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MR. J. WISE'S
ADDRESS,
To his friends of Easton,
On his 9th Ascension, August 11, 1838.

Farewell, my friends! the way is clear-
My vessel chafes to go:
And I must mount, her course to steer
Through realms I do not know!
Swift as the rocket's upward flight,
I'll go tow'rd yonder sky,
And when I've pass'd beyond your sight,
Still onward I shall fly.

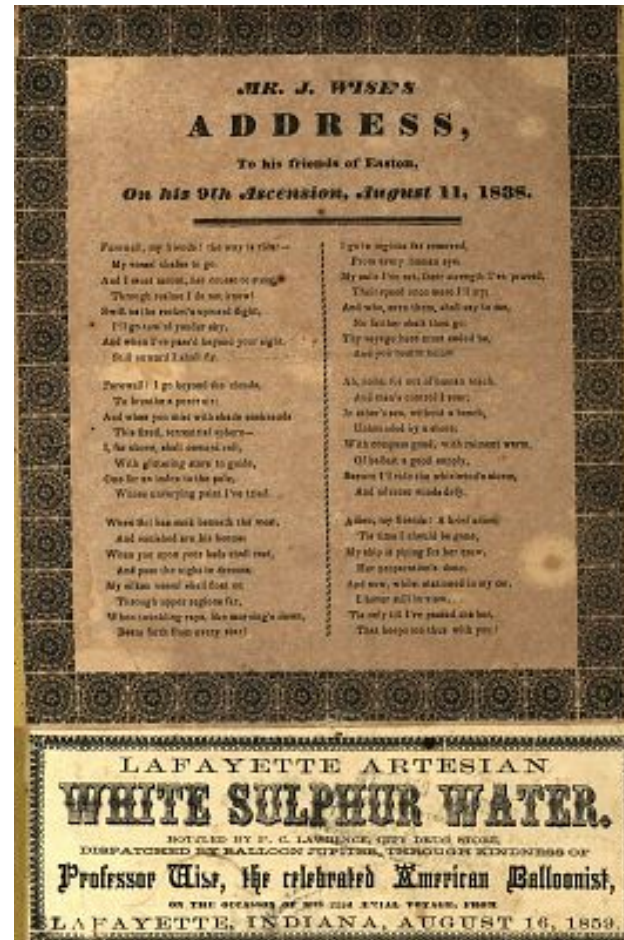
Farewell! I go beyond the clouds,
To breathe a purer air;
And when yon mist with shade enshrouds
This fixed, terrestrial sphere-
I, far above, shall onward roll,
With glittering stars to guide,
One for an index to the pole,
Whose unvarying point I've tried.

When Sol has sank beneath the west,
And vanished are his beams;
When you upon your beds shall rest,
And pass the night in dreams;
My silken vessel shall float on
Through upper regions far,
When twinkling rays, like morning's dawn,
Beam forth from every star!

I go to regions far removed,
From every human eye;
My sails I've set, their strength I've proved,
Their speed once more I'll try;
And who, save them, shall say to me,
No further shalt thou go;
Thy voyage here must ended be,
And you return below:

Ah, none; for out of human reach,
And man's control I soar;
In ether's sea, without a beach,
Unbounded by a shore;
With compass good, with raiment warm,
Of ballast a good supply,
Secure I'll ride the whirlwind's storm,
And adverse winds defy.

Adieu, my friends! A brief adieu;
'Tis time I should be gone,
My ship is piping for her crew
Her preparation's done,
And now, whilst stationed in my car,
I hover still in view,
'Tis only till I've passed the bar,
That keeps me thus with you!



LAFAYETTE ARTESIAN
WHITE SULPHUR WATER.
BOTTLED BY P.C LAWRENCE, CITY DRUG STORE,
DISPATCHED BY BALLOON JUPITER, THROUGH KINDNESS OF
Professor Wise, the celebrated American Balloonist,
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 232d AERIAL VOYAGE, FROM
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA. AUGUST 16, 1859.

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