

ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

May 2014
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FEATURED SELECTIONS

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The social history of Victoria, the water lily, from its discovery in 1837 to its arrival and flourishing in Philadelphia. **(Gift of the Publisher)**

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VICTORIA THE SEDUCTRESS

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