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My Dear Mother

Logic, notwithstanding it is in many respects dry and even abstruse, is on the whole a very entertaining study. I myself am highly pleased with it, especially that portion which treats of the detection of fallacies, some of which would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to make clear. There is one in De Bunsen which struck me as exceedingly ludicrous. Thinking that perhaps you may wish to puzzle your brain over it, I hereupon quote it in full:

So natural, indeed, to the morbid activity of man are these revolving forms of alternate repulsion, when flight turns suddenly into pursuit, and pursuit into flight, that I myself, when a schoolboy, invented several. This, for instance, which puzzled a man in a wig, and I believe he bore me malice to his dying day, because he gave up the ghost by reason of a fever before he was able to find out satisfactorily what screw was loose in my logical construction, and