

THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH.

In the world, perchance, there are sin and sorrow,
But we turn with faith to the sweet to-morrow—
The life to be
In eternity!

In the world, perchance, there is tear and blind vision,
But we turn with faith to the land Elysian,
Where there are no tears
All the endless years!

In the world, perchance, there are sounds of sighing,
But we turn with faith to the life undying—
In the land of rest,
To be with the best!

—Susie M. Best.

INDIAN LACE MAKERS.

Secret of Their Arts Kept Alive in Oral Traditions.

The hand-woven, hand-dyed and hand-embroidered laces of India are a revelation of decorative possibilities dear to the heart of the artist. The Hindoo weaver may be illiterate and stupid to everything else, but in the matter of lace-making he is an expert whose work is not to be successfully imitated by any machine-made textile.

A writer, who has been carefully viewing these laces in all their subtle coloring, says that "the eye of the trained critic finds an individuality and a soft blending of colors and weird designs in the hand-wrought fabrics which no machinery can duplicate."

"The Indian weaver and dyer lives where human life and labor are most superabundant and cheap, and time almost valueless. He is an illiterate man; and all the rules of his art, all the minutiae of web and wool, all the secrets of his dye pots, all the formulae for his fabrics and designs, are oral traditions, memorized and repeated in a monotonous sing song as he performs the prescribed manipulations in his slow, careful and absorbed manner. You would think him performing some mystical religious rite as you hear him singing his directions to himself while preparing his various dyes, or twisting around his cloth the knots and wreaths of thread that are to shield it in spots from the dye and produce the wonderful pattern of his dream after a succession of plunges in the different colors."

"The beautiful lace dye is made of myriads of minute insects and never fades. The printing of silks and cottons by means of hand blocks is another Indian industry, producing prints artistically superior to any machine printing. While the men do this exquisite weaving and coloring the elaborate and much-admired embroideries of India are the work of women. The designs and stitches are handed down as a precious heritage from mother to daughter, and the expert can easily tell where each product hails from."

Lord Strathcona Never Takes Lunch.

The statement imputed to Lord Strathcona, who is in his 85th year that he has not taken lunch for 60 years, is substantially correct, says The Daily Express of December 6.

"For sixty years it has been my custom to go without lunch," he remarked yesterday.

"That does not mean that I have never taken a mid-day meal. But as a rule I have only two meals a day—breakfast and dinner. Of course, if there is any one whom I particularly wish to meet I am prepared to take lunch with him."

"I should not like to recommend every man to dispense with his lunch. Everything depends on the individual. Some may be better with, some without, lunch."

"I do not know that this custom has made me more vigorous than

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"I see no harm in smoking a little and no harm in drinking a little, but I believe in temperance—yes, temperance in all things, whether food, drink or tobacco. At the same time, in my opinion, there are none more intemperate than those who insist on total abstinence."

"I am not aware that I work harder than other men. I have congenial work, and I attend to every detail of my business. In assiduity and concentration lies the secret of success."

Production of Iron.

Production of raw iron, which in 1901 was 39,940,000 tons, increased to 43,480,000 tons in 1902, and reached 45,480,000 tons in 1903. The United States stands at the head with a production of 18,010,000 tons, against 17,820,000 tons in 1902 and 15,800,000 tons in 1901. Germany wrested the second place from Great Britain in 1903, its production being 10,000,000 tons, against 8,400,000 tons in 1902 and 7,790,000 tons in 1901. Great Britain occupies third place, with an output of 8,810,000 tons, against 8,520,000 tons in 1902 and 7,850,000 tons in 1901. The output of France, which in 1903 amounted to 2,830,000 tons, has in-

creased by 400,727 tons, as compared with 1902, and by 427,428 tons, as compared with the production of 1901. Belgium produced 1,300,000 tons in 1903, an increase of 196,301 tons over 1902 and 533,701 tons over 1901. Spain's production amounted to 380,284 tons. The output has decreased in the following countries: Russia, 2,400,000 tons, or 118,404 tons less than in 1902 and 382,065 tons less than in 1901; Austria-Hungary, 1,320,000 tons, or 108,814 tons and 82,165 tons less than in 1902 and 1901 respectively; Sweden, 489,700 tons, a decrease of 34,300 and 23,600 tons from the amounts produced in 1902 and 1901 respectively.

Quite Likely.

First Fair Girl—And do you think he really cares for you? Second Ditto—I think so, dear. F. F. G.—How long has he known you? Second Ditto—Eh? About a fortnight. F. F. G.—Oh! Then it's very likely he does.—Judy.

Preserving the Spell.

Nell—He seems to be devoted to you. Belle—Yes, Nell—Why don't you marry him? Belle—Oh, I like to have him devoted to me.

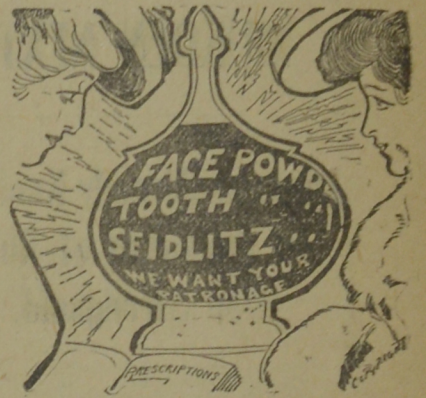
Oblivion is the flower that grows best on graves.—George Sand.

Spread of English Tongue.

To-day over 135,000,000 people speak English. It has displaced French as the language of diplomacy and is now making great headway as the universal language of trade. All North America, South Africa, Liberia, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Hawaii, most of Polynesia, and various small States have permanently adopted our mother tongue, and there is every reason to believe that the 10,000,000 of Filipinos will be using it in the course of time. With the construction of the Panama Canal, Central America also will probably yield to its influence to a large extent.

Actor's Early Experience.

Sir Henry Irving told an amusing story recently in his speech at the Brasenose Club in Manchester. When he was a young actor, and a member of the stock company in that city, a playgoer accosted him one night with this question: "You played Young Norval this evening, didn't you?" "Yes," was the reply. "Well, I've got a boy 10 years old at home," said the playgoer, "and I'd give him a licking if he could not shout 'My name is Norval,' better than you did!" Sir Henry added that he was quite sure the boy never deserved that licking.



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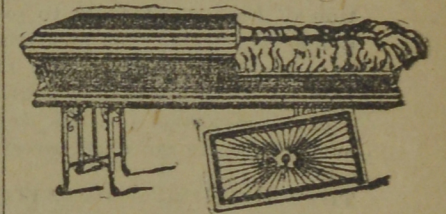
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