

# THE SCIENCE OF \_\_\_\_\_

-*The Century Magazine*

Let's agree on a word for \_\_\_\_\_ in case  
we ever succeed in \_\_\_\_\_ing. To the girls

\_\_\_\_\_

the word for this science from *bud*  
a row of tender orchids will soon bloom

\_\_\_\_\_

word derived from *specter*

# EROS AS OXYGEN MASK

BOYS

There's a danger in comparing her to things.

*Quiet*

turned up all the way. I write her questions  
on a sheet of paper so no one can hear.

## APPLE SEASON

*There's something primordial about knees*  
she tells me. Not nervous system or heart

drive several hours north to Upcountry.

the churches we grew up inside. We harvest

## EROS AS BUS

*: after Eros Bus Travel, Reus, Spain*

Our particular story involves a bus  
the shade of liquid amoxicillin.

*before.*

*Let's put the mattress on the car*

petal thin. She doesn't want anyone hearing  
she's anything but straight. Tomorrow night

## MOON PRAYER

in which I am an astronomer

what may not survive our atmosphere.

how the moon has been misconstrued



dyes your hair and our walls with its rising.

You hum through the walls with its rising.