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Poetry.

LOVE AND DEATH.

BY E. L. BULWER.

O strong as the Eagle, O mild as the Dove!

How like, and how unlike, O Death and O Love!

Knitting Earth to the Heaven, The Near to the Far—

With the step on the Dust, And the eyes on the star!

Why that smile the wan lips Of the dead man above?

The soul sees Death changing Its shape into Love.

So confused and so blending Each twin with its brother,

The frown of one melts In the smile of the other.

Love warns where Death withers, Death blights where Love blooms;

Death sits by our cradles, Love stands by our tombs!

From the North British Review.

Lieutenant Maury's Geography of the Sea.

What an incongruous idea do these words present to the scholar! How thoroughly incomprehensible by the ordinary mind...

The study, therefore, of the sea, of its geography, its movements, and its physical condition, while it presents to the general reader topics at once popular and instructive...

It would be a difficult task, and one not necessary to our present purpose, to give an account of the delays and dangers to which the navigator is exposed in those remote seas...

Before the high temperature of this current was ascertained, a voyage from Europe to New England and New York, and even so far south as Cape Chesapeake, was both difficult and dangerous.

The Gulf Stream, to which these calamities were due, has, by the agency of science, become a boon to navigation. In 1779, when Dr. Franklin was in London, he learned the curious fact, that the Falmouth packets to Boston arrived a fortnight later than the trading vessels from London to Rhode Island...

In consequence of the great boon obtained for navigation by the study of the Gulf Stream, Lieutenant Maury, a distinguished officer in the United States navy, was led to collect from the captains of the mercantile marine all the facts which they had observed respecting the winds, tides, currents, and temperature of the ocean.

observers, who will carry on their researches in war as well as in peace. In the event of any of these vessels being captured by an enemy, it has been arranged that the journal containing the observations, shall be held sacred; and we trust that this union of nations to promote the common interests of humanity and commerce may lead to a more glorious combination to cultivate all the arts of peace.

After the Report of the Brussels Conference had been laid before Parliament, a grant of money was made for the purchase of instruments, and the discussion of observations, and a department of the Board of Trade, under Rear-Admiral Fitzroy, was charged with the important task of carrying into effect the contemplated arrangements.

Our readers will understand from these details how Lieutenant Maury was led to compose his treatise on the Physical Geography of the Sea, a work of European importance, and one which cannot fail to interest and to instruct every class of readers.

THE SUN AT MIDNIGHT.

A steambath leaves Stockholm every week and touches at Gelle, Houdkissvall, Hernosand Umea, and other points on the western coast of the Gulf of Bothnia, as well as Wassa on the eastern coast.

We happened, about that time, about four years ago, to be going up to the Promotion at Upsala, and were obliged to travel all night; and we have a distinct recollection of reading a letter at midnight with ease, even while passing through a forest.

The Love of Reading in Children.

We recommend to all parents who have at heart the best interests of their children to infuse into them, in the earliest years, a love of reading. The advantages of such a habit are great; and it exercises an influence over the destinies of the future man, which few without reflection would suppose.

TREATMENT OF A HINDOO DEITY.—Lord Combermere brought a Brahmoo deity from India and presented it to her Majesty. The "natural viciousness" (says the daily papers) of the sacred animal rendered its confinement necessary.

SHORT OF TALK.

A bashful and rather green young fellow invited a lady to attend a ball with him, one night last summer. The invitation was accepted, and the couple appeared at the ball.

A country "chap," who recently visited the city for the first time, gives his views of the ladies in this way: "Some where in every circumference of silk and velvet that wriggles along there's a woman I s'pose; but how much of the holler is filled in with meat and how much gammon, the spectator dun no."

CONVICTS ESCAPED.—About ten o'clock yesterday forenoon two convicts succeeded in making good their escape from the Penitentiary, and nothing has yet been heard of them.

THE USE OF PLASTER.

There seemed to be a great diversity of opinion in regard to the manorial qualities and benefits of plaster; some contending that it is merely a stimulant, and uncertain in its results; and that the extra growth it sometimes produces, is at the expense of future crops.

SAM SLICK'S LAST. Judge Halliburton the witty author of Sam Slick, was holding a Court the other day, and in the commencement of the proceedings, it became necessary to empanel a jury.

Since the bar rooms are shut up on Sunday, in New York, some of the barbers have invented a new hair tonic—for the beard—which is applied just under the moustache.

Real noses are like light-houses to warn voyagers on the sea of life off the coast of Yarnum, Jamaica, Santa Cruz and Holland.

Dr. Mott used to say that roast-beef, serenity of mind, cold water baths, and an amiable and pretty wife, would make any man healthy, wealthy and wise.

—We hear that Campobello Island has been sold by Capt. Robinson to an American Mining Company, for \$80,000. How will this affect another Fenian raid to the Island?

MAGNESIUM. Magnesium is a silver colored metal, malleable, ductile, and fusing at a dull red heat. It is the metallic base of our calcined magnesia of pharmacy.

The Editor of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil has the following notice of his marriage:—"Official—Married, at the residence of Mr. Ben. Jarvis in, Marshalltown, Iowa, by the Rev. Mr. Willey, Joe Bangh, (that's us) and Miss Mary C. Swanson. (that's more of us)."

"The old crater is smoking again," said Iko as he read in the columns of the paper the threatened eruption of Vesuvius.

It requires only two or three white heads in certain situations, that is, the principal throats of Europe, to preserve the greater part of the civilized world in a state of constant tranquility.

The Detector says of a new counterfeit, that its "vignette has a female seated on each side of a shield." Most not her situation be very uncomfortable and embarrassing?