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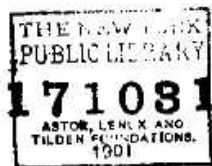
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"That the tribes of men might prosper,
That he might advance his people."
LONGFELLOW—*Song of Hiawatha.*

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INTRODUCTION.

The following pages present to the courteous reader a complete view of existence, as resulting from the perfect method of investigation.

That method, it is believed, has always been known. All that is required, therefore, is to find a form of expression which shall unite the extremes of simplicity and universality. With this purpose in view, let us start from a single definition in geometry: "A curved line is one, no extent of which coincides with a straight line." It follows that a curved line must be made up of points; and if a curved, then all mathematical lines, straight or however winding, may be so conceived.

Thus we have a fundamental principle. Its application is easy to any class of objects. Take population, for instance. We may assign the line A ——— B as many component points as St. Louis has inhabitants. Then A B will represent this city, this day, say. By drawing a line A C transversely, giving it 365½ points, and completing the parallelogram, the entire figure will represent St. Louis during one year. By similarly representing the cities and counties of the United States, and joining all the figures, the entire nation may be represented, for one year, and, by proper extension, for any length of time. If all nations be thus included, the ultimate figure will represent *history*. A tint, or shaded lines, will distinguish past from future.

Thus we have a construction. Its use will be to facilitate the expression of thought by writer or speaker, and its understanding by reader or hearer, since the web of history,—including prophecy,

which is only future history, — contains all subjects that can be contemplated or discoursed upon.

Thus we have a new thought-method. Its soulless name was suggested, several years ago, by a sermon in which a certain clever lawyer's brain was compared to a thinking-machine. Its two ancient names remind the reader of Francis Bacon, the restorer, and Aristotle, the originator, of science.

As every composition must come to a close, as well as start from a beginning, I have made the future to end in the name of Christ, as the Son of God. To those who believe Jesus never lived, the supposition of a mythical person in the designated time and place, will satisfy all the conditions of the present problem.

Part IV., it is not expected, all should sympathize with *from a political point of view*; but we do submit that politics can not be truly and heartily discussed except from one side or the other; that is, politics are necessarily partisan. To unite the parties, recourse must be had to religion.

Part V. is simply dramatic.

Yours, truly,

JOHN THINKINGMACHINE.

Per J. F. M.

St. Louis, Mo., U. S.,
January 1, 1883.

I.

THE SHOP.

1870.

THE RELATION OF BEING TO TIME AND SPACE.

"From Locke's time downward, our whole Metaphysics have been physical; not a spiritual philosophy, but a material one. The grand secrets of Necessity and Free-will, of the mind's vital or non-vital dependence on matter, of our mysterious relations to Time and Space, to God, to the universe, are not touched on in these inquiries."—CARLYLE, A. D. 1839, in *Signs of the Times*.

"Were we required to characterize this age, we should be tempted to call it, above all others, the Mechanical age." *Ibid.*

FIRST PRINCIPLES.

"*The essence of things is number.*"—PYTHAGORAS, B. C. 500.

1. Time and space are, after all, the two great fundamental ideas.
2. They are the latitude and longitude of all conceiving.
3. All things, tangible and aerial, material and spiritual, are in space and in time.
4. Time and space resemble each other. Present looks like zero, future like plus, past like minus, eternity like infinity.
5. Mathematics is the science of number.
6. If three apples cost two cents, what will five marbles cost?