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figures of astronomy, and seek to produce a faint conception of the immensi-

reduces it to a tortoise like movement.

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they move is unimportant in comparison with the vast extent of open space through which their journey is performwante one sun and its planets, if reduced to a single sphere, would be less than 1,000,000 miles diameter. Consequently, the unoccupied space within the limits of our system is sufficient to accommodate 200,000,000,000 of spheres equal in size to the sun and all its planets combined. Or if we leave the central sun out of the question, and consider only the planets, the above number becomes nearly 1000 times greater. It may be easily seen, then, that the planets are in no great danger of area because of the surface, becoming thence.

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tem itself seems almost inconceivable, many of which we now know to pussess the with its 5,600,000,000 miles of diameter.

But if we go outward towards the fixed stars, space becomes illimitable. Of all and the minerals resembling in characteristics. In the minerals resembling in characteristics of the head, and the minerals resembling in characteristics. In the minerals resembling in characteristics of the head, and the minerals resembling in characteristics. but very few of these stars it is impossi-ble to measure the distance. Science ates that these wandering masses came has gained a vague idea of the distances originally from the deep-lying regions of of only eight or nine of them, and of some solar sphere, being possibly ejected several of these very doubtfully. The nearest of these, a star in the constellation of the Centaur, is some twenty have been observed on the sun's surtrillions (20,000,000,000,000) of miles face. Such ejections of matter must distant. The most distant is rather have been of excessive vigor, however, guessed at than measured to be some in order to give the meteor speed suffi-

four hundred trillions of miles. conjecture that the sphere of void space through which we look when we gaze upon the stars has an average diameter of Our sun may have done its share in

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Railroad travel, at the rate of a mile a minute is now an accomplished fact. Yet such a speed seems frightful to think of, and it is certainly not desirable the fact of 199,000 miles per second, reaching the form the sun in a little over the form the sun in a little of the fact of 199,000 miles per second. that it should be much increased. But ing the earth from the sun in a little over we do not usually realise that while er eight minutes, and reaching Neptune. speed, we are shooting through space in three different directions at a rate which star, and about 10 years to reach the next distant; while for some of the more remote stars it may require thousands o perhaps millions of years for light to

There now arises the question, are these vast interstellar spaces really unoc cupied as they appear to our vision? o may they be peopled by spheres trans-parent to the light we receive, and there fore forever hidden from our senses? That they are thus peopled to some extent we are well aware-for frequently some huge sphere of matter, often ex ceeding the sun many times in dismeter, plunges from outer space into our solar system, becomes visible for a short interval in the light of the sun, and then dis

appears again forever into space.

These are the bodies which we call only a few of their immense numbers. of the sea in mu titude. These wandering bodies roam forever through space, by occasionally paying a visit to some ne of its innumerable suns.

These visits to sciar systems are but nomentary incidents in the histories of the comets. To travel from the nearest fixed star to the earth, a comet requires tion around the sun, in which direction about eight million of years, so that it is evident that it cannot make frequent calls on the stellar it habit ants of space. For so many to visit us as an observed by astronomers, it seems, evident that the vast regions of space must be thickly populated by these wandering bodies

ing such a serious affair. Each of the journeying orbs has its own track, and though astronomers figure out the possibility of an ordisional collision, with probably a most disastrous result, yet this is an incident only of the lifetime of a state of excessive tenuity; but now we as world, not of a man.

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Travelling forever unsets the line that marks youth from middle age, the prime of life from middle age, the prime of life from window, as these things tend to aggrature or this is an incident only of the lifetime of a state of excessive tenuity; but now we admit we are "getting along in years," and have or "closing our faculties," and have reached the "shady side of life," yet we substance into the ear for the relief of pain, for they soon become rancid and to incite inflammation. Simple so free from this danger, the answer at that comets are connected with rings of the danger which the great speed at which teteoric matter, which circle in great we grow old so imperceptibly teteoric matter, which circle in great orbits around the sun, while with many of them the earth comes into contact. These meteors durting towards us at a

ets are in no great danger of ever be forth fair food for science. Certain curious results have arisen from investi If now we consider the journey of the gation of these aerelites. Strangely sun and its attendant planets through enough they are known to be composed our solar railroad train to reach its first the earth. Of these elements, eight are station in space. Yet astronomers tell metals—being iron, copper, tin, nickel, us that it will take 130,000 years at this cobalt, chromium, manganese and molyb at this speed to travel as far the nearest denum. Besides these, there occur six of the fixed stars, and 400,000 years to of the alkaline earths, and also the ele-These ments of carbon, sulphur, phosphorus

The space occupied by our solar sys- they have come from some solar sphere, cient to resist the attraction of its origin. From these measurements, we may all orb, and send it on its long journey

takes us only to the nearest limits of space, and within the reach of about ten out of the myriads of solar spheres, each of which is surrounded by like extent of empty space.

And if the conets, instead of being masses of thin gas, be really groups of meteors, so far apart that they do not obstruct the light of the stars, we understand that the attractions of the planets will affect them separately, so that some The numbers of these suns are, in fact, beyond computation. In the richer compact body may be drawn out into a parts of the milky way, 5000 stars have been found to exist within a space of one plete ring. Such a process has taken square degree. Every telescope of in place almost under our eyes. The comet the twelfth century, with the casualties When we look up into the dark vault of the midnight sky, with its multitude of glittering stars, and the broad, bright moon sailing through them, like the true queen of the heavens, our natural impression is that these stars are no farth er away than the moon, and of much smaller size. But to the assignment the square degree. Every telescope of in penetrates space more penetrates space more deep'v, and brings into visible existence applit into two parts. When it came again, in 1852, these parts had considerable space and the second consist of great groups of suns, massed together by their illimitable remoteness.

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is larger than millions of mo ms, and and our measuring rod needs to be important than even our great sun. We may gain some faint idea of its neater regions, but soon find ourselves lost in seeking to trace its vast expanse.

Little is known to general readers of the grand dimensions with which the astronomer habitually deals, and a rapid survey of these dimensions may not be without interest. We propose, therefore, to devote this article to some of the figures of astronomy, and seek to profigures of astronomy of an atmosphere we would be cushion of an atmosphere we would be incessantly bombarded from the heavens, with missiles flying many times faster than the swiftest cannon ball. The air, thus, is of some other use than the pupplying us with breathing material, since, without it, the earth would be a decidedly uncomfortable residence.

These meteors are being gradually re-cegnized as members of rings, of which more than one hundred have now been estimated. Yet the earth, in its journey around the sue, touches but a narrow line of space, of some eight thousand miles in thickness. It is fair to presume that the meteoric rings, and the unclassfied meteors, are equally numerous out-ade of this line, and that seemingly emy space may be populated with matter an excent far greater than we formerly

had any conception of. Such meteoric rings are, in fact, not onfined to the sun. A zone of meteors, of more than 37,000 miles in breadth, circles around the planet Saturn, com posing the wonderful ring system of that planet, which has excited so much speculation, but which is now generally be-

lieved to have this composition.

But we must cease sonsidering this subject almost at its threshold. The facts of astronomy are so numerous and extraordinary that we have been able to comets. Some of them revolve around extraordinary that we have been able to the sun in a fixed orbit; but these are give attention only to some of the more salient points-some few of the incid-Kepler says of them they are like the fish ents in the life of a world-and a comdensed outline of the topography of universal space.

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