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fecondly, That it can be univerfally affirmed of the fubject of the proposition to be proved. Every term you can find which has those two properties, will serve you as a middle term, but no other. In this way, the author gives special rules for all the various kinds of propositions to be proved; points out the various modes in which they may be proved, and the properties which the middle term must have to make it fit for answering that end. And the rules are illustrated, or rather, in my opinion, purposely darkened, by putting letters of the alphabet for the several terms.

SECT. 4. Of the remaining part of the First Book.

The refolution of fyllogisms requires no other principles but those before laid down for constructing them. However it is treated of largely, and rules laid down for reducing reasoning to fyllogisms, by supplying one of the premises when it is understood, by rectifying inversions, and putting the propositions in the proper order.

Here he fpeaks also of hypothetical fyllogisms; which, he acknowledges, cannot be resolved into any of the figures, although there be many kinds of them which ought diligently to be obferved; and which he promises to handle afterwards. But this promise is not fulfilled, as far as I know, in any of his works that are extant.

SECT. 5. Of the Second Book of the First Analytics.

The fecond book treats of the powers of fyllogisms, and shows, in twenty-seven chapters, how we may perform many feats by them,