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THE following Essay owes its origin to a conversation with a friend, on the subject of Mr. Godwin's essay on avarice and profusion, in his Enquirer. The discussion started the general question of the future improvement

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fat down with an intention of merely stating his thoughts to his friend, upon paper, in a clearer manner than he But as the subject opened upon him, not recollect to have met with before ; and as he conceived that every least } a form for publication.