

wisdom, is displayed in the laws and operations of heat, by which its very excess in tropical regions produces, by evaporation, the paradoxical result of cooling and rendering habitable that burning zone ; and on the other hand, the congelation and condensation, produced by its absence in frigid regions, renders the atmosphere warmer and the climate habitable. Think, also, how, in the case of water, by an apparent exception to a law of nature, just as it enters into a state of congelation, the great bodies of that liquid in our rivers and lakes are prevented from freezing up in the winter, so that the longest summer would not thaw them out. And finally, what substance in nature is so wonderfully adapted to its manifold and seemingly opposite uses as water !

“ Simple though it seem,
 Emblem of imbecility itself,
 As most regard it, yet in fact, the food
 Of all organic life ; the fruitful source
 Of power in human arts ; and in the clouds,
 The storm, the mountain stream, the placid lake,
 The ocean’s roaring and the glacier’s sheen,
 The landscape’s frostwork, or its icy gems,
 Hence springs the beautiful and the sublime.
 A power, indeed, pervading nature through ;
 Now moving noiseless through organic tubes,
 To keep stagnation from the vital frame ;
 And now the Atlantic dashing to the skies,
 Or rushing down Niagara’s rocky steep,
 Earth trembling, staggering, underneath the shock :
 Effects so diverse, opposite, to gain
 By one mild element, a problem this,
 No wisdom, short of infinite, could solve.”

No sciences have furnished so many and so appropriate facts, illustrative of natural theology, as anatomy and physiology. They have been the great magazine whence writers on that subject have drawn their most effective weapons in