

# THE AMERICAN DEBATER



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AMERICAN DEBATER:

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A PLAIN EXPOSITION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND  
PRACTICE OF PUBLIC DEBATE:

WHEREIN WILL BE FOUND,

AN ACCOUNT OF THE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO A GOOD DELIBERATIVE  
ORATOR, AS ALSO THE MODE OF ACQUIRING THEM, THE RULES OF ORDER  
OBSERVED IN DELIBERATIVE ASSEMBLIES, DEBATES IN FULL, AND IN  
OUTLINE, ON VARIOUS INTERESTING TOPICS, NUMEROUS QUESTIONS  
FOR DISCUSSION, FORMS OF A CONSTITUTION FOR LITERARY  
CLUBS OR DEBATING SOCIETIES, ETC., ETC.

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"Here is a thing wherein I would willingly have you agree, that is, to DISPUTE and  
not to QUARREL; for friends *dispute* between themselves for their better instruction.  
and enemies *quarrel* to destroy one another."—PLATO.

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