

reflection the author has omitted details which every treatise on the subject will furnish, and has endeavoured to convey some notion of the wonders of molecular action. As the best suited to his purpose, a sketch of his own views is given: and if the uninformed reader learn from this sketch, that the *invisible* operations of chemistry, are at least as wonderful as the *visible* operations of mechanism, the author will attain one of his objects. He will attain another object, if what has been stated, in any way contribute to the advancement of knowledge.

In this edition the introductory observations have been enlarged; a few errors have been rectified; and the arrangement of some parts altered: but with the exception of these changes, the work remains essentially the same as in the first edition.

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