

## PART II



### SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE IN THE PERIODICAL WARS

*A. And you propose then seriously to take "this one entire and perfect chrysolite," this self, this "precious jewel of the soul," this rock on which mankind have built their faith for ages, and at one blow shatter it to pieces with the sledge-hammer, or displace it from its hold in the imagination with the wrenching-irons of metaphysics?*  
*B. I am willing to use my best endeavours for that purpose.*

—William Hazlitt, "Self-Love and Benevolence,"  
*New Monthly Magazine*, 1828; the speaker "B"  
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