

dominion are found in England and France, and Germany and Palestine, and nobody questions the testimony of these relics, so the antiquities of Old Ocean have been exhumed from the soil of every state. Who can now perpetrate the folly of denying to one empire the universality which every body concedes to the other?

So reasoned Fracastoro when, in 1517, the exhumation of a multitude of curious petrifications at Verona, in Italy, had aroused the speculations of numerous writers. But his reasonable suggestion was too bold for the philosophy of that age, and Fracastoro was stamped a heretic by that papal orthodoxy which persecuted also

“The starry Galileo with his woes.”