

The Cynic

THOU hast made thy life a sneer,
And thy voice is raised alone,
That a wearied public hear
Doubt and satire in its tone.

Yes, we know as well as thou
That Death reaches every life;
That man breaks his holiest vow;
That most joys with pain are rife.

And have known it for so long
That thy words awake surprise.
Dost thou think of all earth's throng,
Thou alone art passing wise?

Ill-grained skeptic, look about;
Many things are fair to view.
If thou must abuse then doubt
Thine own judgment to be true.

Virtue, love and truth, I ween,
Live for him who knows their face,
If Life's sins are all thou'st seen,
Then must thou thyself be base.

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Some Active and Extinct Volcanoes.

THE terrible holocaust which has devastated the islands St. Vincent and Martinique takes rank in its appalling significance with the most frightful disasters of history. There was time to escape from Herculaneum and Pompeii, but never so far as known has an entire community been wiped out of existence on the instant in the manner illus-