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Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and Saint and heard great Argument
About it and about, but evermore
Came out by the same door wherein I went.

RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYYAM.

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WHEN the Wise Man laid it down that there were three things which were too wonderful for him—yea, four which he knew not—he came to the climax with “the way of a man with a maid.” Some future Solomon will end with a fifth—the way of a trout with a fly—for it combines the poise of the eagle in the air, the swift certainty of a serpent upon a rock, and the mystery of the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, with the incalculableness of the way of a man with a maid. Our aviators seem to be on their way towards a solution of the way of the eagle in the air. The mystery of the way of a ship in the midst of the sea has yielded all its secrets to the persistence of modern man, but the way of a man with a maid and the way of a trout with a fly remain with us to be a delight and a torment to thousands of generations yet unborn.

