

The following account of an eruption from Mount Vesuvius, we extract from the 6th number of the *Illustrated Review*, in which the writer is describing Dr. Clark's work on the Great Geyser, or Art of Water, by burning the Geyser Constituents of Water; giving the history of the Philosophical Apparatus as demonstrated, and the process of analogy in its operations to the nature of Vesuvius." &c., by Edward Daniel Clark, L.L.D. &c.

The following is given by the Reviewers as an impression of the great descriptive powers of Dr. Clark. In the year 1783, Dr. C. says the Reviewer, with some English gentlemen, resident in Naples, wished to ascertain whether the streams of lava on their eruption, exhibited the substance composing it, in a state of perfect or imperfect fusion. A stream of lava having broken out near the crater of Vesuvius, and the quantity of ejected matter being smaller at the source, and the danger of approaching it thereby diminished, the party in question took the opportunity of a strong wind which carried the vapors towards a different side of the mountain from that which it issued, to set out from Naples for the purpose of ascending the mountain. The expedition is thus described:

"Upon proceeding up the cone of Vesuvius, the party found the crater, at the summit, in a very active state, throwing out volleys of immense stones translucent with vitrification, and such heavy showers of ashes, involved in dense sulphurous clouds, as to render any approach to it extremely dangerous. The party ascended, however, as near to the summit as possible; then crossing over to the side whence the lava was issuing, they reached the bed of the torrent, and attempted to ascend by the aid of it to its source. This they soon found to be impossible, owing to an unfortunate change of wind; in consequence of which, all the smoke of the lava came hot upon them, accompanied at the same time with a thick mist of minute ashes from the crater, and such suffocating fumes of sulphur, that they knew not what course to steer. In this perplexity, the author called to mind an experiment recommended by Sir William Hamilton upon a former occasion, and proposed crossing immediately the current of the flowing lava, with a view to gain its windward side. All his companions were against this measure, owing to the very liquid appearance the lava then had, so near its source; but while they stood deliberating what was to be done, immense fragments of rocks that had been ejected from the crater, and huge volcanic bombs, which the smoke had prevented their observing, fell thick among them; vast masses of slag and of other matter, rolling upon their edges like enormous wheels, passed by them with a force and velocity sufficient to crush every one of the party to atoms, if directed to the spot where they all stood huddled together. There was not a moment to be lost, the author, therefore, covering his face with his hat, descended the high bank beneath which the lava ran, and rushing upon the surface of the molten matter, reached the opposite side, having only his boots scorched, and his hands somewhat scorched. There he saw clearly the whole of the danger to which his companions were exposed; the noise was such as almost prevented his being heard by his followers, by calling and by gestures, to persuade them to follow. Vast rocks of indurated lava from the crater, were bounding by them, and others falling that would have overwhelmed a citadel. Not one of the party would stir; not even the guides accustomed for hire to conduct persons over the mountain. At last he had the satisfaction to see them descend, and endeavor to cross the torrent somewhat lower down; where the lava from its roilness seemed to be less liquid; and where the stream was narrower. In fact, the narrowness of the stream deceived them; the current had divided into two branches; in the midst of which was an island, if such it might be called, surrounded by liquid fire. They crossed over the first stream in safety; but being a good deal scorched upon the island, they attempted the passage of the second branch; in doing which, one of the guides, laden with torches and other things, fell down and was terribly burned.

Being now all on the windward side, they continued their ascent, the bellows, belchings and explosions, as of cannon, evidently not from the crater, (which sent forth one uniform roaring and deafening noise,) convinced them that they were now not far from the source. The lava appeared whiter and whiter as they advanced, owing to its intense heat; and in about half an hour they reached the chasm through which the melted matter had opened itself a passage. It was a narrow fissure in the solid lava of the cone. The sides, smooth, compact, and destitute of that porous appearance which the superficies of lava exhibits when it is cooled under exposure of atmospheric air, resembled the most solid trap or basalt. To describe the rest of the spectacle here displayed, is utterly beyond all human ability; the author can only appeal to those who participated the astonishment he felt upon that occasion, and to the sensation which they experienced in common with him, the remembrance of which can only be obliterated with their lives. All he had previously seen of volcanic phenomena, had not prepared him for what he then beheld. He had often witnessed the rivers of lava, after their descent into the valley between Somma and Vesuvius; they resembled moving heaps of scoria falling over one another with a rattling noise, which, in their farther progress carried ruin and devastation into the plains; but from the centre of this arched chasm, and along a channel cut finer than art can imitate, beamed the most intense light, radiating with such

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AN experienced and capable TEACHER is wanted in this Institution. He must be fully competent to enter upon the routine of study, taught in the Academy, (which duties will be more particularly pointed out, upon application.) The salary is \$300 per annum, together with board, washing and lodging.

Lost.  
ON Saturday evening or Sunday last, a small sum of MONEY. The finder will receive the thanks of the owner, and if required, a suitable reward, by leaving it at the Telescope Office.

Furniture.  
Consignment of Valuable FURNITURE WILL BE DISPOSED OF, AT PRIVATE SALE, IN ALL THIS WEEK, for reduced prices, VIZ:

A LARGE Mahogany Side Board, Hair Sofa, Dining, Tea, Card and Work Tables, Rosewood Cabin Bottom Chairs, Imperial Carpet and Rug, 5 Damask Window Curtains, with brass knobs, Feather Beds and Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bolsters and Pillows, Chests of Drawers, pair large Looking Glasses, Tea China, Brass Fender, Fire Dogs, Tonge, Shovels, and Resters, Cordial Stand, &c., &c.

To be seen on application to JOHN PARR, at his Ware-room. Conditions Cash, before delivery.

New Edition of Cumming's Geography, and Atlas Improved, comprising Ancient and Modern Geography, rules for projecting Maps, and the use of Globes.

Also, First Lessons in Geography, and Astronomy, with seven Maps, and a plate to the solar system, for the use of young Children.

The above Works being of the latest and much improved, on former editions, the subscriber offers them to the enlightened public with a full belief they will find them, on examination, the best now extant, as it is admirably adapted to the capacities of the young.

Pilgrims' Sacred Songsters by the quantity or single copy.

Journeyman Boot-Makers WANTED.

WANTED: one or four first rate WORKMEN will be employed on the manufacture of all high priced goods in the State, by calling on JOHN BRUCE, & CO., Dec. 20.

Information Wanted.  
ANY information addressed to the subscriber, relative to JEREMIAH STOCKMAN, DAVID PRINGLE, or THOMAS WINN, who are supposed to reside in some of the upper districts of this State, will be thankfully received, as they have business of importance with them.

Turnpike Road.  
THE undersigned commissioners appointed by an act of the general assembly of North Carolina for receiving subscriptions for stock in the Summerville Turnpike Company, do hereby give public notice, that on MONDAY the 30th inst. a general meeting of the subscribers will be held at Asheville, for the purpose of organizing the said Company as the law directs.

Pine Lands for Sale.  
WILL be sold, to the highest bidder, at the house of Mr. Joseph Carr, in Beach Island, on Wednesday, the first day of February next, on a credit of twelve months, the following tracts of LAND, lying on Hollow creek in Barnwell district