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COMPARATIVE WISDOM.

CONSTRUCTED of iron and thought,
Inspired with soul and with steam,
The mightiest steed ever bridled or caught,
With thunder or throb, with earthquake and scream,
An engine was mastering the up-grades of earth,
And scaling the difficult passes for man,
Was lifting mankind to greatness and worth,
By power kept in waiting since being began.
A wise old goose, a-nibbling grass,
Seeing the mighty miracle pass,
From outstretched neck gave one long hiss,
And uttered all she thought of this,
And went on nibbling grass.

Constructed of force and of God,
Inspired with wisdom and love,
The worlds of vast space beyond thought swiftly whirl,
All around, and below, and above ;
The infinite train, through infinite hours,
With couplings far finer than air, strongly draws
Through eons to lift men by grandeurs and powers,
And make them more like to their infinite Cause.
An old *savant*, regarded wise,
Seeing th' illimitable splendor rise,
Remarks, " I find no proof of soul
Or hint of mind in this great whole,"
And still kept on a-getting wise.