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N Ingenious Hand having | fignify unto the publick fome prepared Inftructions to of our Sentiments on this Ocdirect them that would Learn cafion ; We do declare, that we to Sing PSALMS after a Regu- rejoice in Good Helps for a lar Manner; and it being Beautiful and Laudable perforthought proper that we should mance of that holy Service, 9917 wherein

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and edify one another with the Affemblies of Zion will Decently Spiritual Songs, wherewith he & in order carry on this Exercife has enriched us. of PIETY, but alfo it will be

all, more particularly our vate Families, and become a part Young People, to accomplish of our Family-Sacrifice. themfelves with Skill to Sing At the fame time we would the Songs of the Lord, according above all Exhort, That the to the Good Rules of Pfalmody: main Concern of all may be to Hoping that the Confequence make it not a meer Bodily Exer-

wherein we are to Glorify God, | of it will be, that not only the And we would encourage the more introduced into pri-

A Recommendatory PREFACE. cife, but fing with Grace in their | with them, fo that in their Hearts, & with Minds Attentive Hearts they may make a Melody to to the Truths in the PSALMS the LORD. which they Sing, and affected Increase Mather.

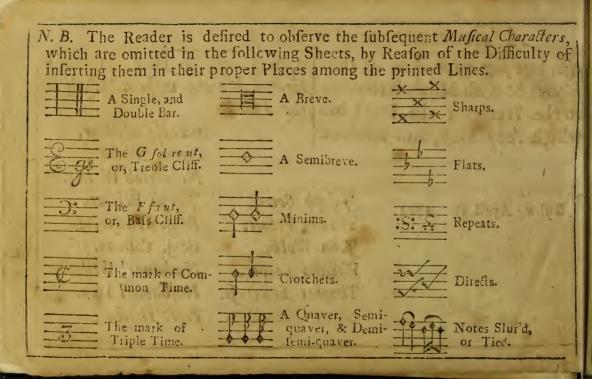
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## SOME BRIEF And very plain INSTRUCTIONS For Singing by NOTE.

USICK is the Art of Modulating Sounds, either with the Voice, or with an Inftrument. And as there are Rules for the right Management of an Inftrument, fo there are no lefs for the well ordering of the Voice. And tho' Nature it felf fuggets unto us a Notion of Harmony, and many Men, without any other Tutor, may be able to firike upon a few Notes tolerably tuneful; yet this bears no more proportion to a

Tune composed and fung by the Rules of Art than the vulgar Hedge-Notes of every Ruftic does to the Harp of *David*. Witnefs the modern Performances both in the Theatres and the Temple.

SINGING is reducible to the Rules of Art; and he who has made himfelf Mafter of a few of thefe Rules, is able at firft Sight to fing Hundreds of New Tunes, which he never

faw or heard of before, and this by the bare Words in a Page. So is not he worthy of the Inspection of the Notes, without hearing them Name of a Singer, who has gotten eight or ten from the Mouth of a Singer. Just as a Perfon Tunes in his Head, and can fing them like a who has learned all the Rules of Reading, is able Parrot by Rote, and knows nothing more about to read any new Book, without any further them, than he has heard from the Voices of Help or Inftruction. This is a Truth, altho' others; and fhew him a Tune that is new and known to, and proved by many of us, yet unknown to him, can't firike two Notes of it. very hardly to be received and credited in the Country. .)

the following Effay, that our Infructions will that are already in use in our Churches; which, give you that knowledge in Vocal Mufick, when they first came out of the Hands of the whereby you will be able to fing all the Tunes Compofers of them, were fung according to the in the World, without hearing of them fung by Rules of the Scale of Mulick, but are now mileanother, and being confirained to get them by rably tortured, and twifted, and quavered, in heart from any other Voice than your own? fome Churches, into an horrid Medly of con-We don't call him a Reader, who can recite fuled and diforderly Noifes. This must ne-Memoriter a few Pieces of the Bible, and other ceffarily create a most difagreable Jar in the Authors, but put him to read in those Ears of all that can judge better of Singing Places where he is a Stranger, cannot tell ten than these Men, who please themselves with

THESE Rules then will be ferviceable upon a Threefold Account. First, they will instruct WHAT a Recommendation is this then to us in the right and true finging of the Tunes their

their own ill-founding Echoes. For to compare 1 fmall things with great, our Pfalmody has fuffered the like Inconveniences which our Faith had laboured under, in cafe it had been committed and trufted to the uncertain and doubtful Conveyance of Oral Tradition. Our Tunes are, for want of a Standard to appeal to in all our Singing, left to the Mercy of every unskilful Throat to chop and alter, twift and change, according to their infinitely divers and no lefs odd Humours and Fancies. That this is most true, I appeal to the Experience of those who have happened to be present in many of our Congregations, who will grant me, that there areno two Churches that fing alike. Yea, I have my felf heard (for Instance) Oxford Tune fung in three Churches (which I purpofely forbear to mention ) with as much difference as there can possibly be between York and Oxford, or any two other different Tunes. Therefore any man that pleads with me for what they

call the Old Way, I can confute him only by making this Demand, What is the OLD WAY! Which I am fure they cannot tell. For, one Town fays, theirs is the true Old Way, another Town thinks the fame of theirs, and fo does a third of their Way of Tuning it. But let fuch men know from the Writer of this Pamphlet (who can fing all the various Twiftings of the old Way, and that too according to the Genius of most of the Congregations as well as they can any one Way; which must therefore make him a better Judge than they are or can be; ) affirms, that the Notes lung according to the Scale and Rules of Musick, are the true old Way. For fome body or other did compose our Tunes, and did they ( think ye ) compose them by Rule or by Rote? If the latter, how came they pricked down in our Pfalm Books? And this I am fure of, we fing them as they are there pricked down, and I am as fure the Country People do not. Judge ye then, who is in the B 2 right.

right. Nay, I am fure, if you would once be at the pains to learn our Way of Singing, you could not but be convinced of what I now affirm. But our Tunes have paffed thro' strange Metamorphofes ( beyond those of Ovid ) fince their first Introduction into the World. But to return to the Standard from which we have fo long departed cannot fail to fet all to rights, and to reduce the facred Songs to their primitive Form and Composition.

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them.

THERE is one more Advantage which will accrue from the Inftructions of this little Book: and that is this, that by the just and equal Timeing of the Notes, our Singing will be reduc'd toanexaft length, fo as not to fatigue the Singer with a tedious Protraction of the Notes beyond the compais of a Man's Breath. and the Power of his Spirit: A Fault very frequent in the Country, where I my felf have twice in one Note pauled to take Breath. This keeping of Time in Singing will have this Na-AGAIN, It will ferve for the Introduction ' tural effect also upon us, that the whole Alfemof more Tunes into the Divine Service; and bly shall begin and eud every fingle Note, and thefe, Tunes of no finall Pleafancy and Variety, every Line exactly together, to al Liftant, which will in a great Measure render this Part which is a wonderful Beauty in Singing, when of Worship still more delightfull to us. For a great Number of Voices are together founding at present we are confined to erght or ten Tunes, forth the DivinePraifes. But for want of this, and in fome Congregations to little more than I have obferved in many Places, one Man is half that Number, which being so often sung upon this Note, while another is a Note beover, are too apt, if not to create a Diftaste, fore him, which produces something to hideous yet at least mightily to leften the Relifh of and dilorderly, as is beyond Expression bad. And

And then the even, unaffected, and fmooth to give the Keader fome brief and plain Iafounding the Notes, and the Omifion of those unnatural Quaverings and Turnings, will ferve to prevent all that Difcord and lengthy Tediousnels which is so much a Fault in our finging of Plalms. For much time is taken up in fhaking out these Turns and Quavers ; and befides, no two Men in the Congregation quaver alike, or together; which founds in the Ears of a good Judge, like Five Hundred different Tunes roared out at the fame time, whofe perpetual interferings with one another, perplexed Jars, and unmeatured Periods, would make a Man wonder at the falle Pleasure which they conceive in that which good. ludges of Mufick and Sounds, cannot bear to hear. ]

THESE are the good Effects, which our Skill in the Gamut will produce. We shall then without any further Preamble, proceed ftructions for finging by Note and Rule.

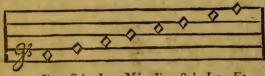
The Inftructions for Singing.

I. THERE are in Nature but seven distind Sounds, every Eghth Note being the fame. Thus when a Tune is fung by another upon a Key too low for the Compais of my Voice, if. I will fing with the Perlon, it must be all the way, Eight Notes above him. I naturally sound an Eghth higher / So a Woman naturany frikes eight Notes above the grum and low-tounding Voice of a Man, and it makes no more difference than the finging of two Perfons upon a Unifon, or a Pitch./ So on the contrary, when we would fing with a Voice too high & fhrill for us, we ftrike very naturally into an Offave, or Eighth below. And here let it be observed, that the Height of a Note. and

and the Strength of finging it, are two different things. Two Notes of equal Height may be founded with different Degrees of Strength, fo as that one fhall be heard much further than the other.

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II. THESE Eight Notes, for the fake of the Learner are called by the Names, Fa, Sol, La, Mi. As thus,



Fa Sol La Mi Fa Sol La Fa.

WHERE it must be observed, that from Mi to Fa, as also from La to Fa is but a Semitone, or Half-Note; and from Fa to Sol; from Sol to La; and from La to Mi is a Tone, or Whole Note. That is, in rising from Mi to Fa,

or La to Fa, I don't raife my Voice but half as much as in rifing from Fa to Sol, from Sol to La, & from La to  $M_i$ . On the other Hand, when I fall from Fa to  $M_i$ , or Fa to La immediately below it, I fall but half as much as I do from  $M_i$  to La, La to Sol, Sol to Fa immediately under it. And this you will perceive with yourEar when your Singing Master thall have taught you to raife and fall your Notes.

III. THE Queftion then will be, How shall I know which is La, Fa, or Mi, Fa; and which is Fa, Sol, and Sol, La, &c. that I may give the former the true found of an half Note, and the latter the found of an whole Note? For this end was the GAMUT by Musicians constructed and made, where there are SEVEN Letters of the Alphabet, made use of to defign out the feven Notes, in order to the Knowledge of their Names, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, and by Confequence the giving them their true and proper Sound. As

As we faid before, every *Eighth* Note is the fame, and that there are but *feven* diffinct Sounds in Nature, fo there are but juft that Number of Letters, *viz.* the *feven* first in the Alphabet, to defign and mark them out, every Eighth Letteras well as Sound being the fame.

I fhall here therefore prefent to the Reader's, View a GAMUT, containing all the ufual Keys of Mufick, in all the divers Placing and Removes of the Notes Fa, Sol, La  $M_i$ ; and then explain it, which when we have finished, and it is well fludied by the Learner, it will be an easy Matter, by the Application of the Gamut to any Tune, to name the Notes thereof.

The Gamut, or Scale of Mulick. Gfolreutin Alt Sol Fa Sol La Fa x Mi \* Ffaut\_Fa\_Fa\_Sol--x-Mi--x--La--x--La Fla La Mi b Fa La Sol. Sol G Cíolfa Fa Sol Sol Fa x Mi x La reble Bfabmi-Mi-b-Fa-b-Fa-La-La-Sol A la mire I.a Mi Sol Sol FA I.a G folreut-gs-Sol-gs--Sol-gs--La-gs--Fa-gs--Fa-gsx Mi F faut Fa Fa Sol x Mi x La x La Sol x Mi x Ia x La E la mi \_\_\_\_\_ Mi-b--Fa \_\_\_ La \_\_\_\_ Sol\_\_\_ Sol Wedius Sol D la sol re I.a. La Sol Fa C folfaut--Fa-Sol-Sol-Fa-x--Mi--x-La Mib Fab Bfabmi Fa La La Sol A la mi re--- La- Mi-Sol Sol Fa G fol re ut Sol Sol I.a Fax Mi Fa E la mi La Mi b Fa La Sol Sol Balt D Col re---Sol--- La-Sol-- Fa-Fa Cfaut Fa Sol Sol Fa x Mix La P mi-Mi-b-Fa-b-Fa-La-Ia-Sol I a Mi Sol Sol IA Fa Gamut-Sol-Sol-La-Fa-Fa-X--Mi FF faut Fa Fa Sol x Mi x 

IV. WEshall now go on to give an Explanation of the Gamut, or the above marked Scale of Mufick. Aud here are (as the Reader may observe with his Eye ) upon the Gamutor Scale of Mufick two Marks, one over against the uppermost G but one, (maik'd thus gs) the other overagainst the lowermost F but one (mark'd thus ): ) these are called Cliffs, the former is called the G fol re ut Cliff from the Place where it ftands; the other is the F faut Cl ff, fo denominated from it's Station upon the Gamut. How they are both marked, you may fee yet plainer in the beginning of this Book. The first of these is placed upon the Trebles, or upper Parts ; and wherever it ftands upon your Tune, call the Line it flands upon G, as you find it fands upon the fame Letter in the Gamut. Then you are to call the Lines and Spaces above in order, A, B, C, D, &c. as vou find they are fo called in the Gamut. Call the Lines and Spaces below this G fol re ut Cl ff F, E, D, C, B, A, G, &c. as you find they are placed in the fame wife upon the Gamut

under the faid Cliff.

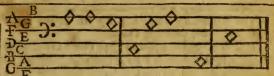
V. THE other is the Cliff used upon the Bass, or lower Parts of a Tune, and you are to call the Line it stands upon F. Then the Lines and Spaces above alcending are G, A, B, &c. those descending are E, D, C, B, A, G, &c. just in the Order you find upon the Gamut To illustrate this by a familiar Instance, take Notice, That any Tune is only fo many Lines and Spaces (upon which Notes may be placed) taken from the Gamut; and that each Line and Space corresponds with the Line and Space answering it on the Gamut; and the same Letter and Name is understood to be thereupon, which is in the fame Places of the Gamut. We will then take the fift Line of Wind for Treble.



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Here observe every Line and Space is marked at the beginning of the Tune with its proper Letter. Upon the lowest Line but one ftands the G fol re ut Cliff, which answers to the lineupon the Gamut where the fame G fol re ut Cliff does stand. If a note stand upon that Line I fay it stands upon G, as you find the laftNote does fo. The Spaces and Lines above I call in the Order of ascending, & as they are Gamut. the second second

first Line.



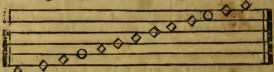
First of all observe the F fa ut Cliff, which fhews the Tune to be a Bass; the Line it flands upon you must call F, then the Lines and spaces below you are to call (gradually defcending) there marked ; A, B, C, D, E, Esc. I observe on E,D,C,B, A,G,F, Esc. The Lines and Spaces the Space above the Cliff A, as the space above above you are to call, G, A, B, Egc. Thus in the the G fol re ut Cliff upon the Gamut, is A, | Tune before us the first Note Rands aSpace and as you will there find. And therefore the two a Line above the F Cliff. I call the Cliff, F, fift Notes, and the two last Notes but one, I call the space above, G, the line above that, being a space above the G Cliff, I fay they stand A, which is the place where the two first on A. The Third and Fifth Notes are on Notes stand. I fay then those two Notes stand the Line above that space, which is B, I fay upon A. The Third Note is but one space atherefore, they are in B. So the fourth Note bove the F Cliff, it stands therefore upon G, is upon C. Thus are you first of all to learn to which is a Note above F. The Fourth Note name the Letters upon your Tunes from the is three Notes below the F Cliff, I count downwards, and fay F,E,D,C; that Note Again, let us take the Bass of Windsor, the therefore stands upon C. And so of all the rest

of the Notes, by counting up or down from the Cliff, you may find them.

H E R É again obferve that the Line of your Bafs, which has the F Cliff upon it, and wers to the Line on the Gamut, which has the fame Cliff placed upon it; and the Spaces and Lines above and below the F Cliff upon the Tune are called by the fame Letters, which are above and below the fame Cliff upon the Gamut. From hence it follows, that having found your Cliff and given it its proper Name, it is eafy to name the respective Letters, with which every Note in the Tune flands, altho' the Letters are not actually fet down upon those Lines and Spaces of the Tune.

VI. HAVING proceeded thus fat, it will be no difficult thing to name the Notes by the Syllables Fa, Sol, La, Mi, in order to find which are half Notes and which are whole Notes; to give them their due and proper Sound. Mi is your Master Note; when you

have found which Note is Mi, call the Notes above Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, then the Eighth Note will be Mi, according to the Rule before mentioned that every Eighth is the fame. Then you go over with the fame Notes again, till you come again to Mi; and fo on forever. The Notes below Mi are the forementioned reverfed, La, Sol, Fa, La, Sol, Fa, then you come to Mi again, Ec. For Example



Fa,Sol,La,Mi,Fa,Sol,La,Fa,Sol,La,Mi,Fa,Sol.

VII. THE next Question then is, how to find *Mi*, which having found, we may with eafe call the other Notes above or below by their proper Names? And here the Answer is, That the *natural* place for *Mi* is in *B*. Look

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in the fift Column of the *Gamut*, and you will find *Mi* upon *B*, which is the natural Place for it. See for Example the first Line of *Windfor* Treble.



HERE I caft my Eye upon the G Cliff; I call the Line it flands upon G; the fpace above I call A, the Line above I call B, & c. according to the Order of the Gamut. The two round Notes (which I have for marked for diffinction's fake) fland upon P, I call them Mi. The Note below I call La, the Note below that Sol, & c. The Note above I call Fa, if there were another above that, I would call it Sol, and another above that, I would call it La, & c. According to what we faid above. So that Mi flands upon the Line above the G fol reut Cliff,

and fo you will find it upon the first Column of the Gamut, where  $M_1$  flands upon the Line above the G Cliff, as it does upon this Tune. And the Notes above and below are called by the fameNames, both upon the Tune and the Gamut. So the Space above the Cliff, upon both the Gamut and the Tune is called, La.

So for a 'Bafs, find your F fa ut Cliff, call the Line it flands upon F, then count the Lines and Spaces above or below by their refpective Letters, (according to the Rule before laid down concerning the letters) until you come to that which you fhould call B, and there is the Place for Mi. For Example, take the laft Line of C.mbridge Short Bafs.



FIRST, I caft my Eye upon the upper Line but one, there I find the F Cliff. The Line it ftands upon I call F; then I defcend & call the Space below, E; the Line below that Space I call D; the Space below that Line C; the Line below that is B, and there ftands your  $M_i$ ; (which for Diffinction fake is made round.) So upon your Gamut (Column firft) run down from the FCliff five Letters, and you will find B, and  $M_i$  over again ft it.

VIII. BUT then there are two other Cliffs used in Mufick, which ferve to vary the place of  $M_i$ . That is, to transpose it from B its natural Place, to some other Place or Letter. These are called, the one of them A F/at; the other A Sharp. Their Marks see in the beginning of this Book. The B F/at depresses a Note half a found lower. Thus we said before, that from  $M_i$  to Fais but an half Note; but if  $M_i$  have a F/at uponit, it is an whole Note from  $M_i$  to Fa, that is  $M_i$  is

an *half Note* lower than it was before. The Sharp ferves to raife a Note as much higher; thus from La to Fa afcending is but an *half* Note, but if Ea be fharped, it is an whele Note above La. From La to Sol defcending is an whole Note, but if Sol be fharped (which is under La) that La is but an *half* Note above; for it raifes Sol an *balf* Note higher, and fo nearer to La. For Example,



M', Fa, Fa, Fa, La, Sol, La, Sol, Mi, Fa, M, Fa

So that the *Flats* are usually put upon the balf Notes Mi Fa, and La Fa, ( that is the undermost of them ) to distance them an *whole* Note from one another. The Sharp is put upon the *whole* Notes to make them but *half a Note* distance

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diftant, or upon the uppermost of two half look upon Column fecond, and you will find Notes to make them an whole Note diftant. See the above cited Example, where the two first Notes are an half Note's Distance; the Third and Fourth are an, whole Notes Distance. The Fifth and Sixth are an whole Note's Diftance; the Seventh and Eighth are an half Note's Diftance ; the Ninth and Tenth are an half Note's Diftance, and yet the Eleventh and Twelfth Notes, altho' upon the fame Place, are an whole Note Diftant.

N. B. That the Flat alters the Name of the Note before which it is placed; the Sharp altho' it raifes the Note, yet does not always change the Name.

Note allo, that it is evident from the Gamut that the Flat makes a Note or Line, before which it is placed, half a Note lower; and a Sharp makes it as much higher. For look upon your Gamut. Column first, and you will fee, that from B to C is half a Note, viz. Mi, Fa; but

from B to C is an whole Note, as Fa, Sol, That is, Mi, Fa, in the first Column is turned into Fa, Sol, becaufe Mi in the fecond Column has a Flat upon it, which turns it into Fa, altering the Name of the Note, and making it an half Note lower. So look upon Column firft of the Gamut, and you will find, that from E to F, which is there  $L_{J}$ ,  $F_{J}$ , and in Column fecond, where from E to F is Mi, Fa, is but half a Note, ( as we faid in the former Part of this Book : ) But in Column third, where E is fatted, from E to F is an whole Note, viz. Fa. Sol.

So as to the Sharps; from E to F in the first Column is but balf a Note, that is, La. Fa; but in Column fourth, where F is tharp'd, from E to F is an whole Note, that is, La, Mi. And To you may find it in the reft of the Columns, where there is a Sharp, it is placed upon that which was an balf Note in the preceding Column,

lumn, to make it an whole Note, where it ftands; which is the Caufe of the Remove of the  $M_i$ , which is the Governour of the Semitone in every Column.

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1X. THIS gives you the Reafon of the Removes of the Mi; namely the making the Semitones whole Tones, or the half Notes whole Notes. So that Mi being but an balf Note below  $F_a$ , the Flats or Sharps upon it making the Places of Mi, and  $F_a$ , an whole Note Diflant, (and the fame holds good as to La,  $F_a$ , which are alfo half Notes, as well as Mi,  $Fa_2$ ) it follows, that Mi muft be removed.

X. THE Natural Place of Mi is in B; but the Flats and Sharps remove the Mi. Therefore what fhall I do to find my Mi, when there are *Flats* or *Sharps* at the Beginning of the Tune? Now the Rules are thefe. The Natural Place of Mi is in B; but if B be flat, Miis in E; if B and E be flat, Mi is in A. Thus for the Flats. If F be tharp, Mi is in F; if F and C be fharp, Mi is in C; and if F, C and G be fharp, Mi is in G. That is, look upon B, and there is your Mi, unlefs you find a Flat placed-upon it, and then count up to E, and there is your Mi; but if a Flat be there too, count down to A, and there is the Mi. Or, if there be no Flats, but Sharps, look up to F, & if that be the harpedNote, there is Mi; unlefs when you look down to C, and find it tharped, and then is the Mi in C. Or, laftly, look down to G, and if that be fharp'd too; the Mi is there.

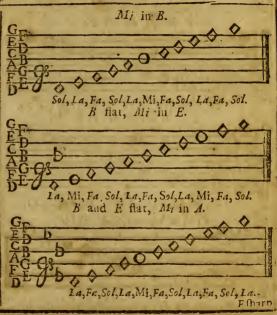
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The Natural place for Mi, is in B, but if

 $\begin{array}{c} B \\ B \& E \\ \end{array} \right\} be flat, M_i \text{ is in } \begin{cases} E. \\ A. \\ \\ And \text{ if,} \\ \hline F \\ F \& C \\ F, C \& G \\ \end{array} \} be flarp, M_i \text{ is in } \begin{cases} F. \\ C. \\ G. \\ \end{cases}$ 

And when you have found your Mi, in any of all these Variations, the Notes above are Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, &c. and below La, Sol, Fa, La, Sol, &c. as before.

XI. The following Examples will fhew us the feveral Removes of Mi; and here the Reader is defired to compare every Example with the Gamut, and he will find it answering, Note for Note; only he must observe the diftinct Columns of the Gamut. You will find the Letters, the Notes, the place of the Mi to correspond exactly. So, compare the first Column of the Gamut with the first Example, where Mi is in B; the fecond Example with the fecond Column, where B is flat, and Mi is in E, and fo of the reft. The Tune will answer the Gamut in all points, as much as the Figures and Inches upon two Carpenter's Squares are alike, and answer one another.



Some brief and very plain Instructions 16 F fharp, Mi in F. We shall now pass to give all these Examples of the place of Mi in the Bafs. 200000 Mi in B. 000000 Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa. F & C sharp, MI in C. 0000 Fa, Sol, Lo, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi. B flat, Mi in E. Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa. F, C, & G, fharp, Mi in G. 0000 000 Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa. Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi. B & E

for Singing by B and E flat, Mi in A. Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa. F fharp, Mi in F.  $\rightarrow \times$ 0000 Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La. F and C fharp, Mi in C. La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi, Fa, Sol, La, Fa, Sol, La.

F, C, and G fharp, Mi in G. BA GF D: X CBX AB FGX La,Mi,Fa,Sol,La, Fa, Sol, La, Mi,Fa, Sol.

NOTE.

XII. I TOLD you before, that thefe Examples do exactly correspond with the Gamut. We will put this a little into Practice. Take the laft Inftance, where you will find the FCliff, which is the Mark of the Bafs. You fee that F, C, and G are fharped. Look upon the laft Column of your Gamut, and you will there find, F, C, and G fharped. Take the upper Line, of your Tune, which is marked with the FCliff, place that Cliff upon the laft Column of the Gamut upon the faid Cliff in the Gamut; you will find the Cliff ftands upon F, both in the Gamut, and the Tune, and that both on D

the one, and the other, the name of the Note is  $L_{a,i}$ , and that both are fharped. Then look upon the fpace above, in the Tune, and in the *Gamut*, and you will find a *Sharp* on both alike, and both have the Letter *G* upon them; and the Notes upon both are Mi, &c. And fo you will find as to all the reft of the Lines and Spaces.

So you may compare the Treble, with the Gamut, by placing the G fol re ut Cliff upon the fame Cliff in the Gamut; and the Lines, Spaces, and Names of the Notes, as alfo all the Flats and Sharps will anfwer one another.

XIII. TUNES are faid to be upon a *flat* Key, or a Sharp Key. To know whether your Tune be upon a flat Key, or a fharp Key, this is the general Rule. If the Two Notes above the laft Note of your Tune be *whole Notes*, it is upon a *fharp* Key; but if the Two Notes above, be one an *whole Note*, and the other an

balf Note, then it is a flat Key. For Instance, in Canterbury Tune, the last Note is upon G. and is called Fa; the Notes above must be Sol, La, which are two whole Notes, fo that from Fato Lais a Greater Third. Again, in Windfor Tune, the last Note stands upon Al and is called La; the Notes above are Mi. Fa. Now altho' from La to Mi be an whole Note. yet from Mi to Fa is but an half Note, which makes it a leffer Third. The former is called by the Latins Diton Major; the latter Diton Minor. And La, Mi, Fa, making but a leffer Third, the Tune is upon a flat Key. For in Canterbury Tune Fa, Sol, La, rifes half a Note higher than La, Mi, Fa. For the former confifts of two whole Notes; the latter of an whole Note, and an half Note. And when you have learned to 'raife and fall the Notes, the Difference of the Sound will be perceptible by the Ear. From this Difference of the greater and leffer Third, it follows, that Tunes upon

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and therefore more fuitable to Pfalms of Praife, and Thankfgiving. And the Flat Keys, being more grave, and mournful, vafe, therefore best set, and fung to Penitential Pfalms, and melancholly Airs. Let any Man fing the Penttential Hymn, in the following' Collection of Tunes, and he must allow what I have been afferting.

XIV. I CANNOT difmifs this Subject of the flat and fharp Keys, without speaking fomething of the old Way of naming the Notes from the Keys. Thus fay fome, if the Key be flat, Mi is the Note above the Key, ; and if the Key be a fharp Key, the Note below is Mi. A Thing which is abfolutely falle. To name the Nores from the finding the Key is, like drawing an Universal Conclusion from particular and more reftrained Premises, For altho' every Tune that has Mi above the Key Note, is upon a flat Key; and every

on Sharp Keys are more chearful, and fprightly, I Tune that has Mi below the Key Note, must be upon a sharp. Key: yet it is not reciprocally true, that every flat Key has Mi above the Key Note; or that every harp Key has Mi below the Key Note. For a Tune may 'end with Sol: and then Fa must be the Note below the Key. And fo of others. It is fo in Playford's Tunes let to Sternhold and Hopkins's Verfion of the Plalms. Where there are particular Notes flatted and fharped, which they could not be, if the Mi was where the Old Way of finding it would place it. Be pleafed to look into those Pfalms, particularly on the Tune called, The Song of the three Children. You will there find the fecond Note of the Bass, which according to the Old Way of Naming the Notes is called Mi, which is half a Note lower than the first Note Fa; and yet this Mi is fharped, which is a thing needless, if it be Mi. But according to our Gamut the first Note of that Bals is D 2 Sol

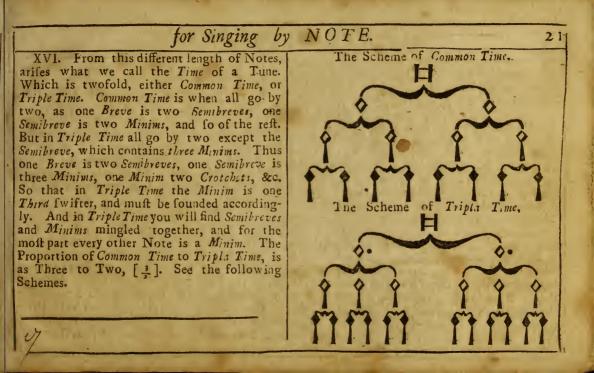
Sol, and the fecond Nore is Fa, which becaufe it is an whole Note below Sol, is thanked to make it but half a Note lower. So that Sol, Fa, Sol, with the Fa fharp is founded like Fa, Mi, Fa, which Mi needs no fharp, it being already but half a Note from Fa naturally, and fo does not want any raifing by a (harp. The fame you may observe upon the third Note of the third Line of that Treble, whole proper Name is Fa, and is sharped to make it a whole Note from La the preceding Note; which tharp were needlefs, if it were Mi, for Mi is an whole Note above La without fhaiping of it. And the fame could I prove, if there were need, from the Flats on many Notes in those Tunes.

XV. THE Notes in Musick do come under a further Confideration, and that is their Length, or Shortnefs in the Timing of them. They are known by the Names of a Breve, Semibreve, Minim, Crotchet, Quaver, Semiquaver.

These two last are seldom used in Pfalm Tunes, but are more frequent in Songs, Madrigals, and Light Airs. The other better becoming the grave and solemn Worship of the Temple, As for their *abfolate* Length and measure of. Time in Sounding; a *Semibreve* is founded in the Time that a Man may let fall his Hand. flowly and raise it again; letting his Hand fall at the first founding, and taking it up when it is half done, which lifting up of the Hand finishes it.

As for their Comparative Length, one Breve contains two Semibreves, one Semibreve two Minims, one Minim two Crotebets, &c. So that if a Semibreve is founding while a Man lets fall his Hand, and raifes it again, by Confequence a Minim is founded while the Hand is falling, and another Minim while it is rifing. And two Crotebets while it is falling, and two while it is rifing, &c. The Marks of thefe Notes may be feen in the beginning of this Book. From.

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Time above drawn, there is a Prick upon the ! breve in Common Time. right fide of the Note, which is by Musicians called a Prick of Perfection, which makes the Mufick, fuch as a Repeat ( whole Mark fee Note before half as long again. Thus that at the beginning of the Book ) which figni-Semibreve with a Prick is as long as a Semibreve fies, that that part of the Tune which went beand a Minim, Now if that Semibreve with a fore it, is to be fung over again. There is al-Prick after it, which makes it half as long fo a Dired ( whole mark alfo fee at the beagain, be just as long as the three Minims un- ginning of the Book ) which ferves to direct der ir, then if that Prick were taken away, the Singer what Space or Line the Note in it would be as long as but two of those Minnus. the next page ftands. There is also a Tye Therefore in your Triple Time Tunes, (where (fee the Mark thereof in the forementioned there is no Prick after the Semilreve, ) the place ) which is to inform you, that two. Semibreve is to be fung just as long again as or three, or as many Notes as it is put to, are a Minim. Now one Minim and an half of a to be fung to one Syllable. Minim in Triple Time, is as long as one Minim | XVIII. THE laft thing we have to treat in Common Time; therefore the Semibreve in of, is the Doctrine of Concords, and Diffeords. Triple Time being unpricked, amounting to It would be but an unintelligible Amufement the length of two Minims in the fame Time, to the vulgar Reader, (for whom this little it muft be as long as a Minim, and a third of a Book is chiefly defigned ) to give the Phyfical Minim of Common Time; that is, a Semibrove and Mathematical Solution of the Grounds.

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You may observe, that in the Scheme of Triple in Triple Time, is a Third shorter than a Semi-

XVII. THERE are feveral Adjuncts of

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for Singing by NOTE.

Caufe, and Effects of Harmony, as alfo the Reafons of Defcant, which I might eafily do. I only fay, that among the Seven Notes, (for there are no more in Nature, as we have already faid, every Eighth being the fame, only in an higher Key) a Third, letter and greater, a Sixth, leffer and greater, a Fifth lefter and greater are Concords. That is, if I found a Third, or Fifth, or Sixth above another Man, my Voice founds harmonioufly with his. A Second, and Seventh, are Difcords; a Fourth is by fome accounted a Chord, by others a Difcord; but I am inclined to think the former.

Note alfo, if any Sound is a Chord, or Difcord to another, the Odaves, or Eighths of those Sounds are fo too. Take two Examples,

Here in the first Example, the fecond Note is a Third above the first, if they were both founded, they would be harmonious (a *Third* being a Chord ) and fo is the upper Note, which is an Eighth above the fecond Note, the fame is a *Chord* to the first and undermost Note. So in the other Example, the fecond Note is a fecond to the first, which is a Difcord; and the upper Note being an Eighth above the Second, is alfo a Difcord to the first and undermost Note.

You will find many Inftances in the following Tunes, where a Note in the Bals is more than Eight Notes below the Note of the Treble anfwering to it. And when it is fo, fuch two Notes are a double Concord to one another, and are the fame in Nature as a fingle Concord. Thus an Eighth is the fame with a Unifon, a Ninth with a Second, a Tenth with a Third, &c.

The Treble, Bass, and Medius do not always begin

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begin upon a Pitch, fometimes three, fometimeseightNotes,&c.Diftancefrom one another. You may find their Diftance by obferving the Letter, on which the firft Note of each ftands. Thus if the firft Note of the Bass ftands on  $\mathcal{A}$ , and the Treble begins on C, they are a Third afunder. The Bass must be begun a Third below.

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Finally, observe, that Discords are sometimes made use of in Musick, to prepare the Ear by their Harshness, to relish better the Sweetnefs, and Melody of a following Concord. Thus oftentimes, there will be an imperfect Concord, then a Difcord, which is ftill more gratelng; this ferves to keep the Auditor in a longing Sufpence, till all the Parts fall into a perfect Set of Chords, which finishes and compleats the Harmony, and strangely charms the Hearer.

Here follow the Notes for Tuning the Voice, and the Collection of Tunes fitted to our Pfalms.



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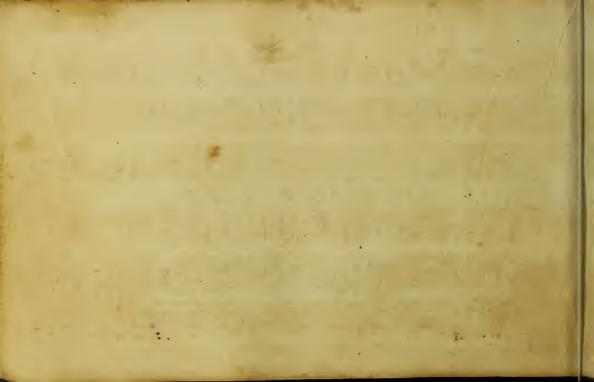
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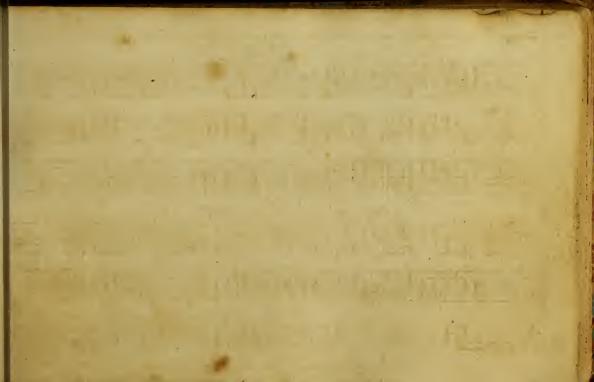






















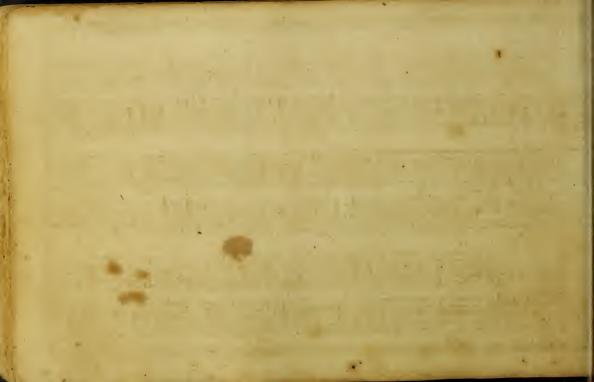






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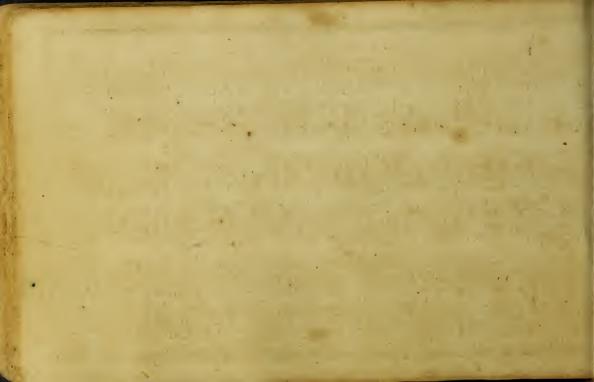


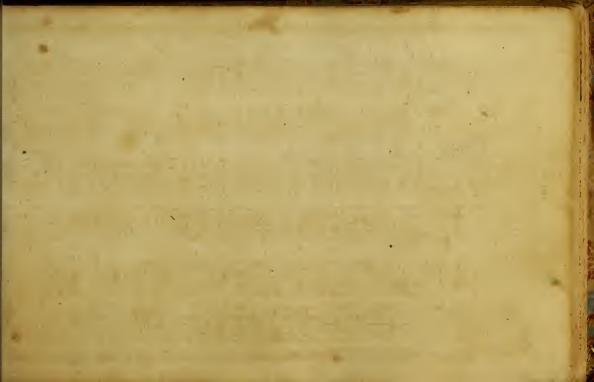








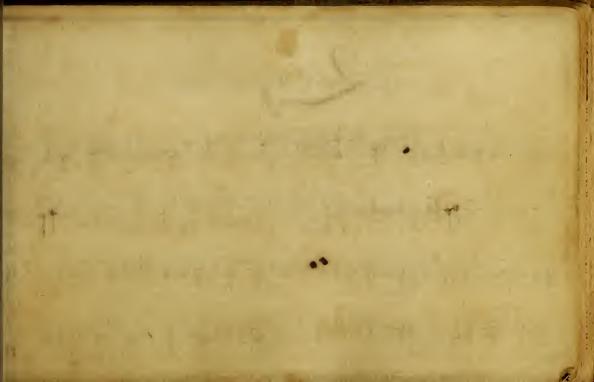








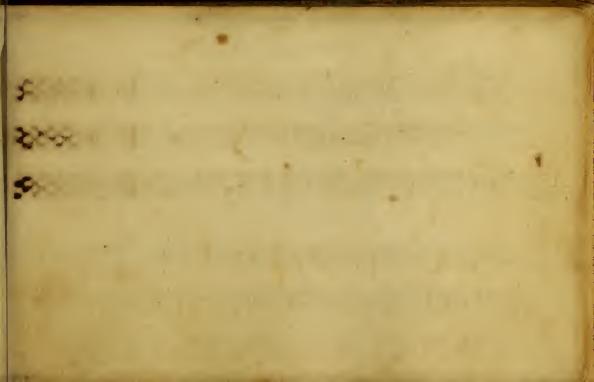




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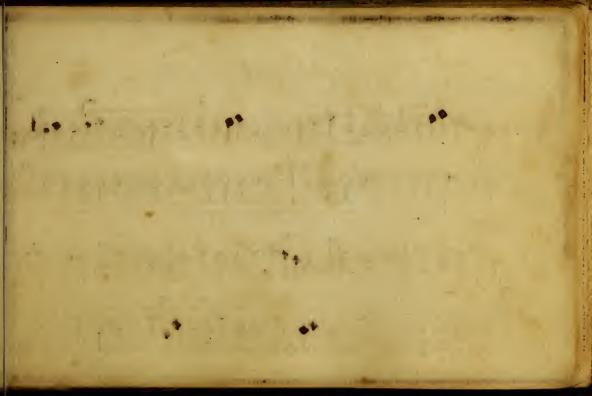




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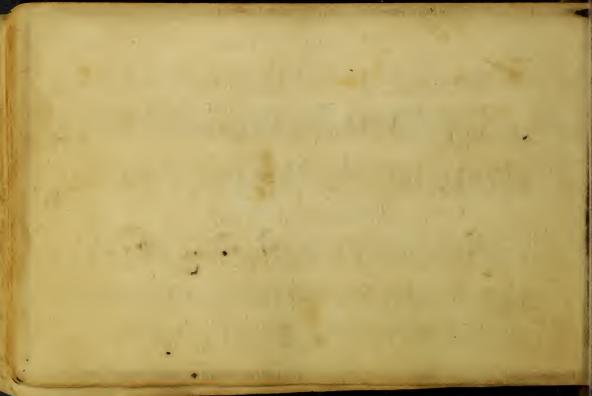
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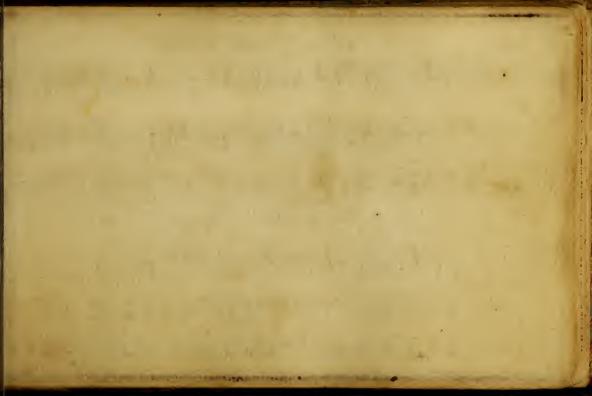




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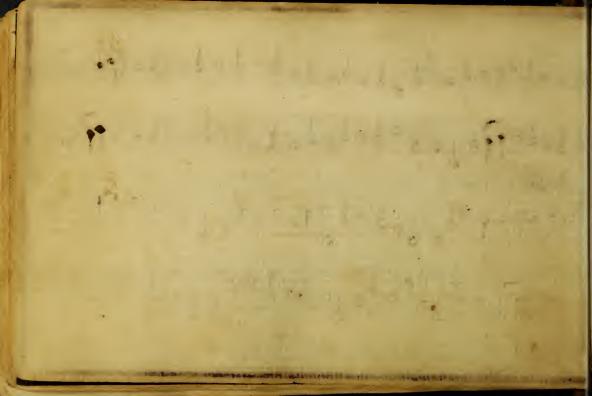
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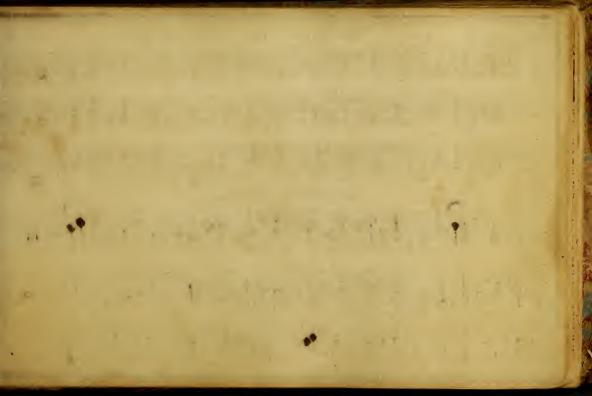




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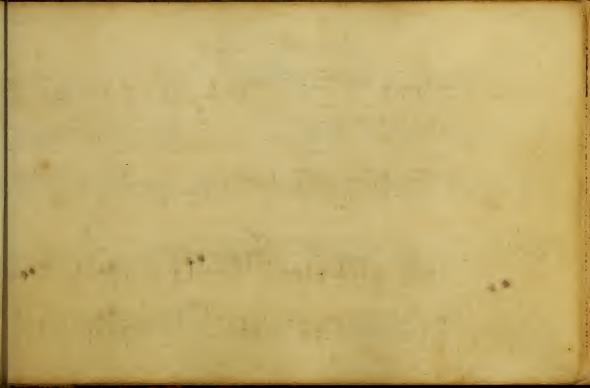




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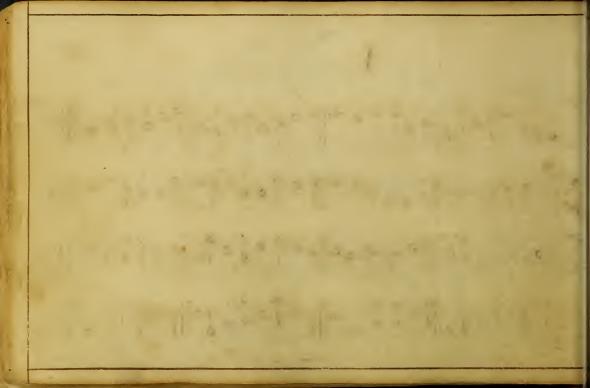
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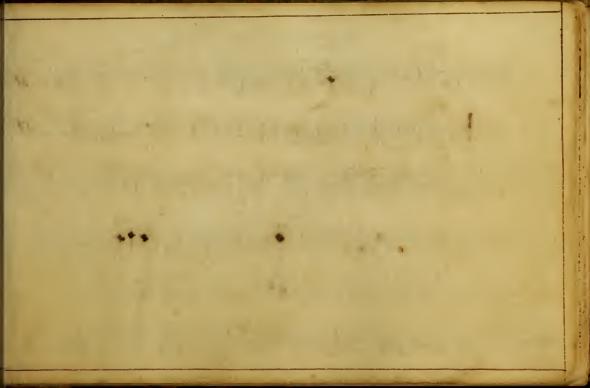




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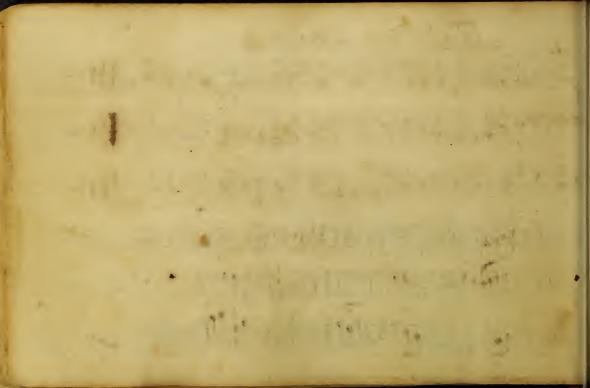
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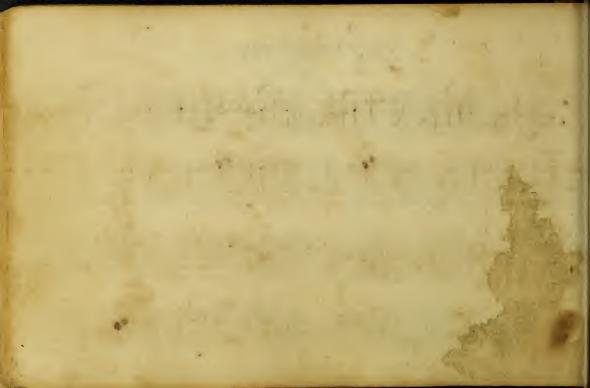






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