



## The Beginnings of Things: Or, Science Versus Theology; Before the British Association for the Advancement of Science, August 19, 1874 (Classic Reprint)

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