

would be considered distinct species. For my part, I am not quite satisfied regarding the truth of the statement, although under the impression it came from Philadelphia, a city which can boast of some well-known "Conchologists." The writer may be misunderstood, for perhaps the title "The Lost Atlantis," is misleading. He never supposed for a moment that there was any probability of ever obtaining proof of a submerged continent, with all (or nearly all) its inhabitants. It is certain, however, that, despite what has been urged by the well-known Antiquarian, Sir Daniel Wilson, and others, against Mr. Donnelly's views, the question regarding them remains unsettled. The possibility of the occurrence can be inferred from the writings of a few of the many Famous Fossil Botanists who believe a land passage must have existed between the continents to account for "the migration of Plants." Sir W. Dawson considers the so-called "Miocene Flora" (Heer) of Greenland, is actually "Eocene." A similar view to this was held by Mr. Starkie Gardiner, a well-known English Palæobotanist. The primal distributing point of it may be The Adirondacks (as Sir William thinks), yet the writer may be permitted to imagine that "Greenland" itself, or some land even north of it, may dispute the claim to the original migration.

As regards The Owls, to which one writer alluded, we all know sufficient of their nocturnal habits to feel satisfied that their flight between the continents under the present existing conditions was simply impossible.

Independent of the views of a few, out of several men of science, you may permit me to read an extract from a work entitled "Touch and Go Papers," Travels of the Rev. H. R. Hawers, M.A., Incumbent of St. James, Marylebone, a gentleman intimately acquainted with the recent discoveries in Egypt, Assyria, etc. The extract is rather long, but, perhaps, instead of curtailing it, it were better to adhere to the actual words used and omit nothing bearing on the matter, viz.: "I was rather glad and surprised to find that amongst the few travellers really interested in Ancient Mexico whom I came