

**W**eights and Measures may be ranked among the necessities of life to every individual of human society. ☞ They enter into the economical arrangements and daily concerns of every family. ☞ They are necessary to every occupation of human industry; to the distribution and security of every species of property; to every transaction of trade and commerce; to the labors of the husbandman; to the ingenuity of the artificer; to the studies of the philosopher; to the researches of the antiquarian; to the navigation of the mariner, and the marches of the soldier; to all the exchanges of peace, and all the operations of war. ☞ The knowledge of them, as in established use, is among the first elements of education, and is often learned by those who learn nothing else, not even to read and write. ☞ This knowledge is riveted in the memory by the habitual application of it to the employments of men throughout life.

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