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TO
STEPHEN BULL, ESQ.,
OF
RACINE, WISCONSIN.

IN venturing to dedicate these lines to you, I cannot estimate with what degree of feeling they will be measured by yourself, nor how a general public will sit in judgment over my audacity, leaving the quality of my work entirely out of the case. Still, as I hope you will reflect kindly upon the motive, I trust the world will forgive me for placing on my first patent so good and reliable a trademark. I know it is but an old thing put forth with new trimmings—and even these are wanting in finish,—yet what there may be in fitness will go to the wardrobe of the mind's noblest issue. Not forgetting my obligations, nor expecting that they ever can be paid, I beg leave to remain,

Yours truly,

CARL ROBERT ZACHE.

INTRODUCTORY.

THE story of Hero and Leander, as told in Greek mythology, needs scarcely be related here. Merely as a nail to hang the thread upon, let it be said that they saw each other at a festival of Venus in Sestos, where the maiden served at the altars of that goddess. Leander, of Abydos in Mysia, nightly swam across the Hellespont to meet his mistress, her relatives and position forbidding a union between the two. One tempestuous night he was drowned, and when, in the morning, Hero beheld the lifeless form of her lover, she threw herself into the sea.

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As two great fires, burning to unite,
Consume their courses with high-leaping flames,
Being now pale, now red, now dark, now white,
Till hot embraces end their mutual aims ;
So burned both Hero's and Leander's mood,
So were both quenched, so starved with lack
of food !

For fires have light from what they do destroy,
And lovers from what they reject with scorn ;
Both scorch in contact, where they would but toy,
On meeting both are suddenly forlorn ;
The fires die, having no more to eat,—
These lovers perish, being without retreat !