



IT is curious to note how instinctively the reason has ever pointed out to mankind the ultimate end of the various sciences, and how immediately afterwards they have set to work, like children, to realize that end by inadequate means. Now they applied to their appetities, now to their passions, now to their fancy, now to the understanding, and lastly to the intuitive reason again.



The Birth of Man and Woman

*An Inspiration, Written for The Stellar Ray by
Caroline Fort Marsh, of Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Do you know that you once were a bird of
the air,

Resting long on the breast of a hill, when
Your body was changed into that of a man
And you never have flown since then.

Did you know you had flown before you
had grown,

And your brows were the edge of your
wings?

For your hair once was feathers and your
arms spread your wings,

Then your feet were the last to leave earth.

Your wings were pure white

And your body as light as the fleece,
While onward you sped, flight after flight,
Then to rest and to sing on the tops of high
trees.

As the dove, all in white was your soul,
And you beat at the air and besought of the
clouds to bear you away on their
bosoms of love,

When just through their fleece and the
fresh morning dew

Your wings caught their first color through.

And when kissing the air as the sun peeped
through,

One morning early in June,

Your first feathers caught the robin's red
throat,

And your chirp brought spring in a note.

Your flight stirred the air into energy rare
And broke into birth the beauty of flowers
and grass,

When your body was changed into that of
a lass,

Who broke forth in a glorious song.

'Twas a glorious day, all earth was an odor
of hay and perfumes too many to
name,

And you rested together in a cradle of
flowers

And sang with the winds as they rocked
you and lulled you away into now,

With a welcome all souls have, to come.

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And the awful idiot I was when—
No, don't let's speak of that again;
And the inconceivable fool I made
Of myself when—why don't memories
fade,

Or drown, or fly, or die in a hole,
Instead of eternally burning the soul?
But at any rate, you now can see
Why I mourn o'er the people I used
to be."

The angel smiled with as undefined
A glance as that of a little child,
And said, "I am musing happily
About the people you're going to be:
The soul that has learned to break its
chains,
The heart grown tenderer through its
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To the beautiful stars in the sky,
And into my being, the glory
Of heaven is poured from on high;
The light that inspireth and leadeth,
Shines clear in the moments of rest
And my soul will declare in the silence,
"Dear Father, thy sleep time is best!"

I open my eyes in the morning,
When shadows make love with the day
And dear Mother Nature is calling
Her dream babes to waken and play;
And then do the trees and the brooklet
Arise from their quiet, calm rest,
And out of my soul comes new gladness,
O, wake time is surely the best!

Then slowly we toil thru the daylight,
The labor grows sweet as we toil,
And gather Love's wondrous provisions
From out of the sea and the soil;
The cool, sparkling stream from the
brooklet
Gives forth to our toil a new zest,
The world seems so busy and happy
That truly the noon time is best!

Then once more the beautiful shadows
Hold day in their loving embrace,
And bidding farewell to the sunshine,
They scatter their spell thru all space.
The Nameless One wraps all his children
Away in the mantle of night,
And lulls them to sleep on His bosom,
Then sets the whole weary world right.

It always reminds me how some day
I'll gather my mantle for sleep
And pass in my dreams to the homeland
Where I and my Father will meet;
And I in this ocean of being
Can feel such an inflow of rest,
Then out of Life's manifold blessings
I know that the twilight is best.

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Thus the tree, by means of its leaves, comes in touch with the external world, and laying hold upon these forces, moulds them into itself.

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Faith.

By Julia Seton Sears.

(Written for *The Stellar Ray*, July 2nd, 1908)

Dedicated to
Caroline Foote Marsh.

*Life is an open boundless way,
We enter in and surge along,
And as we pass each ending day,
We plait the thorns, and wear the crown.*

*The cross of tears, the crown of love,
Life's labor blest by growing grace;
We see the stars of hope above,
They light us on our lengthening race.*

*And then at last we reach a sleep;
The journey crosses grass and grave;
We pause a while in silence deep,
We sink beneath life's stormy wave.*

*We never knew the story told—
We cannot tell the one to be,—
Between the grave and the beyond,
The veil conceals life's destiny.*

*But oh, within each cross and crown,
Across the grave, beyond the clod,
There shines a gleam of light profound;
There is the living, loving God.*

*Oh glory of life's conscious grace,
It rises far above the dust.
It reaches past Death's stony face,
It fills the soul with God-like trust.*

*So in content we pass each day
Our hand clasped close in Faith's strong hand.
God is supreme—He knows the way;
He sent us through this human land.*



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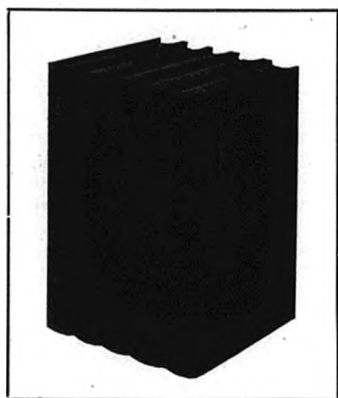




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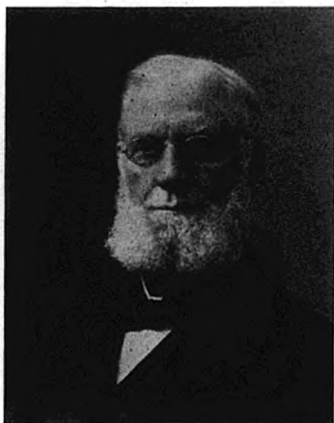
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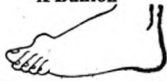
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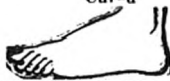
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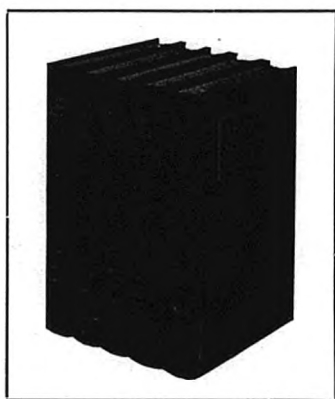
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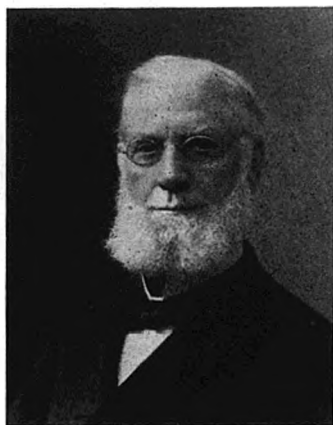
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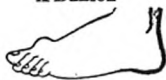
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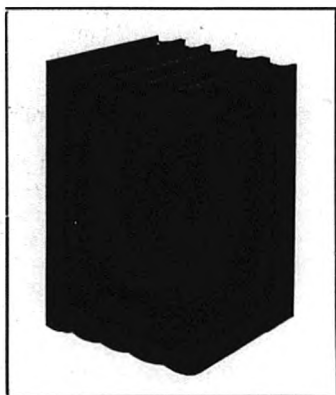
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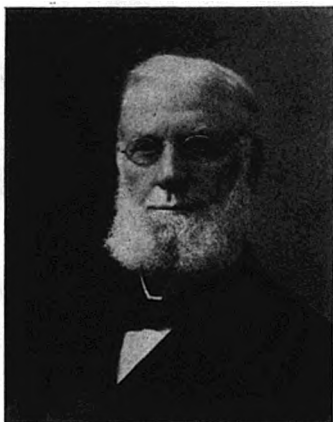
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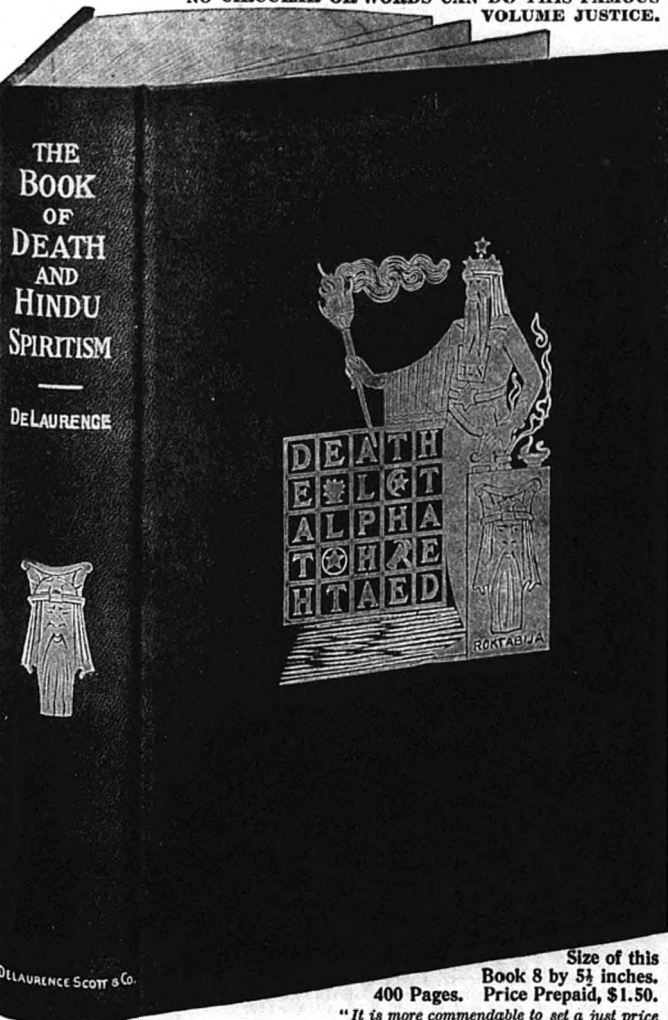
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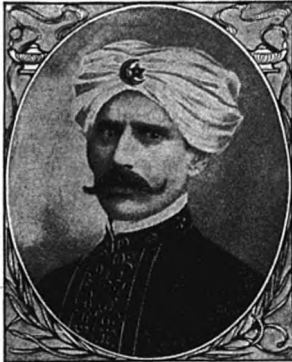
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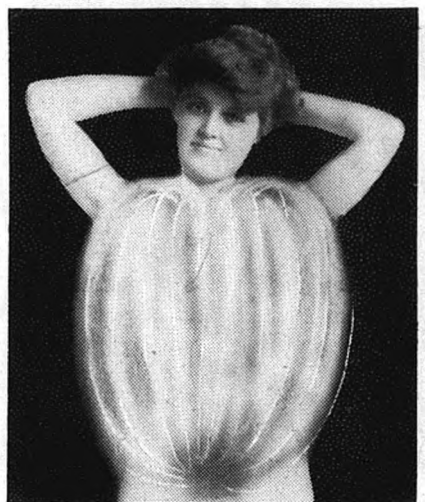
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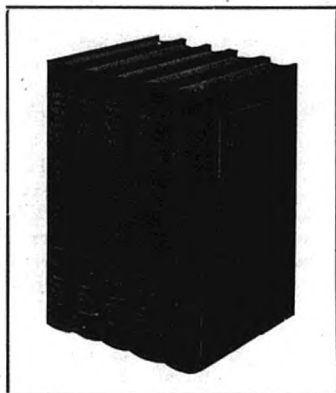
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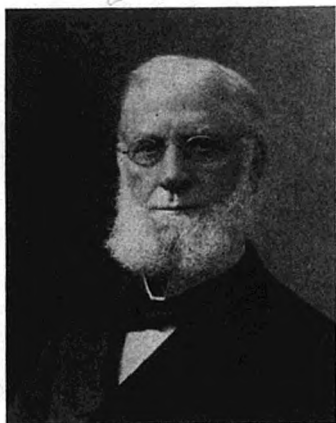
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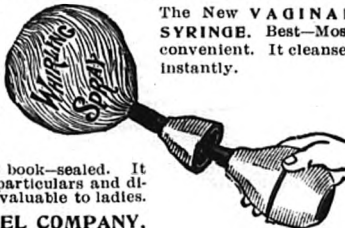
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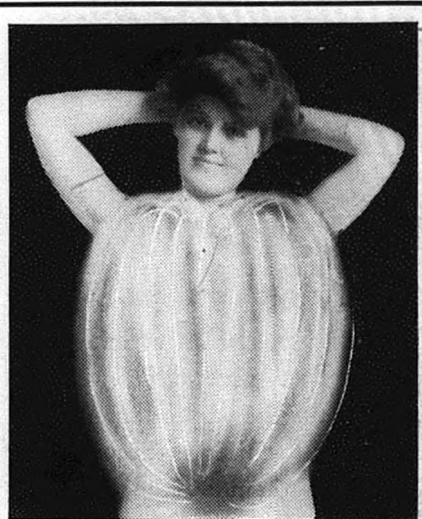
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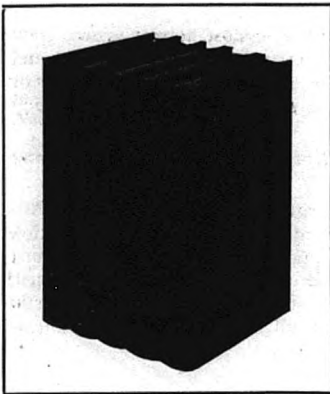
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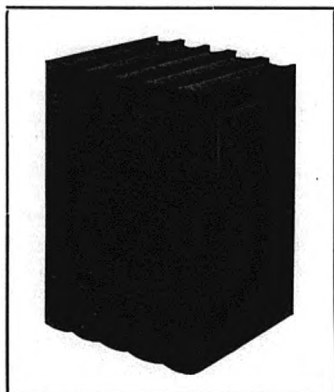
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A Survival From the Adoration Once Offered to the Sun.

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