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A Literary Curiosity

The singular periodical known as *The Equinox* appears to have Mr. Aleister Crowley as its leading spirit, and we fancy his hand may be detected behind more than one signature in the present issue. However that may be, the contents of this beautifully produced but wildly eccentric work baffle any review from the Rationalist standpoint. Some fine poetry of the daringly volcanic order is contributed by Mr. Crowley himself; but the bulk of the matter is such a phantasmagoric hodge-podge of Oriental mysticism, cabbalism, astrology, magic, delirium, esoteric Buddhism, and the occult generally (all apparently coming under the euphemism "spiritual experience"), that we are fain to retire crestfallen from the critical arena, and confess that even the dimmest comprehension of the whole business is beyond our reach. We admire the vigour and raciness of much of the writing, while privately questioning the sanity of its perpetrators.