

EXPERIMENTS ON THE CONVEXITY OF WATER.

SIR,—With reference to your idea of my opinion of your article of the 5th inst., I beg leave to say that, if the words “thank you for your article” express extreme pleasure, not only with the article as a whole but with certain sentences particularly, then did I, in writing, express myself as being, with those generalities and particulars, “extremely well pleased,” as you say in your last issue. But, as I am never pleased with errors, though I may not at once set about correcting them, I must suggest that you consider the words “thank you” as having been used in a colloquial sense, and not for one moment as being either eulogistic or confirmatory.

Again, if the affirmation that I had never had any practical or personal share in experiments of the kind expresses complete ignorance of their ever having been conducted by others, then did I express such ignorance. But I must emphatically assert that, if “Parallax” is to me a “master,” I have never yet been to him a Peter.

And again, if denying that Mr Wallace has done a certain thing by admitting that he has done it, then have I admitted that he has shown the middle disc five feet above “those at the two extremes.” But as, in my report, I clearly prove that he has not shown this, I must certainly suggest that you put only such construction upon the words of that report as in the opinion of thinking men they cannot fail to bear.

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[We are quite satisfied to leave the matter in the hands of thinking men.—ED.]
