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 which alters when it alteration finds,  
 with the remover to remove :  
 O, it is an ever-fixèd mark  
 that looks on tempests and is never shaken ;  
 O, it is the star to every wandering bark  
 whose worth ’s unknown, although his height  
 be taken.”

SHAKSPEARE.