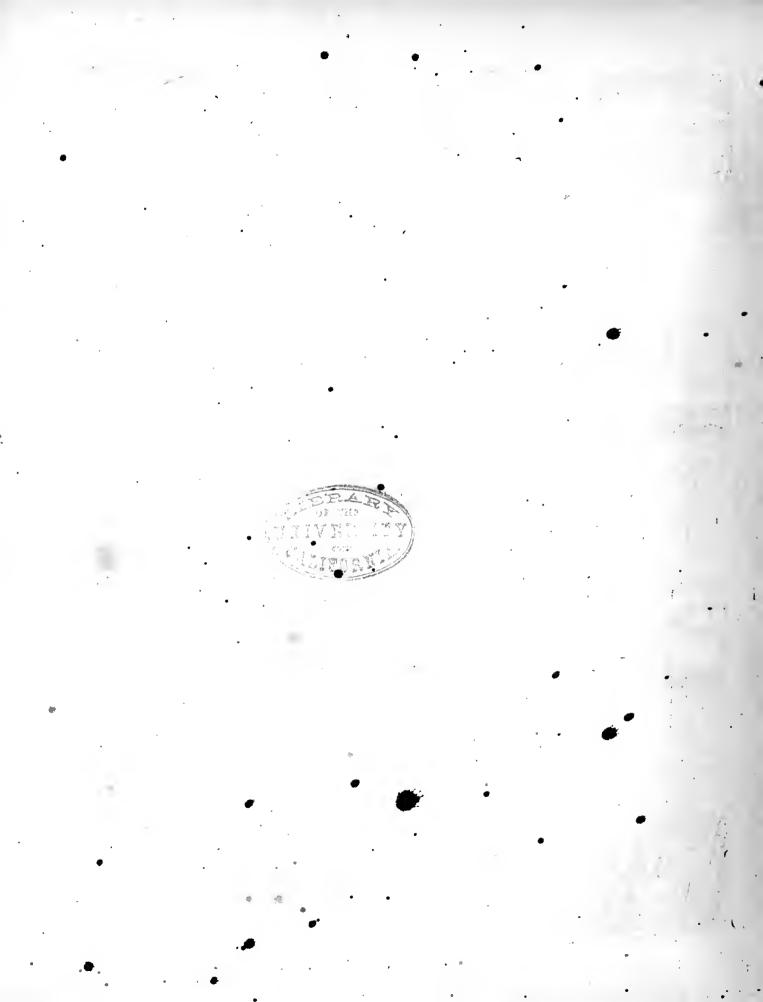
































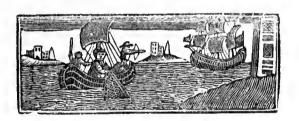




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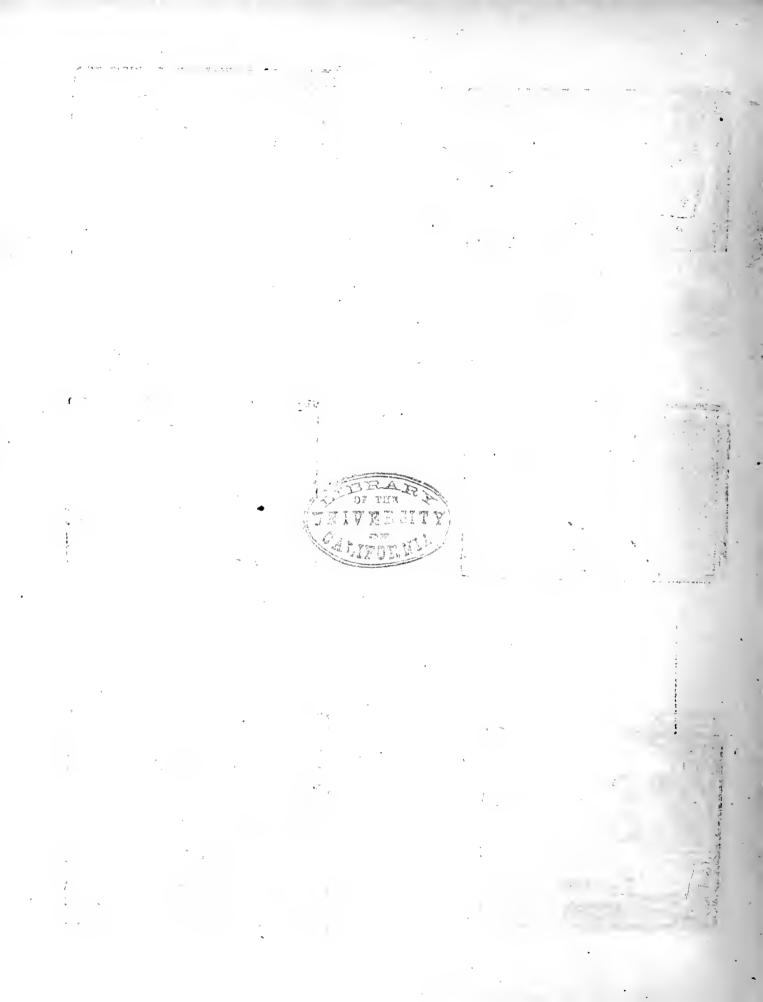












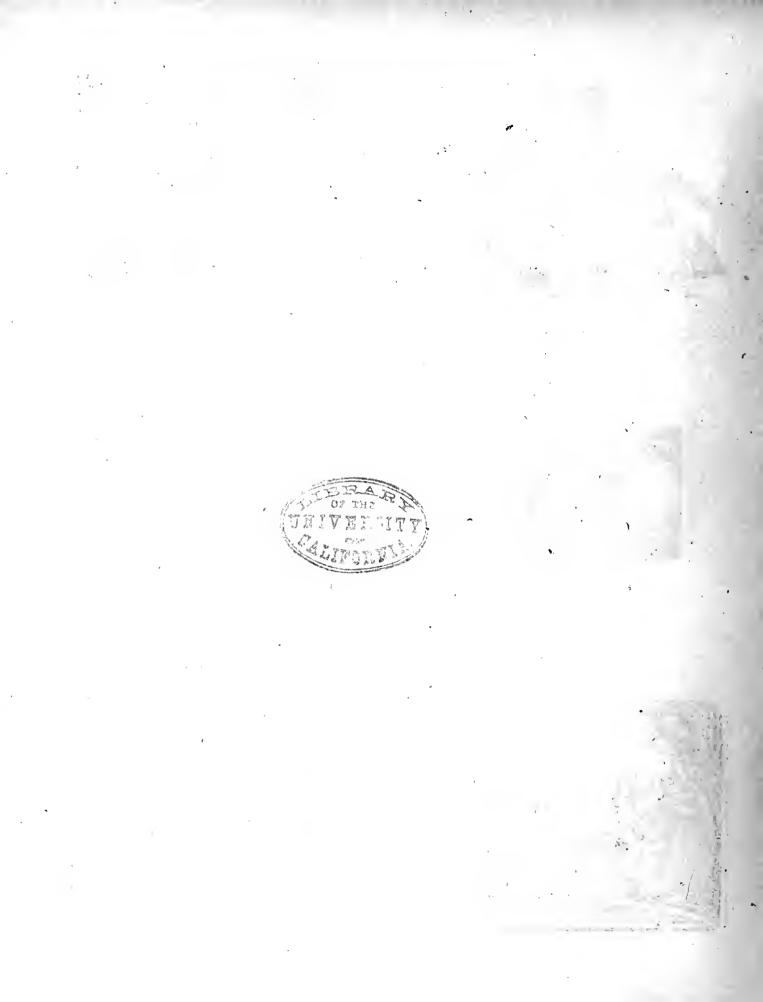


















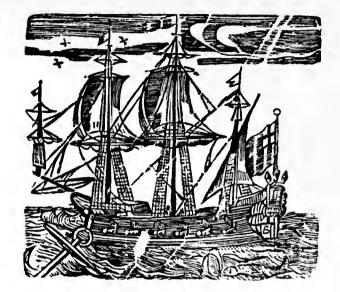


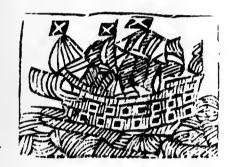


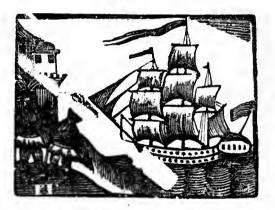




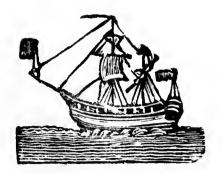














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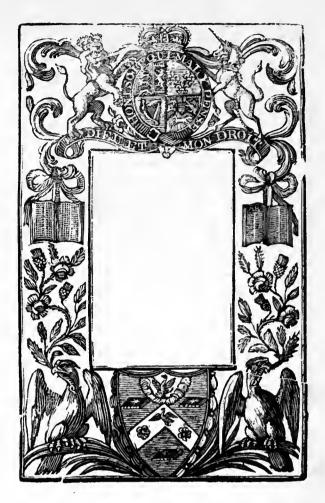




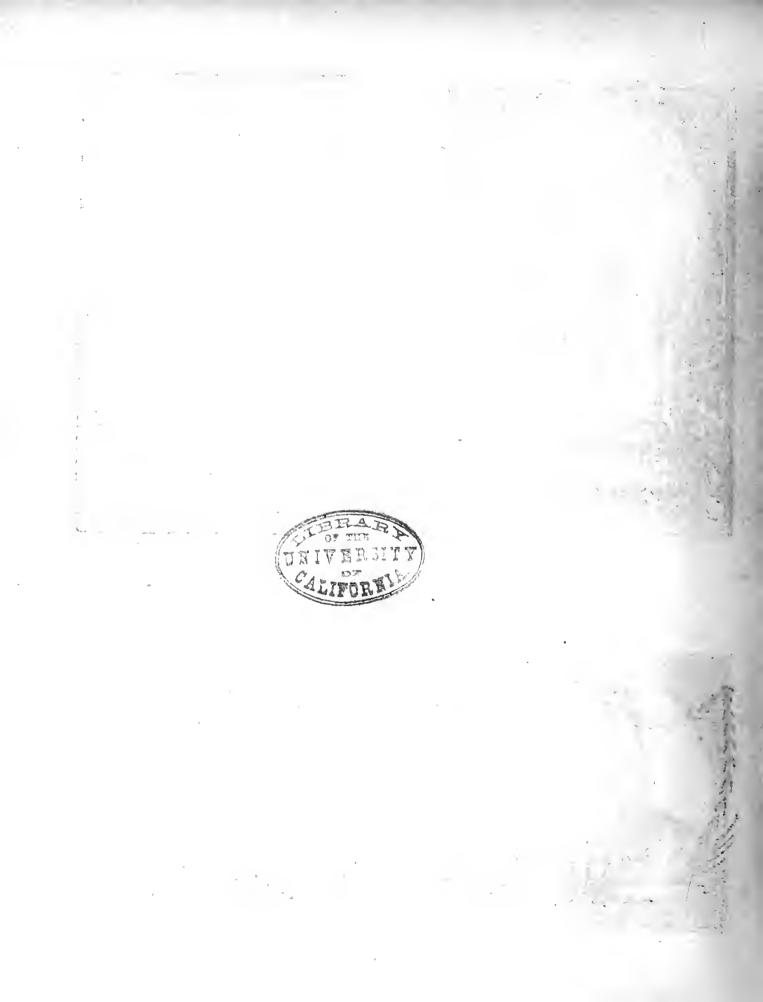


























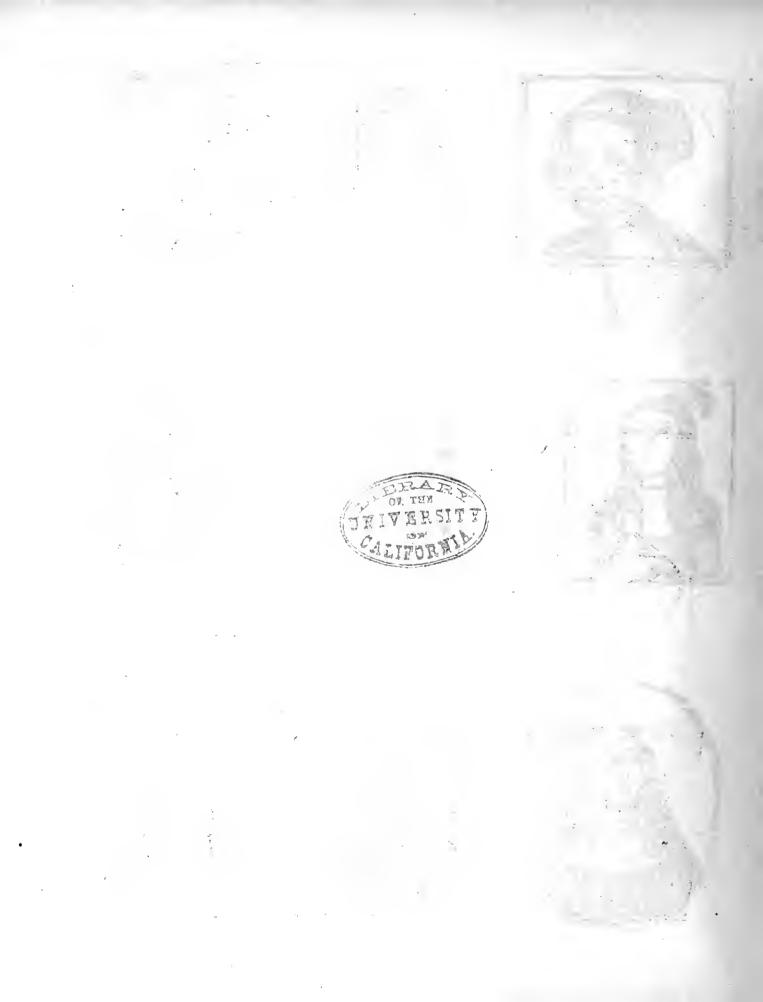
































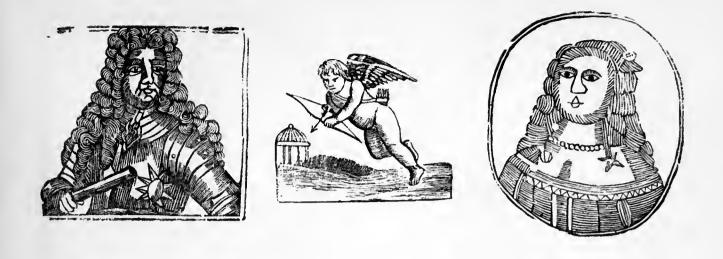








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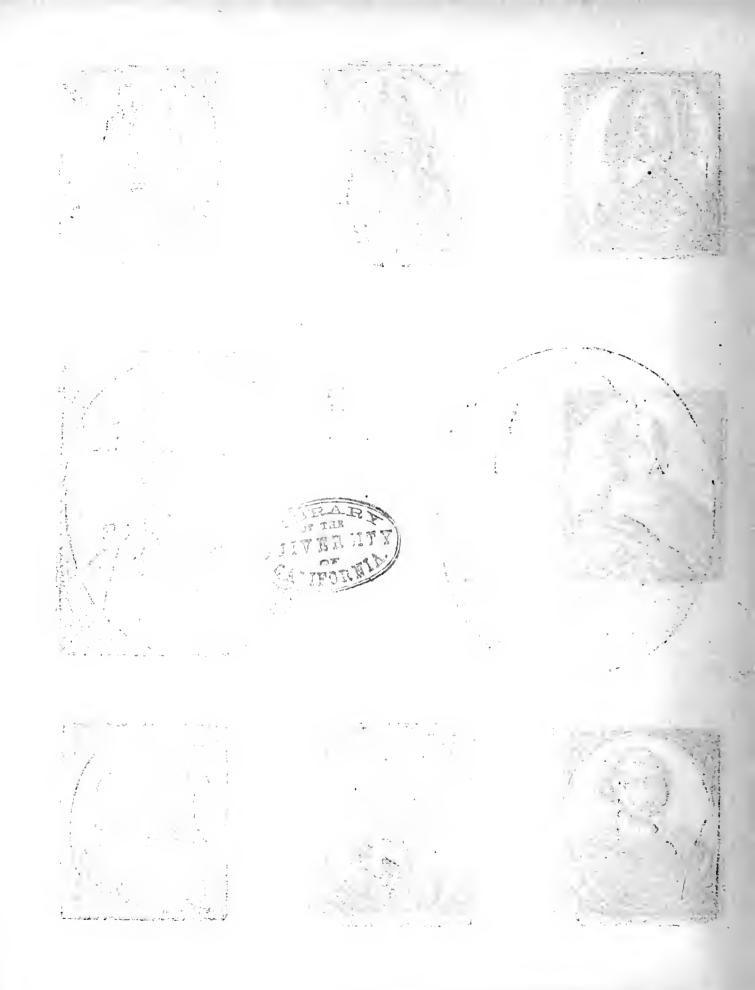












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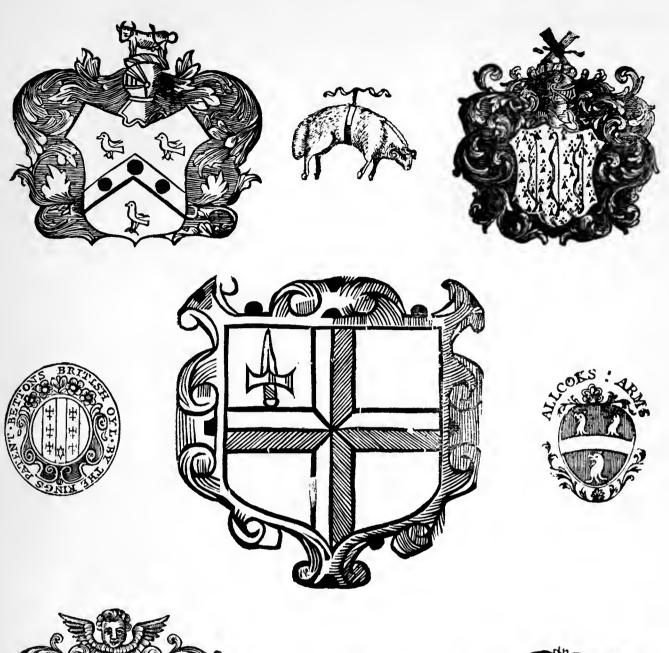


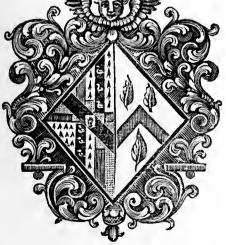




















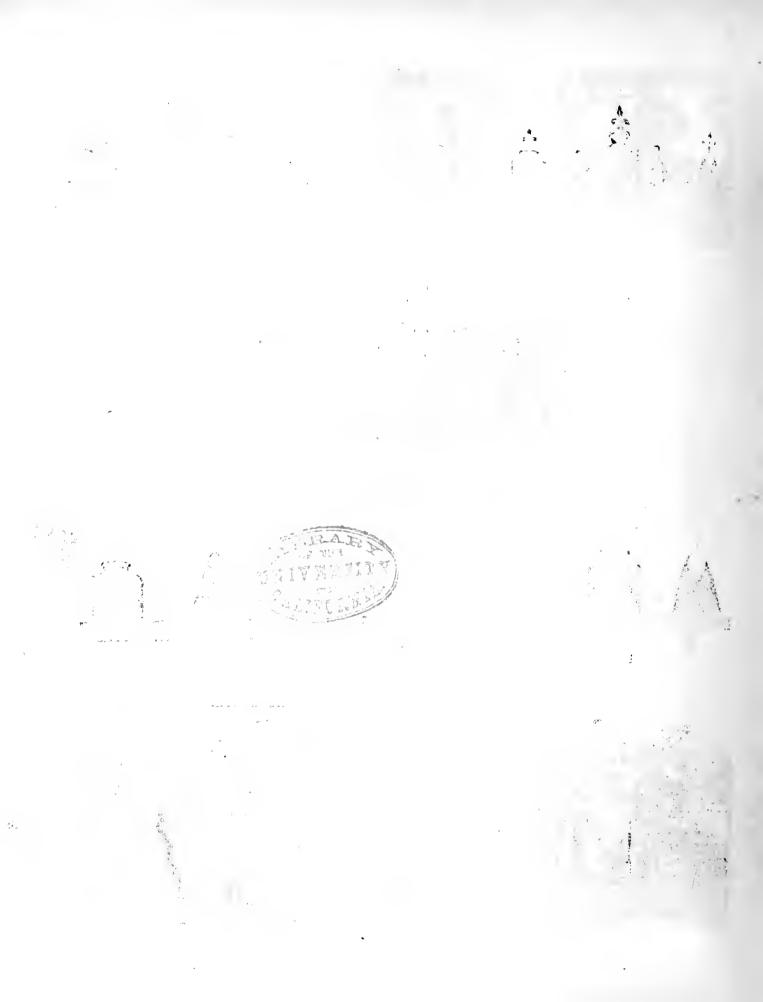
















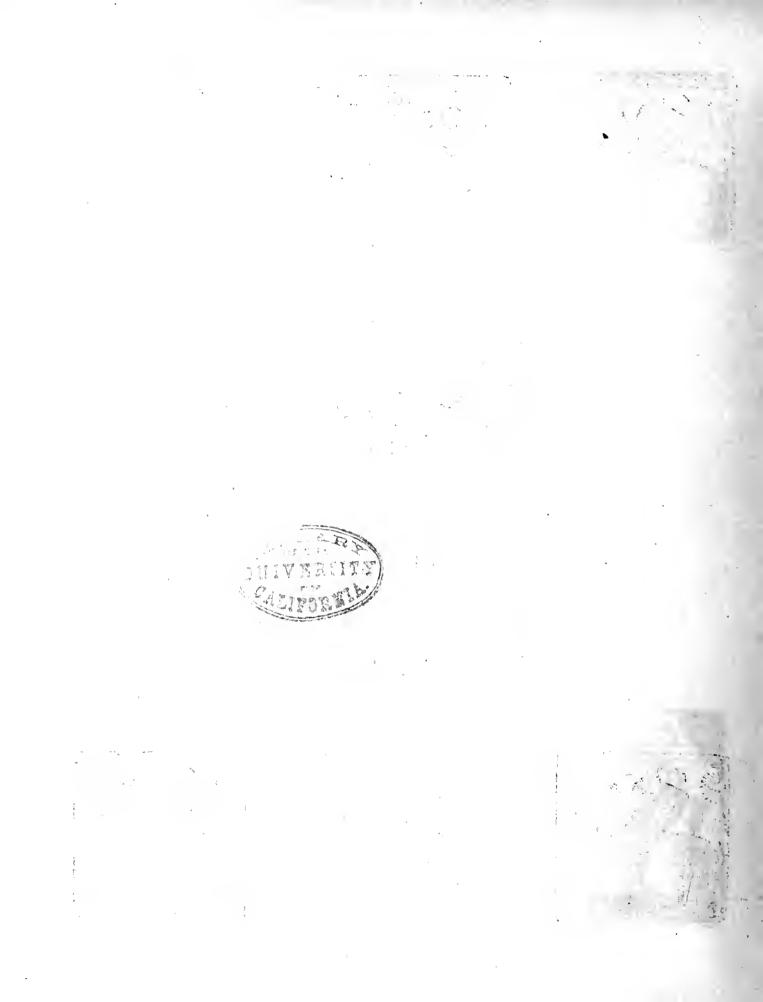














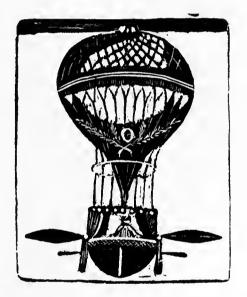






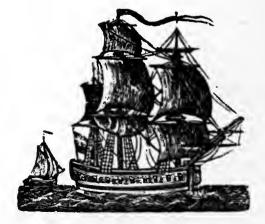








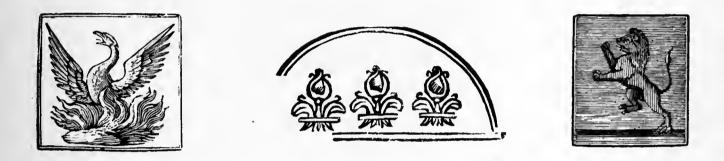




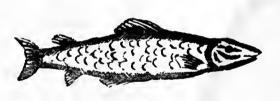








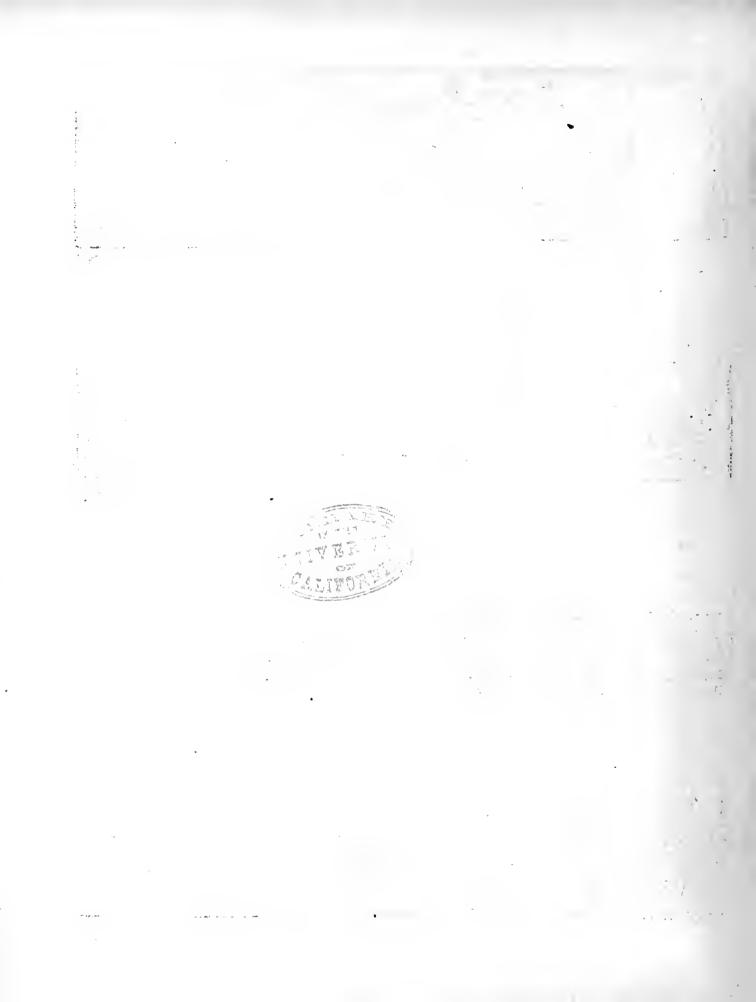


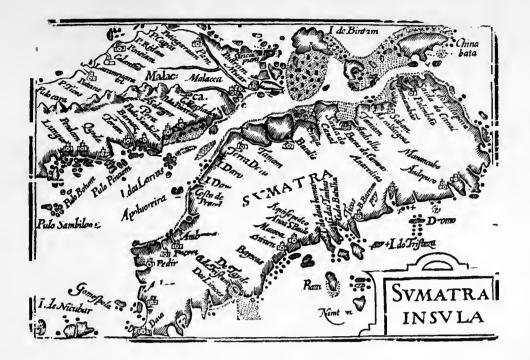


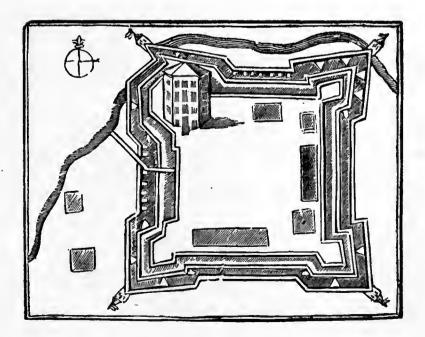




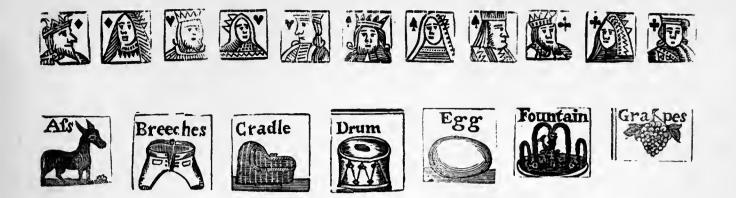
















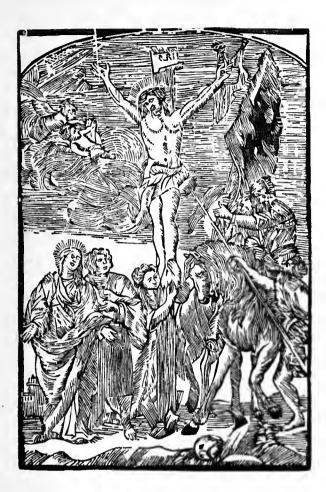










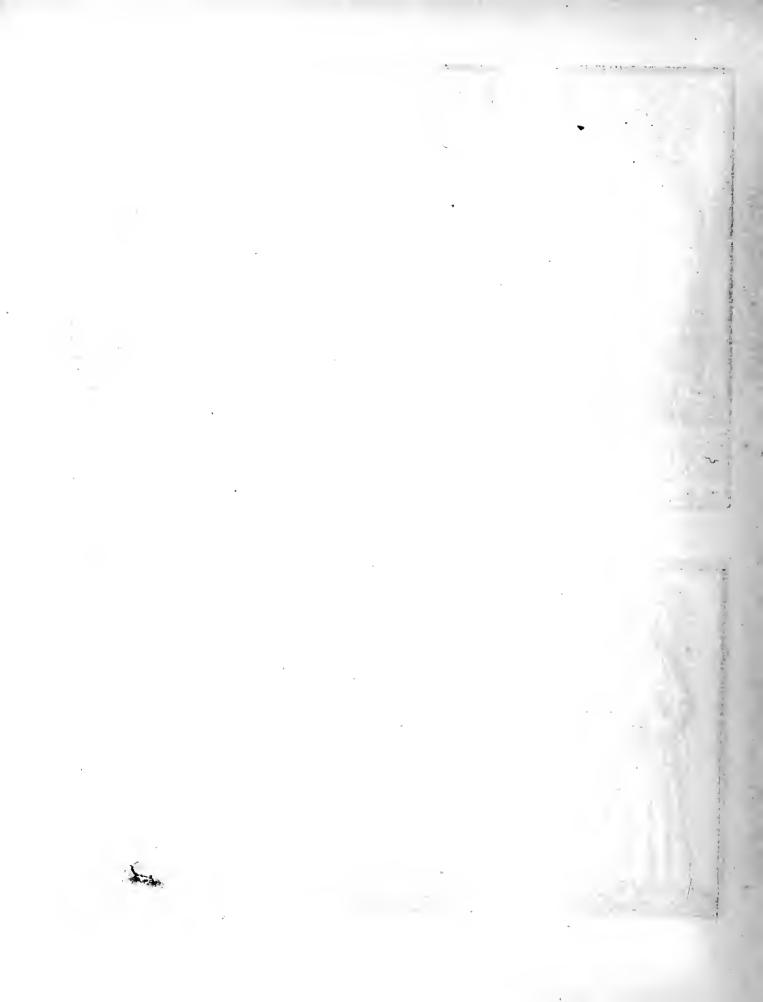














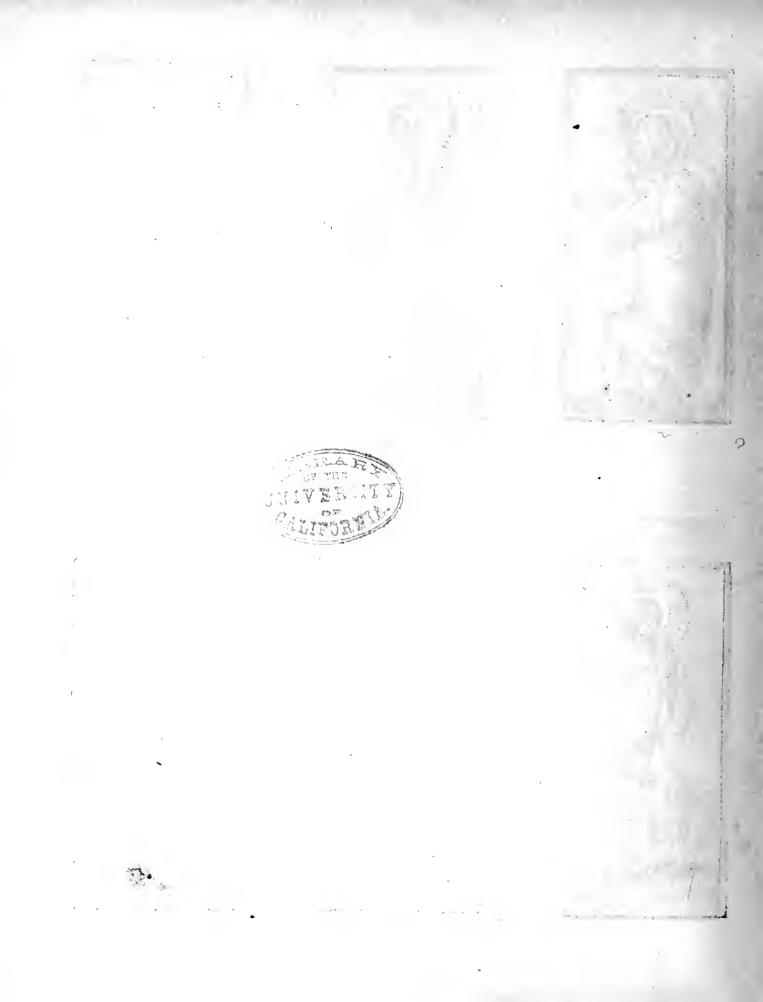








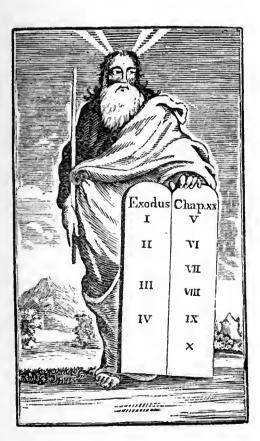




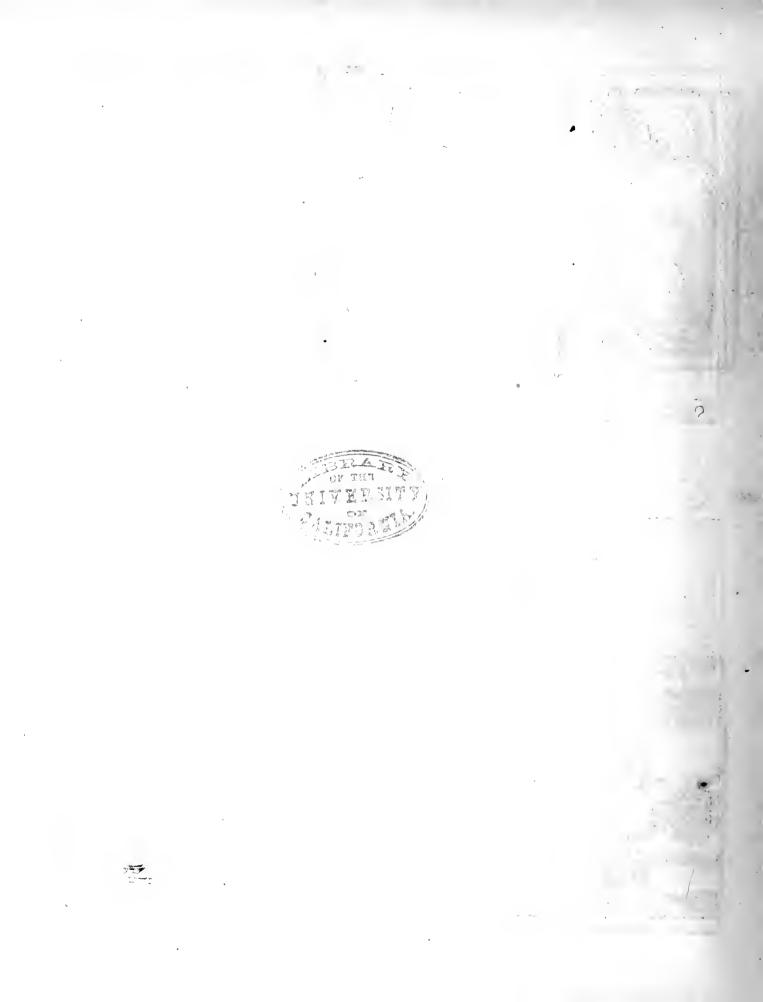




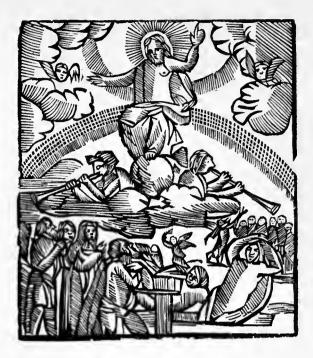








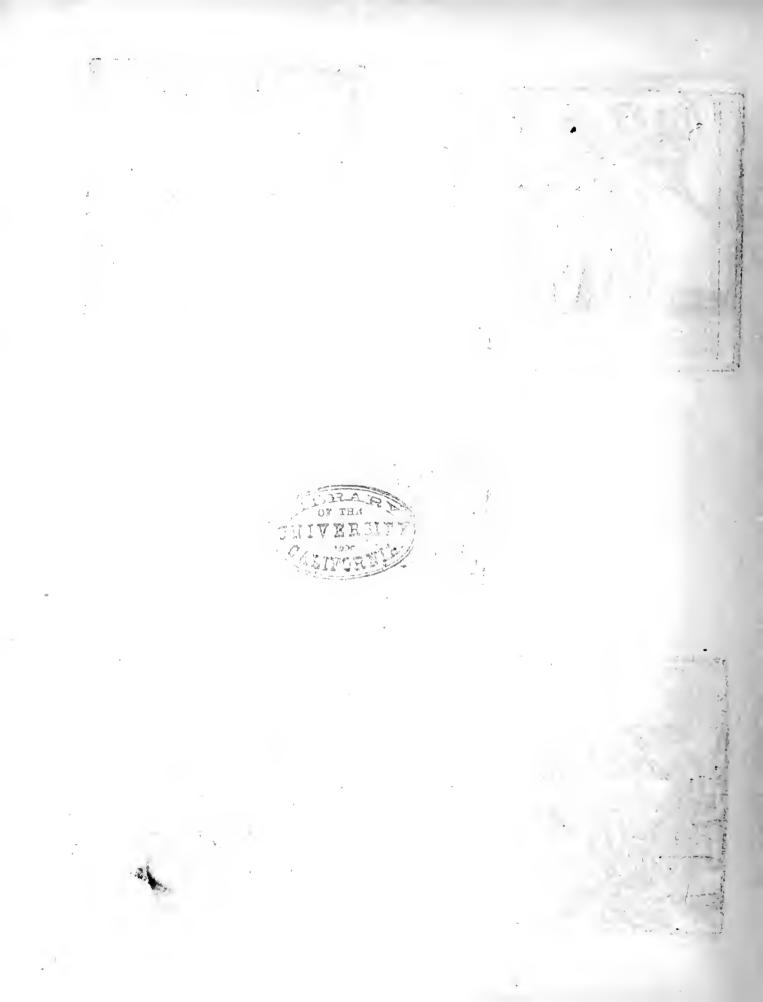












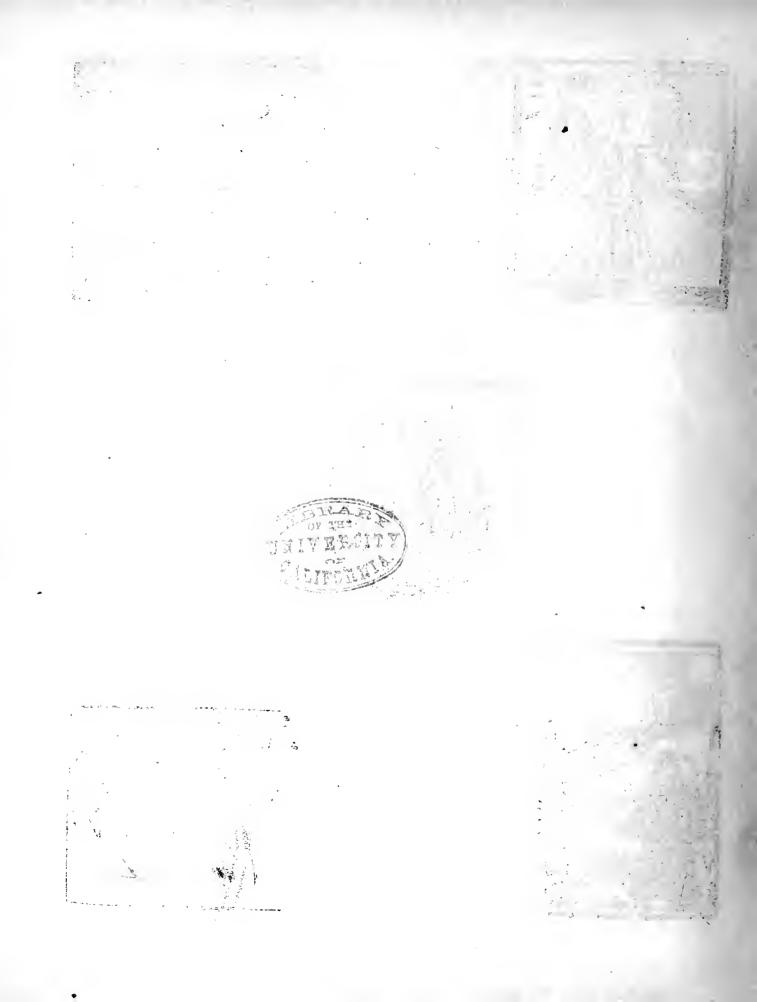














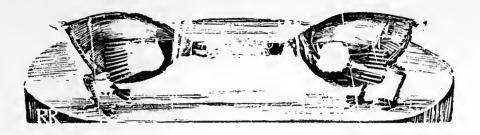




















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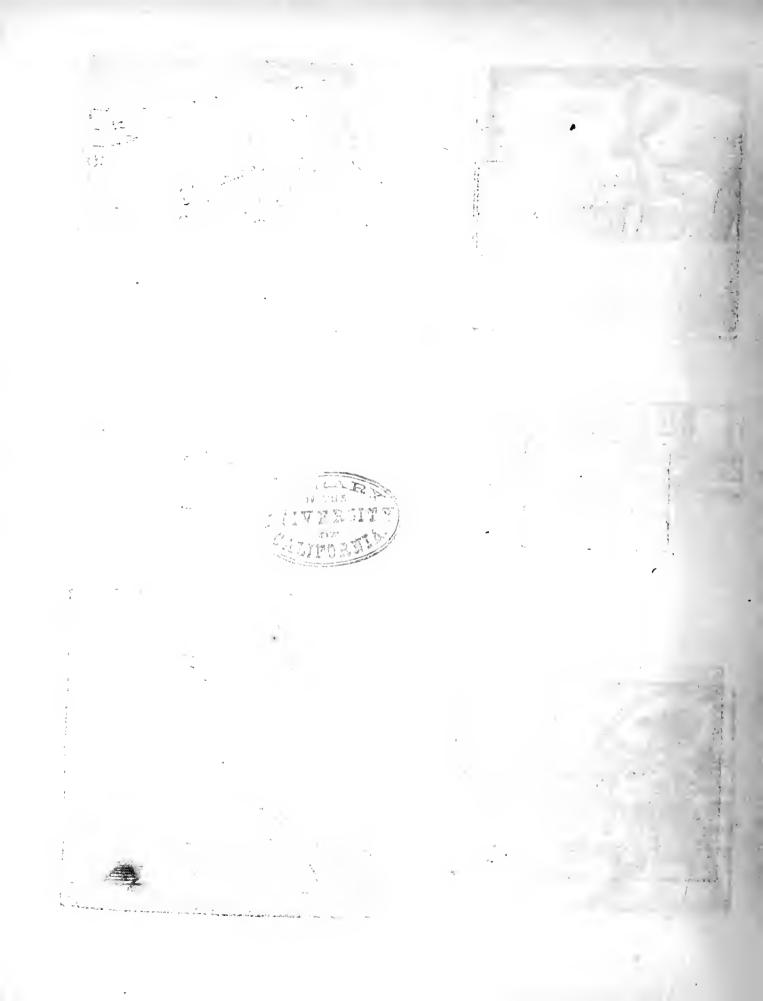




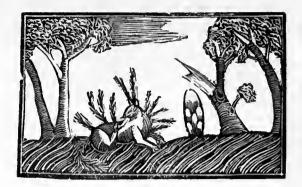






















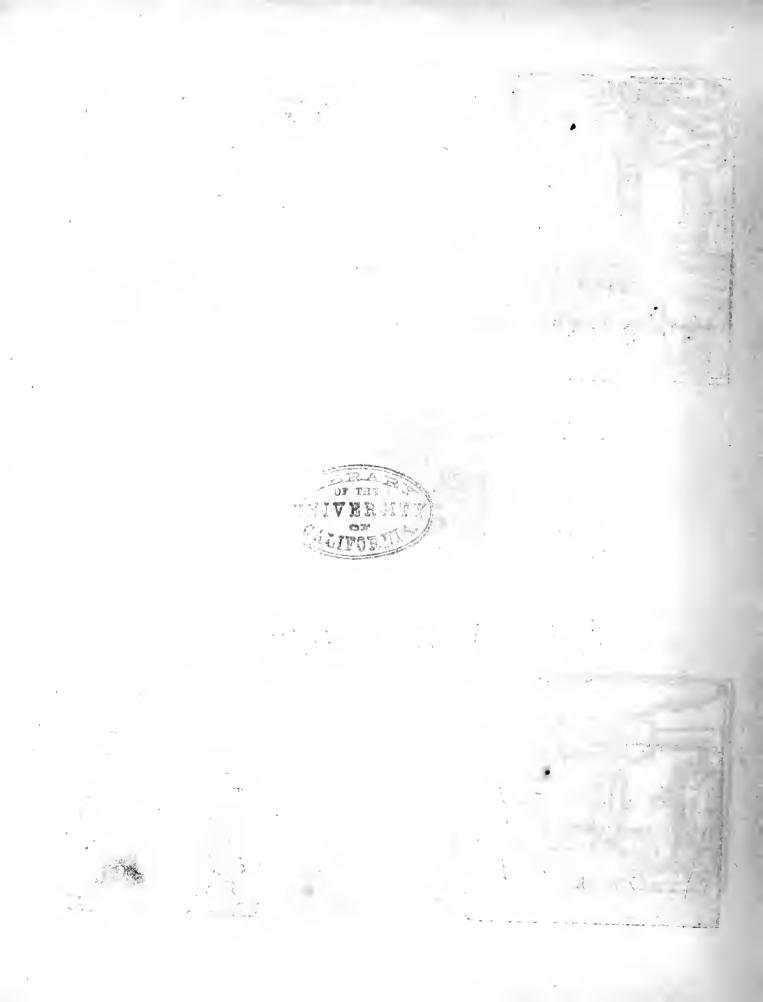




















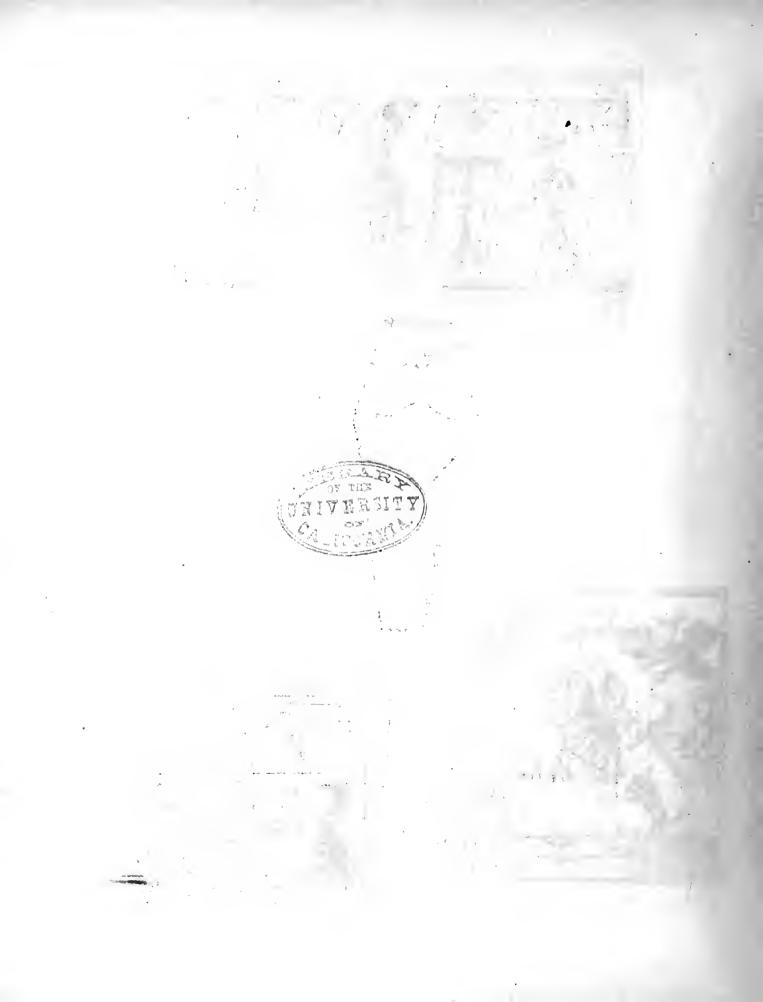




































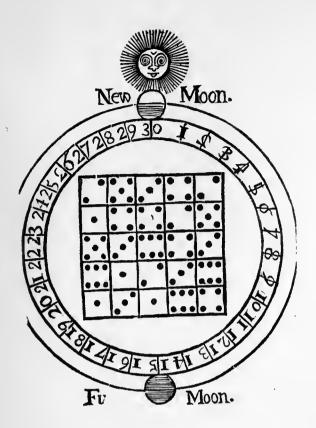








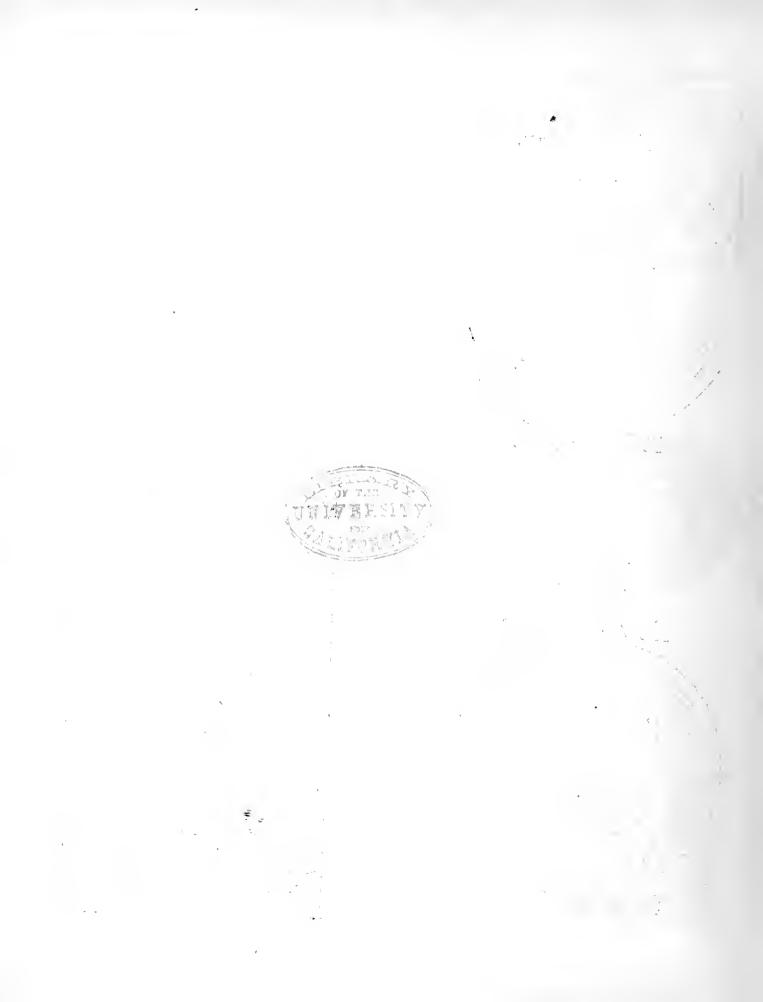






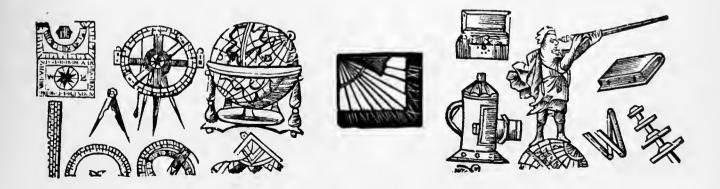






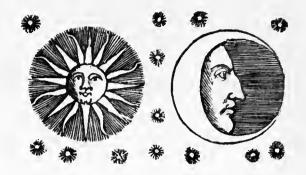


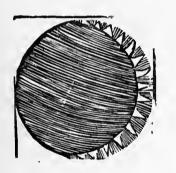




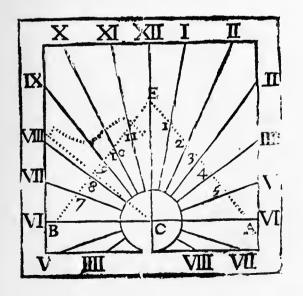


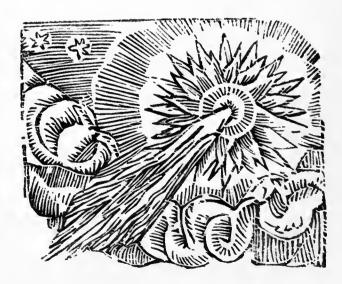












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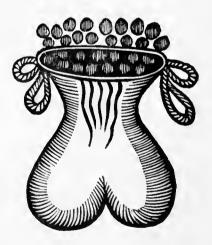




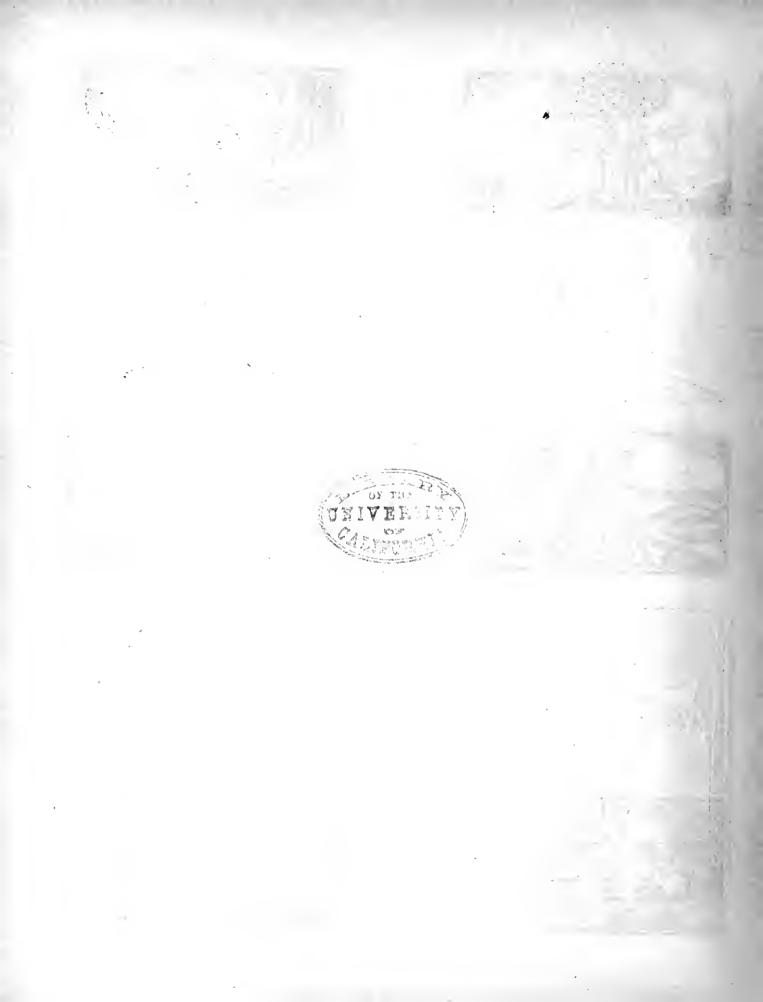




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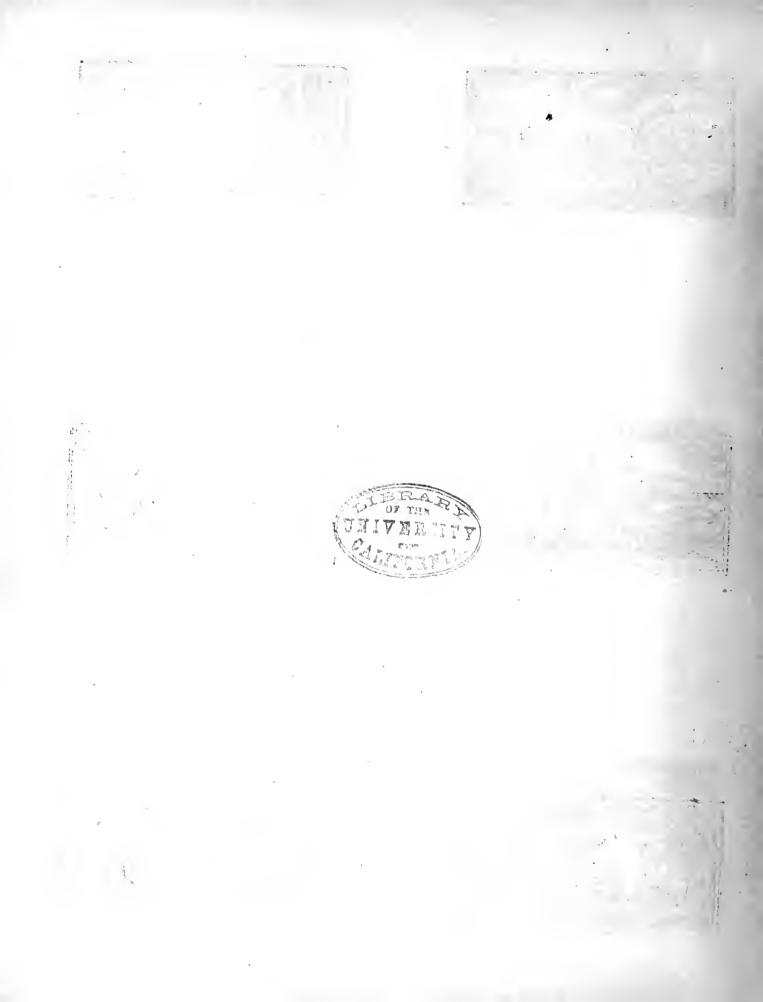










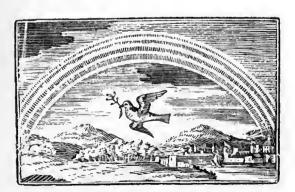










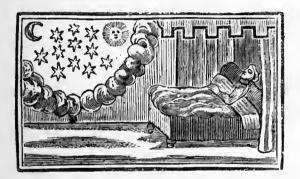








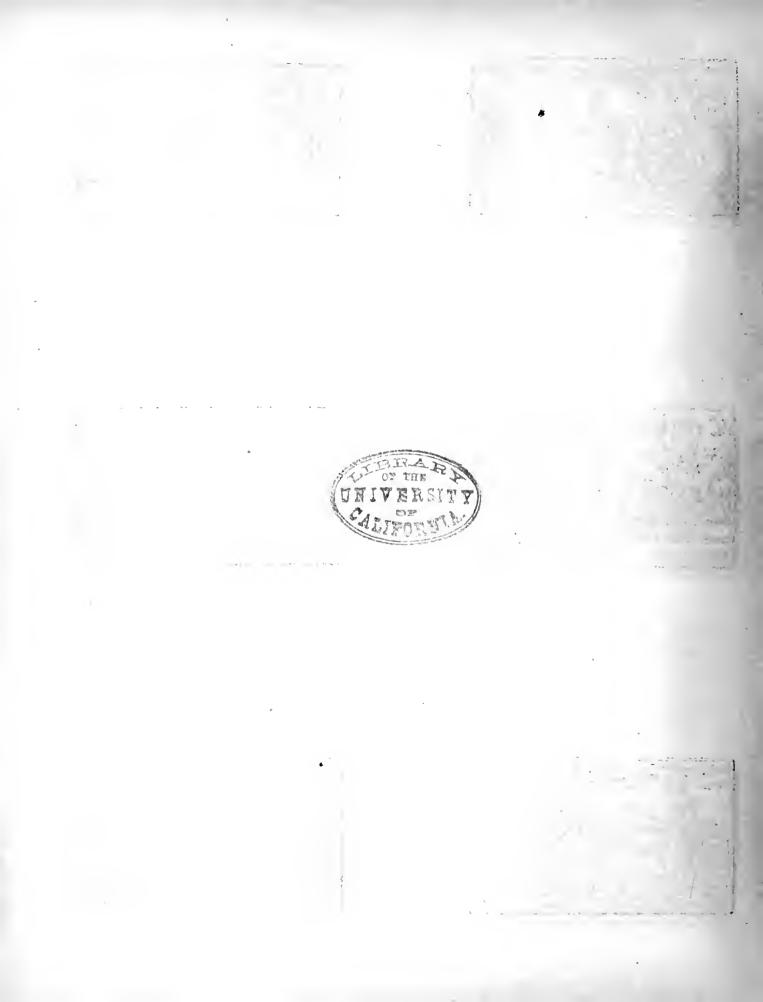
































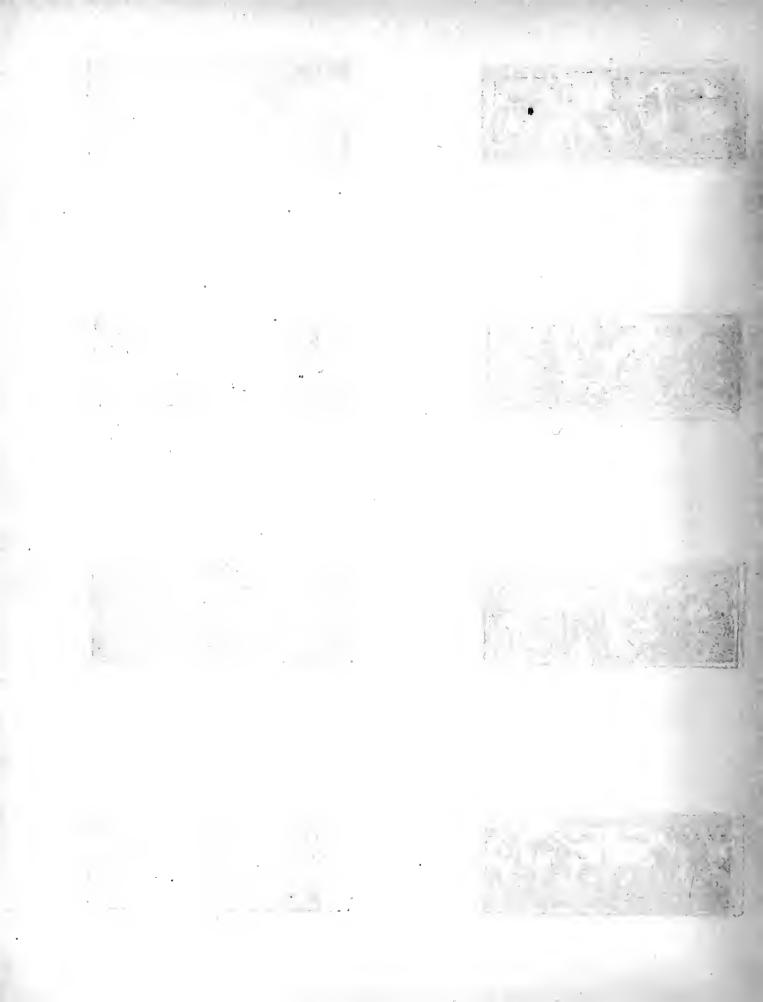


















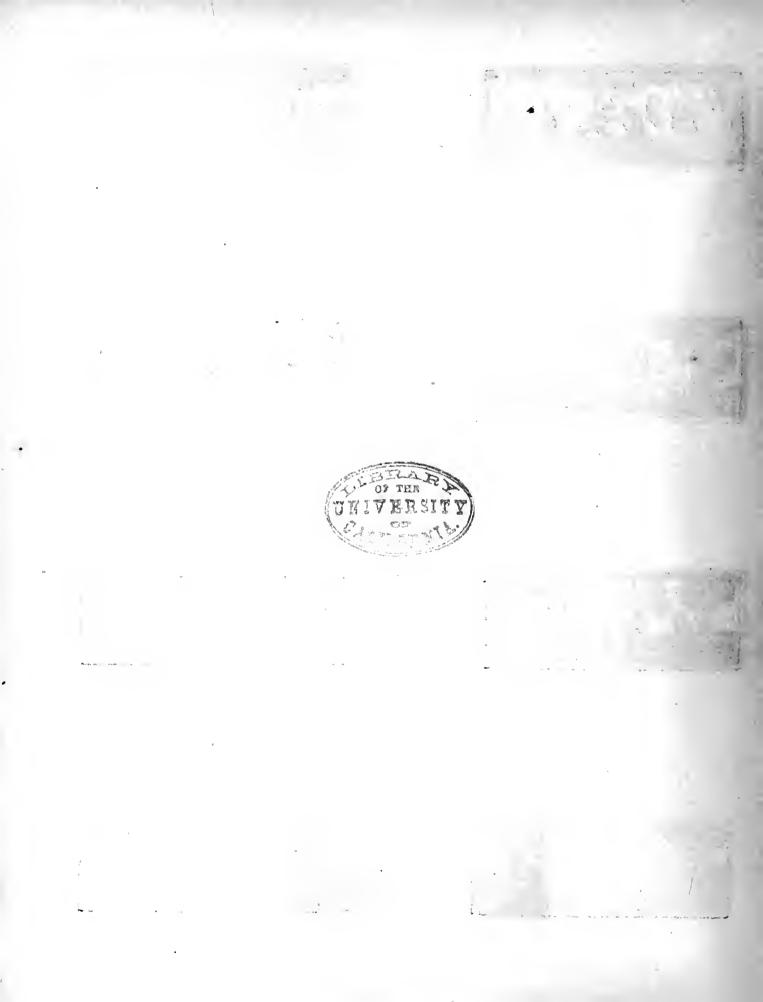






























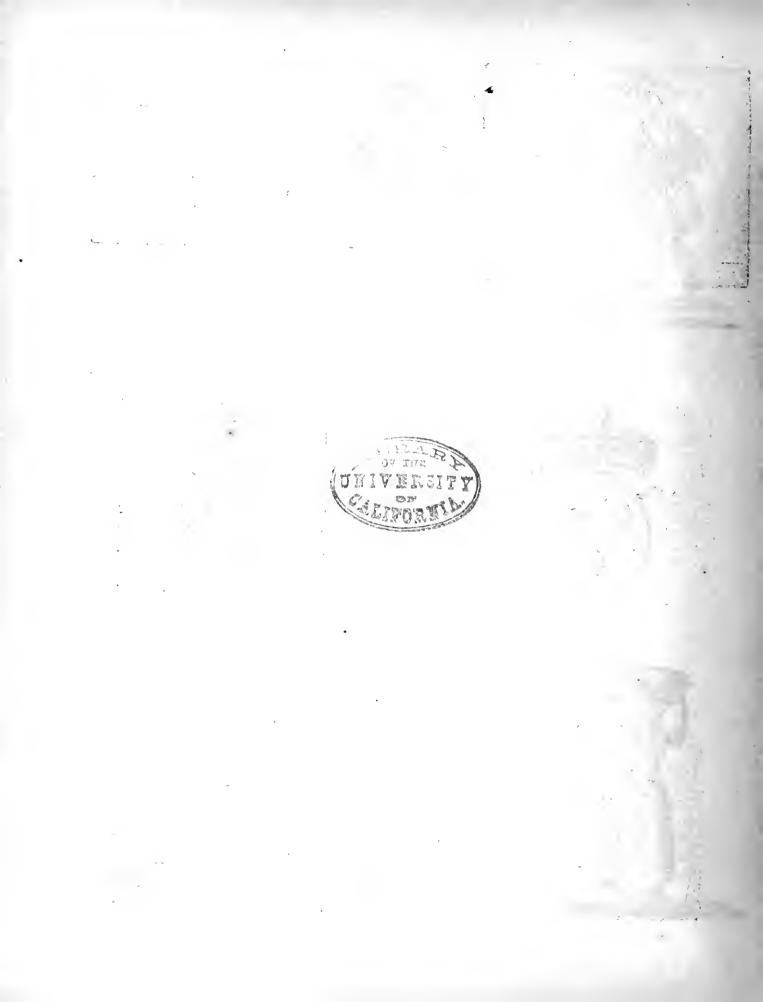












































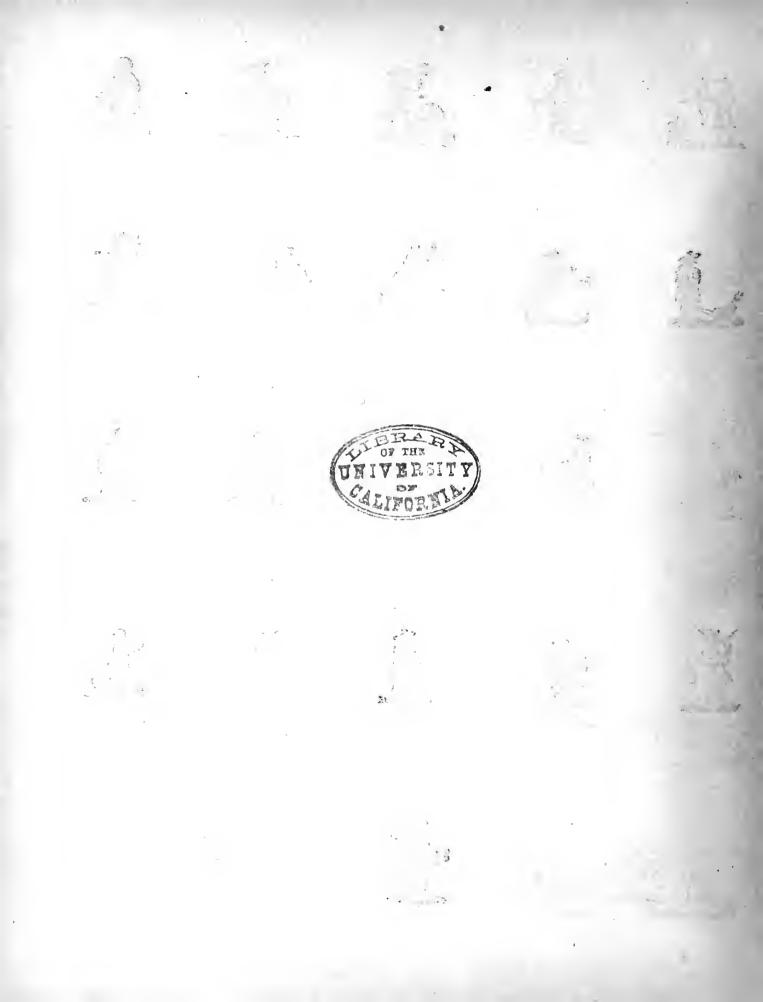














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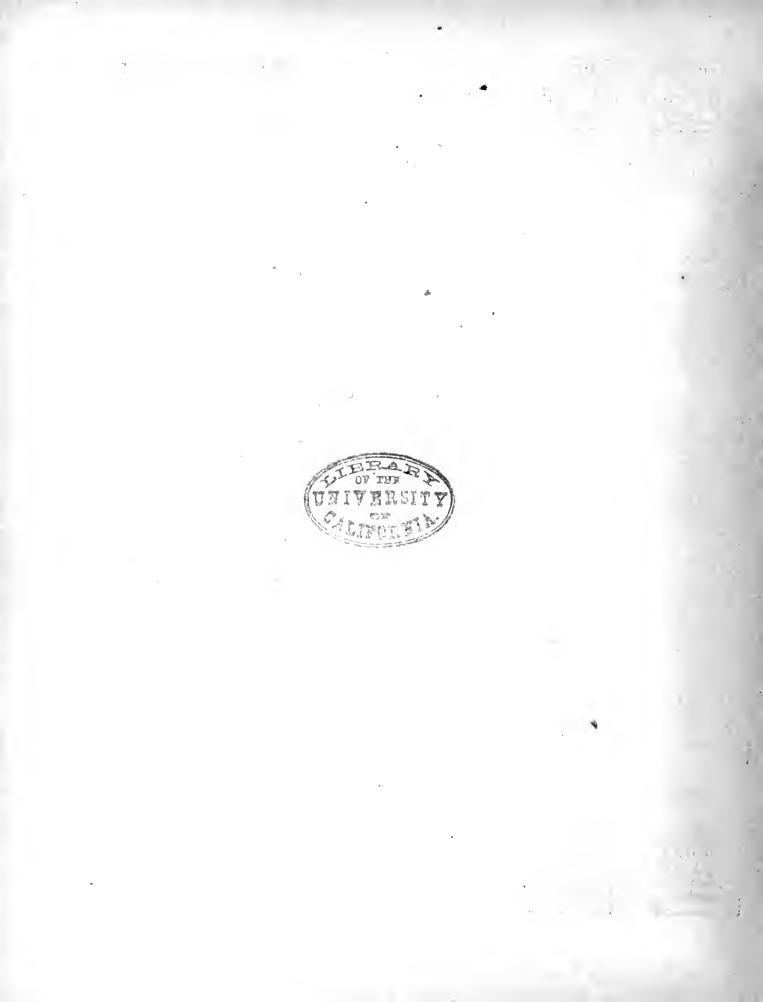


































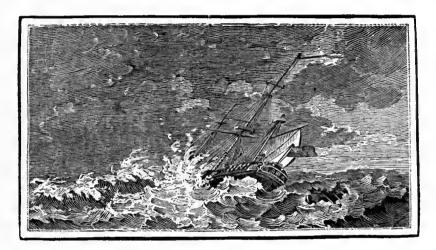


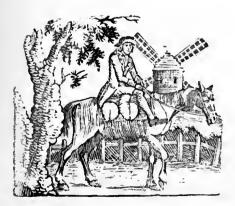






























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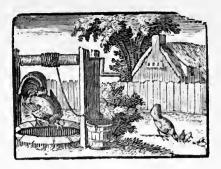






















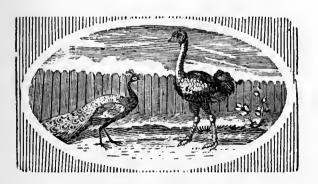
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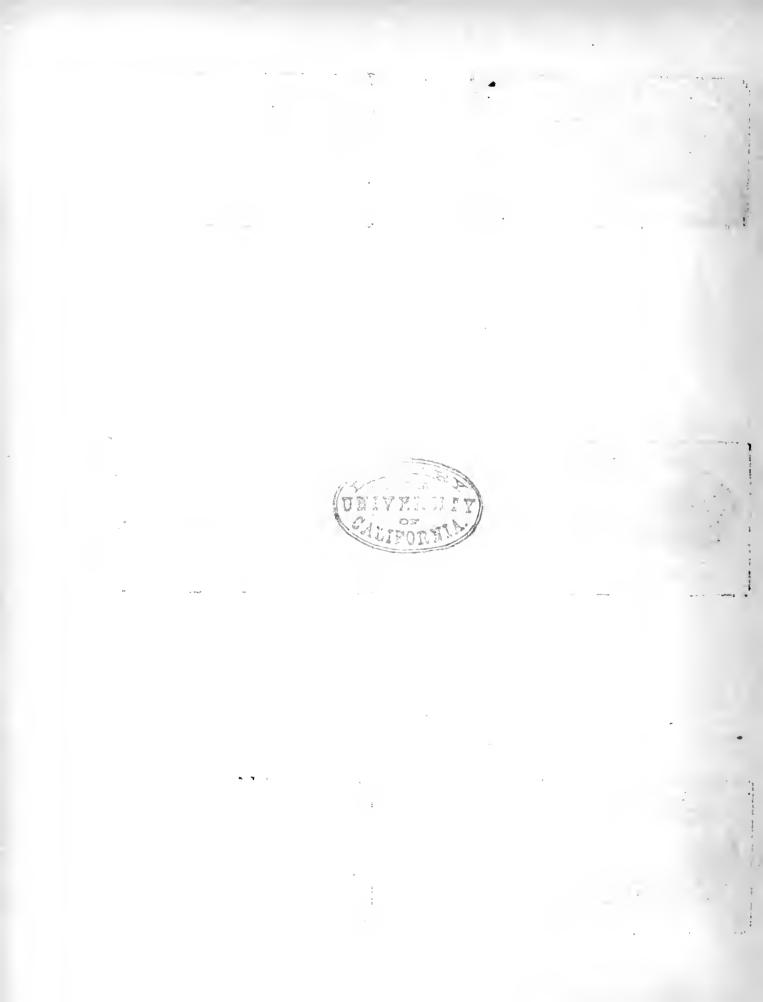






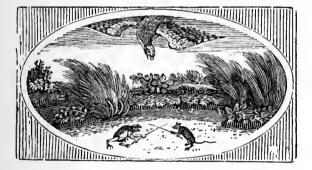








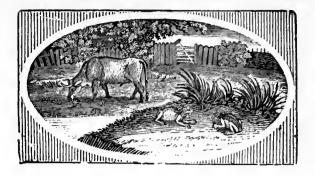


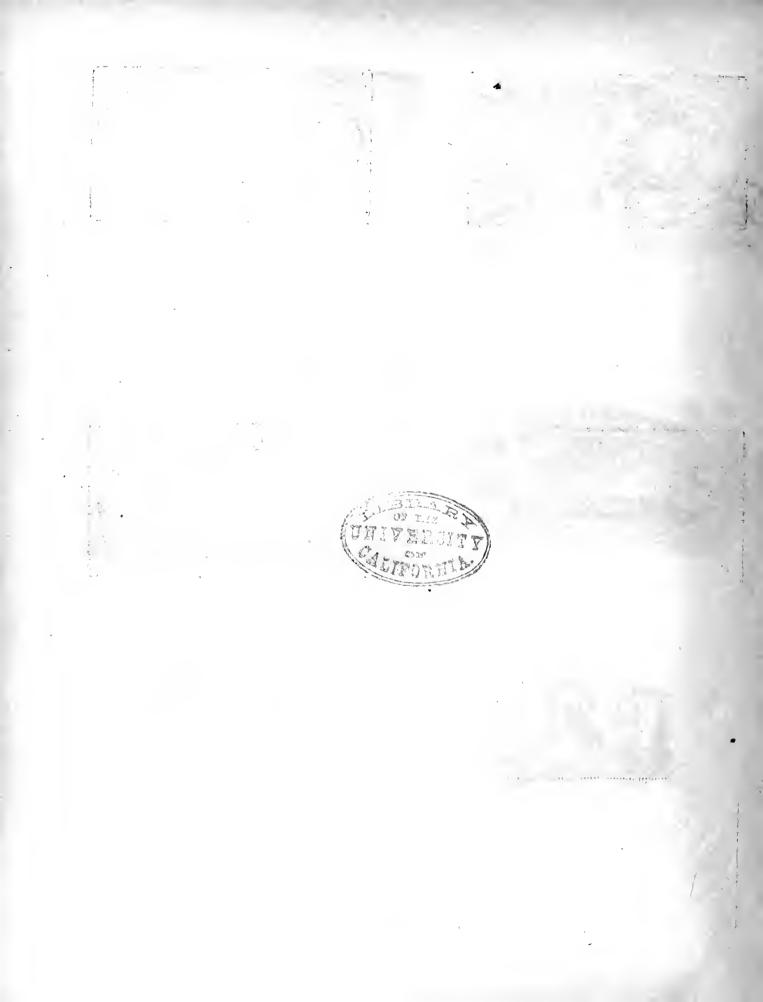
















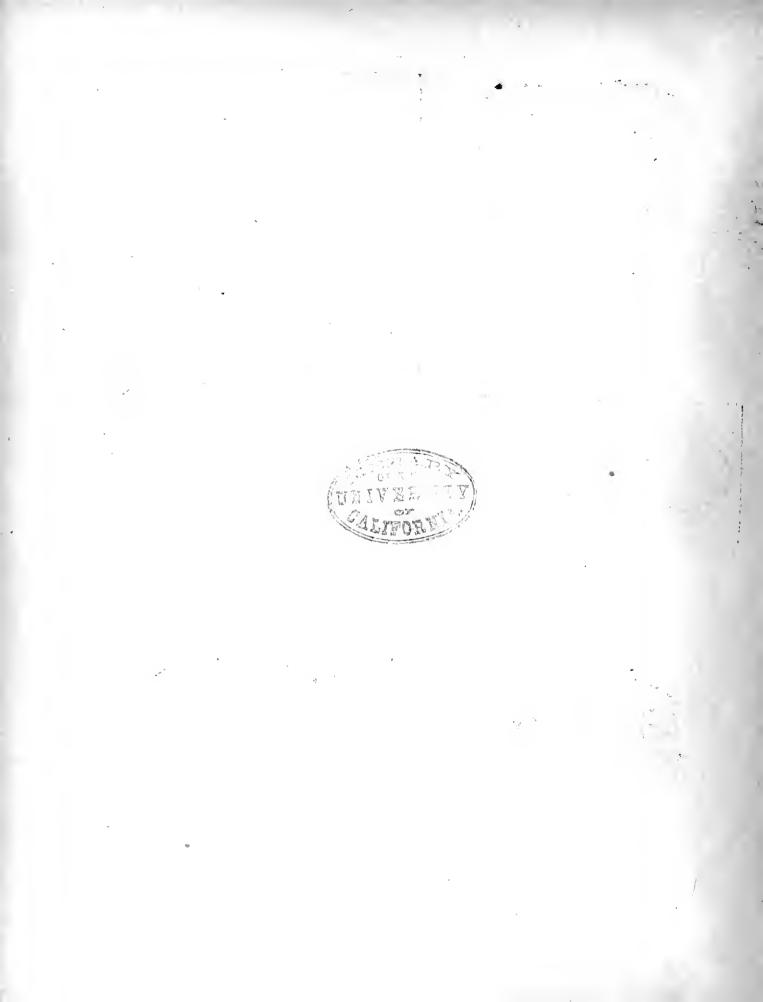


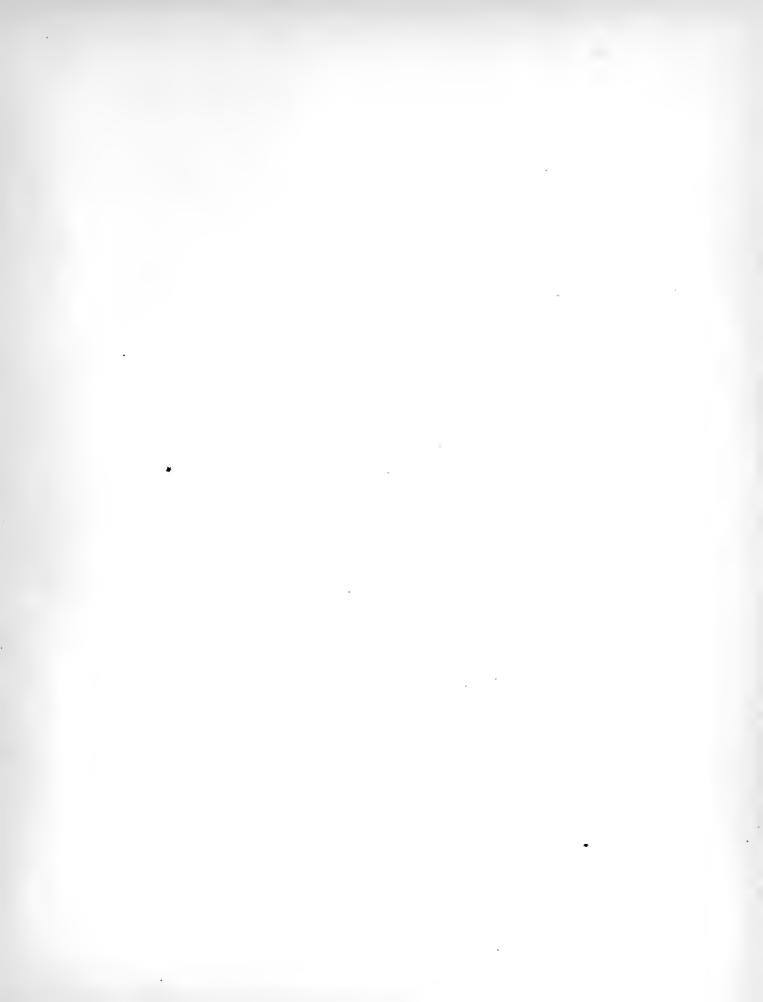


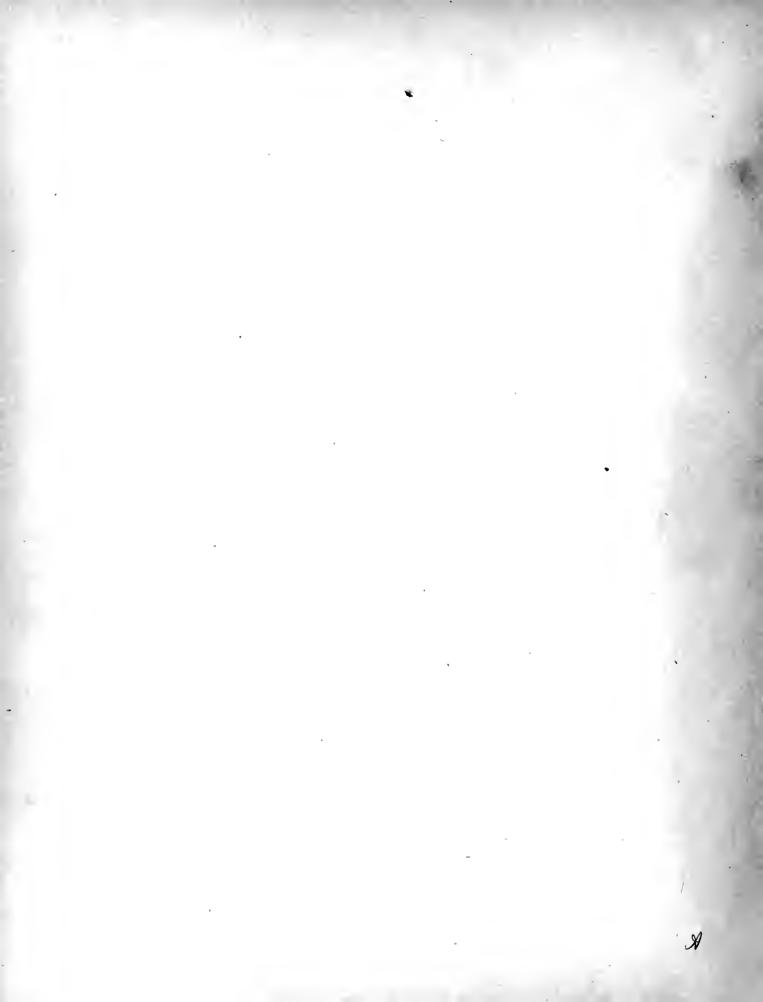


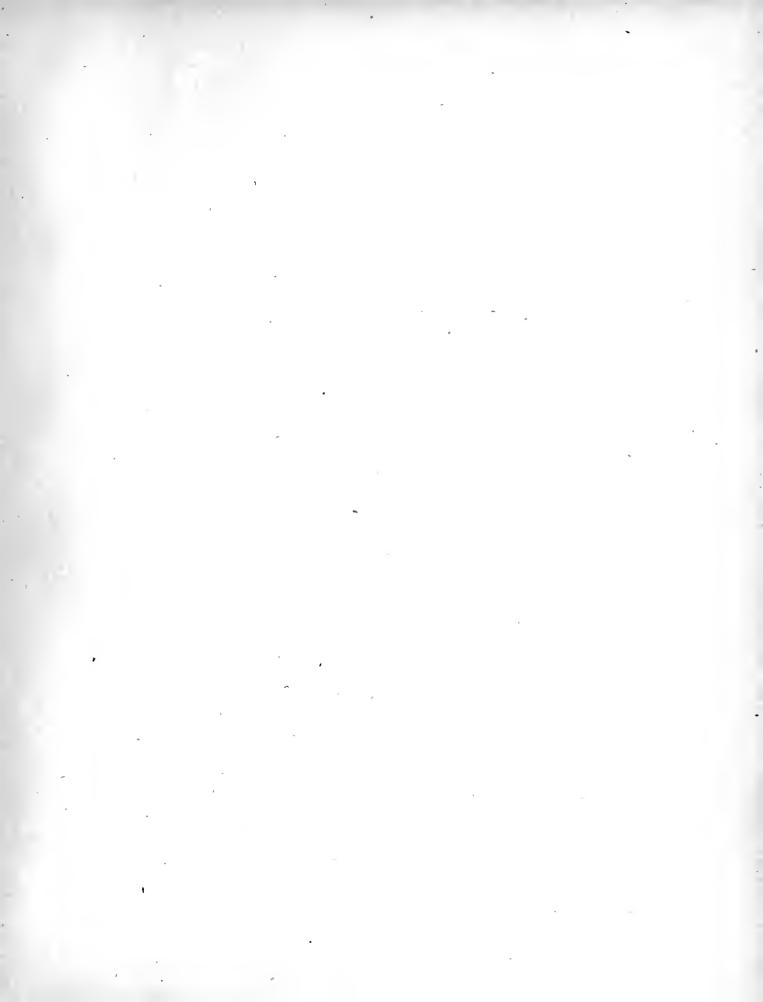


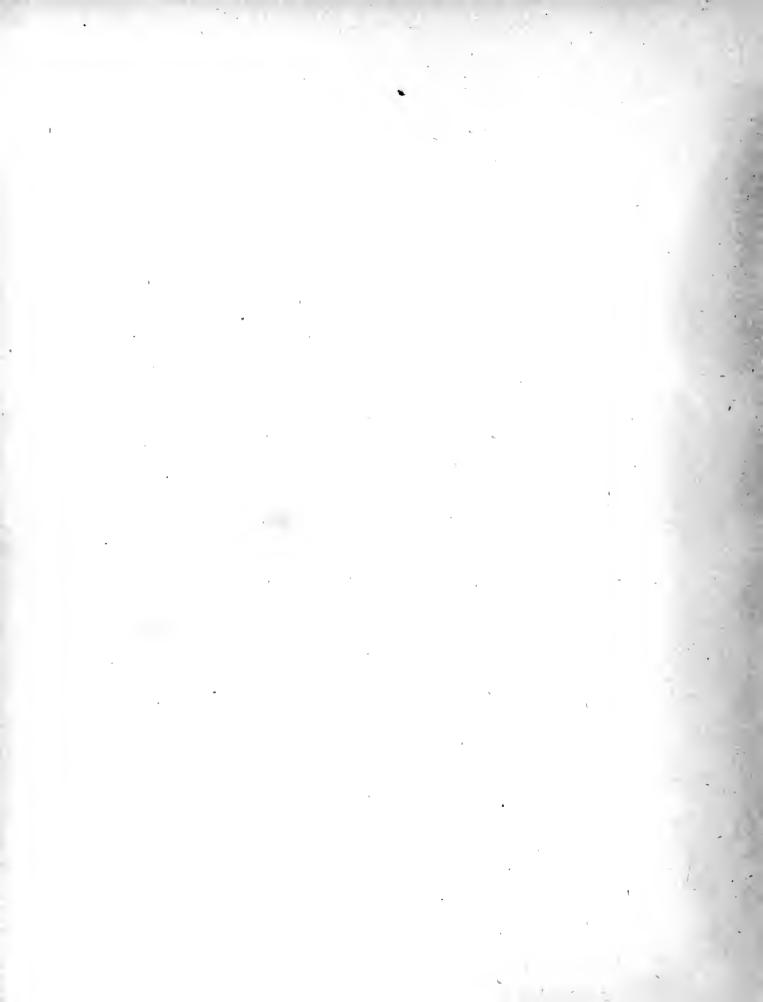


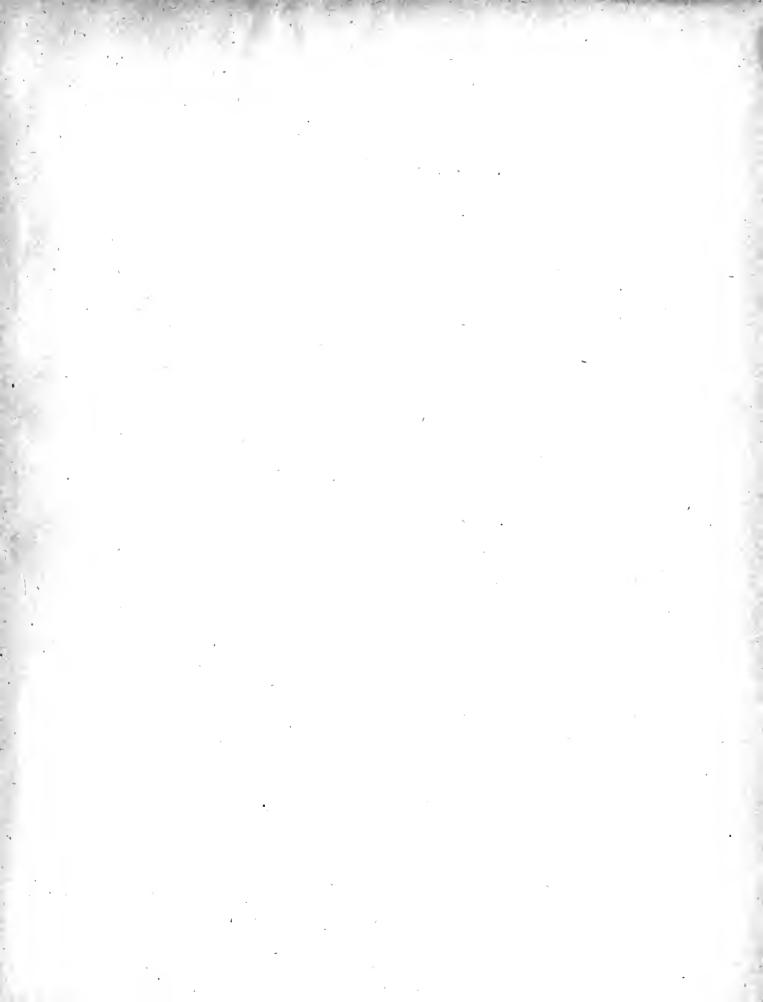












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