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OR THE

Trials and Adventures of Fred Ransom

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PREFACE.

THE author has endeavored, in the following story, to deviate as little as possible from fact, so as to combine instruction with amusement. Personal familiarity with the scene of the tale has enabled him to make its descriptions strictly accurate. The incidents are natural, many of them having actually occurred. The original of Dr. Cluzel was the well-known Dr. Perrine, whose amiable character and great enthusiasm in the cause of science caused his untimely death to be universally regretted.

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