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Much wonder has been excited because the snow crystals exhibit such a bewildering diversity and beauty. They form within a very thin gaseous solvent, the air, and this allows the molecules of water an unexampled freedom of motion and adjustment while arranging themselves in crystal form. The fact doubtless largely explains why the crystals of snow far exceed other crystals in complexity and symmetry. Snow crystals, like all crystals of water, develop under the hexagonal system and invariably divide into six. Nothing absolutely certain is known as to why they grow thus except as it is assumed the number and arrangement of the attractive and repellent poles possessed by the molecules of water impose this habit of growth on them. This dividing into six is necessarily discussed and best explained in somewhat technical sounding terms. We may assume each water particle or molecule possesses two opposite primary poles, positive and negative, corresponding in direction with the main tabular axis of the crystals, and in addition three or six equidistant secondary poles arranged around what may be called the equatorial diameters of the molecules. Water, being a diamagnetic substance and susceptible to polar repulsion, presumably has a tendency to arrange itself thus in a position between and at right angles to the primary electromagnetic poles. This alignment of the lines of growth opposite to the lines of greater magnetic force would compel the crystals of snow to grow mainly outward in the directions of their equatorial diameters and secondary poles. This theory would perhaps best explain why the crystals grow upon thin tabular or in the hollow columnar form and increase so little in the directions of their main axes—that is, in the direction in which, it is assumed, their main position and negative poles lie.—Technical World Magazine.

## A PATHETIC DUEL.

**Sad Sequel to a Meeting in the Days When Middies Fought.**

One of the most pathetic duels in the early history of the American navy was that between two young midshipmen whose names are not given in the record, according to a recent writer. Their ship was in the Malayan waters. One hot night they quarreled over the question of leaving open the scuttle. The dispute was finally settled amicably by the exchange of cots. A superior officer who had overheard their heated words made it plain to one of the midshipmen that he would have to "call out" his friend if he wished to retain the respect of his friends. To avoid ostracism and to conform to the standard of honor imposed by his superiors the unwilling midshipman challenged.

The meeting occurred on the seashore. He wrote of it afterward as follows: "Upon the signal we both fired. I found myself wounded and was about to lean upon my second's arm when I perceived my opponent fall upon the sand. My own wound was in the fleshy part of the thigh. It did not prevent my running to the prostrate figure of my old friend, whose face exhibited intense pain, and, kneeling down by his side, I implored his forgiveness, which he instantly granted.

"My despair at his fate knew no bounds, and, accusing myself of his murder, I upbraided with the bitterest reproaches those who had urged me to send the challenge. For weeks after his cot was attended by his late opponent, whose greatest joy was to anticipate his wants."

The wounded youth recovered, but had a withered arm, and, leaving the service, died of a broken heart.

**America.**

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