

of the spirit which carries the votary of truth above the mountain top, and enables him to get a nearer view of the stars.

Every man is an enthusiast, whose prophetic eye can see through the mist—who, gifted with a prescient insight into the abstruse problems, obstacles and contingencies of his day, takes off his coat, rolls up his sleeves, and cries, come on! to difficulties in the glorious warfare for human liberty, human progress, material development and scientific investigation.

#### NOW FOR THE WOLF.

Hark to that minstrelsy, ringing and clear!  
 'Tis the chorus of death on the trail of the deer;  
 The fierce forest bloodhounds are gathering in might,  
 Their echoing yells wake the silence of night,  
 As relentless they stretch over mountain and plain,  
 The blood of their fast speeding victim to drain;  
 They close—he stands proudly one moment at bay—  
 'Tis his last—they are on him, to ravage and slay!

The wolf belongs to the genus *Lupus*, or the canine family. According to "Audubon and Bachman's Quadrupeds of North America," the wolf has six incisors in the upper and six in the lower jaw; one canine tooth in each jaw, and six molars above and six below.

#### GENERIC CHARACTER OF THE WOLF.

The three first teeth in the upper jaw, and the four in the lower jaw are trenchant, but small, and are also called false molars. The great carnivorous tooth above is bicuspid, with a small tubercle on the inner side; that below has the posterior lobe altogether tubercular. There are two tuberculous teeth behind each of the great carnivorous teeth. The muzzle of the wolf is elongate, tongue soft, ears erect, but sometimes pendulous in the domestic varieties. The fore feet are pentadactylous, or five toed, the hind feet tetradactylous, or four toed. The teats are both inguinal and ventral.

The gray wolf of Canada—the typical large wolf of North America—is about five feet six inches in length from the point of the nose to extreme end of the tail; ordinarily twenty-six inches high at the shoulder; larger ones, however, measuring twenty-eight inches and upwards in