

or morasses replete with *marine* and *vegetable salts*.

The *Sceptre of the Brocken*, in the Hartz Mountains in Hanover, is an optical delusion. Something like it is alluded to Judges ix. 36., where it says, "Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men."

OUR EARLY YEARS.

Our early years—how bright they seem,
As memory bears us back
To gaze upon the stars that gleam
On childhood's rainbow track.
Our spirits, burdened by the gloom
Of life's maturer cares,
Would fain recal the light an bloom
That blessed our early years.

It may be we had trials then,
Shading life's sunny part,
But sorrow hath no iron pen!
To grave on childhood's heart!
Hardly had shadow touched the brow,
Ere sunshine dried our tears;
Would that our griefs could vanish now,
As in our early years!

Then, innocence and truth were ours—
Bright, blessed angel pair—
No thorn amid the clustered flowers
That bloom'd so fresh and fair.
But now our earth-soil'd spirits sink
Beneath our gathering fears—
Life hath no blossoms round its brink,
As in our early years.

Now disappointment from the heart
Its cloud will not remove,
We bend beneath neglect's cold dart,
Our unrequited love;
We pine when sadly crushed beneath
The knell hope ever hears,
Once more to wear affection's wreath,
As in our early years.

The young heart's fresh unsullied leaves,
Which opened like a rose,
Now wear the taint that error leaves,
Where'er its current flows;
Our very hopes are darkened by
The soil which passion wears—
No marvel, that we sadly sigh
For life's pure early years!

Our early years—their memory steals
Across life's later track,
And thus the saddened spirit feels
It may not call them back.
Their light is changed for darkness now,
Their smiles for bitter tears,
And life again may never know
The bliss of early years.

How certain the man of a weak head, a bad heart, and great fortune, is to obtain the attention which needy merit is an humble competitor for.

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