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"Authentic tidings of invisible things—
Of ebb and flow, and ever-during power,
And central peace subsisting at the heart
Of endless agitation."—THE EXCURSION.

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P R E F A C E.

The following pages are reprinted from the *Cornhill Magazine*. The additional matter is confined to Notes at the end of the chapters, on points where criticism, and the advance of science, have caused me to qualify, or retract, certain statements made in the text.

It was my original intention to have continued these essays, so as to touch on Life in the garden, the forest, and the sea. But circumstances having prevented the execution of that project, and the publishers considering that the part already executed may possibly not be unacceptable, I have agreed to their proposal for its republication.

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February, 1862.

Δὲ δὲ μὴ δυσχεραίνειν παιδικῶς τὴν περὶ τῶν ἀτιμωτέων ζῴων
ἐπίσκεψιν. ἐν πᾶσι γὰρ τοῖς φυσικοῖς ἔνεστί τι θαυμαστόν . . . εἰ
δὲ τις τὴν περὶ τῶν ἄλλων ζῴων θεωρίαν ἀτιμωτὴν εἶναι γινώσκῃ,
τὸν αὐτὸν τρόπον οἰεῖσθαι καὶ περὶ αὐτοῦ.—ARISTOTLE, *De
Partibus*, I. 5.

"Nor must we childishly feel contempt for the study of the
lower animals, since in all Nature's work there is something
wonderful . . . And if anyone thinks the study of other animals
despicable, he must despise the study of his own nature."

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