

the heavens, are not, in this enlightened age, denounced as false philosophers and charged with an impious invasion of the domain of God. Each rising science has fought and struggled with superstition and ignorance; and in all ages no effort has been spared to blast them in the bud of their being, or crush them in the cradle of their infancy.

It has only been a short time before the present century, that if any one had predicted the crossing of the ocean in a vessel driven by steam, or of conveying news by electric agency around the earth, over the land and under the water in advance of time, or of daguerreotyping the human face on a metallic plate by the light of the sun, and then chemically fixing it there; or of forecasting the future of the weather; production and prices by the rule of cycles as regulated by providence; such persons would have been considered visionary, their predictions regarded as contemptibly absurd; their authors the most disingenuous of men, and their theories and systems treated with persecution and ridicule.

The day is past for men to be forced to drink the juice of the hemlock for having peculiar notions of Deity, and sent in chains to the gallows, or imprisoned in gloomy dungeons for announcing scientific discoveries. Galileo was condemned by the inquisition of