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MARY HEGELER CARUS

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Mary Hegeler Carus was born at La Salle, Illinois, on January 10, 1861. She graduated from the University of Michigan in the class of 1882, and later studied at the Mining Academy in Freiberg in Saxony, Germany.

Her father, Edward C. Hegeler, in order to present his solution of the religious problem—the foundation of religion and ethics on a strictly scientific basis—founded the Open Court Publishing Company, which has published the *Open Court* since February, 1887 and the *Monist* since October, 1890, as well as many valuable books. In the summer of 1887, Mr. Hegeler met Dr. Paul Carus and found in him a spirit both congenial and full of independent courage. Fifty years ago such independence was necessary to realize the ideals of religion founded on a firm basis of science. Dr. Carus was made Editor of the Open Court.

On March 29, 1888, Mary Hegeler and Paul Carus were married. Working in harmony with Mr. Hegeler, together they carried on the ideals and work of the Open Court Publishing Company. Quiet and unassuming, yet with a profound fund of knowledge, Mrs. Carus devoted much time to it although she contributed no writings. Her judgment in many matters was invaluable.

After the death of Dr. Carus on February 11, 1919, Mrs. Carus carried on the work herself with able assistance, always keeping in close touch with what was done.

Her life was rich in good deeds and kindness. She has departed, but her spirit remains a living presence and priceless source of inspiration to those who have had the good fortune to have known her. Seldom was a woman more worthy of the tribute we pay her.