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A SKETCH

OF

A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIVERSE.

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*Naturæ vero rerum vis atque majestas in omnibus momentis fide caret, si quis modo partes ejus ac non totam complectatur animo.—Plin., Hist. Nat., lib. vii., c. 1.*

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