

The Most Beautiful

By F. A. WALKER

HAVE you ever thought to yourself: "What is the most beautiful thing of all the wonders that God created?"

Not the sea. It is too turbulent and cruel.

Not the sky. It is too vast for our conception and too unfathomable.

Not a flower. While it is wondrously beautiful it has no soul.

The most wonderful thing in the world is the human being, and of these the more beautiful is woman.

One of the most worthy tributes to woman ever written was from the pen of Lafcadio Hearn—a writer whose grace of expression and splendid style entitles him to a much greater place among writers of English than he is popularly assigned.

In his "Out of the East" is an essay on "The Eternal Feminine" and in it is this:

"Whatsoever has once been likened to woman by art or thought has been strangely informed and transformed by that momentary symbolism. What ever delights us imagination has feminized—the rose of dawn—the vast caress of day—night and the lights of heaven—even the undulations of the eternal hills. And flowers, the flush of fruit, and all things fragrant, fair and gracious; the genial seasons with their voices; the laughter of streams, and whisper of leaves, and rippling of song within the shadows: all sights, or sounds, or sensations that can touch our love of loveliness, of delicacy, of sweetness, of gentleness, make for us vague dreams of woman."

One of France's most famous gossips said: "There are no ugly women—there are only women who do not know how to look pretty."

Real beauty is in the mind and its outward expression and what goes on in the mind has an extraordinary effect on the body.

Could you conceive of a loving moth-

er who would not be beautiful? Could you think of a woman with a baby cuddled in her arms, even though that mother came from the slums and wore the habiliments of direst poverty, as being other than a supreme expression of beauty?

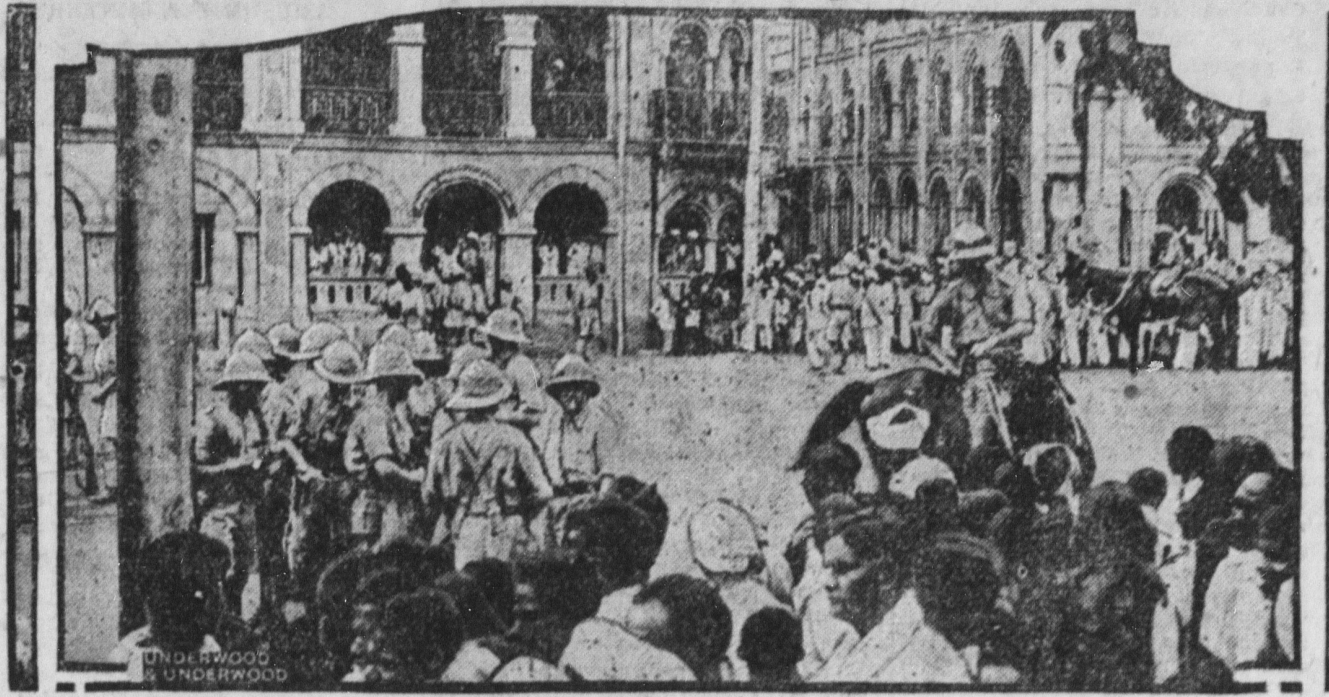
Madame de Staël, one of the most brilliant women France ever produced, was noticeably unattractive in face and figure, but of her it was said "She talks herself into a beauty."

Cultivate your beauty of mind and thought. Spend more for books than for rouge and lip sticks. Be sure that no outward comeliness can atone for an evident lack of intelligence. People will remember what you said and how you said it long after they have forgotten how you looked and what you wore.

If you are a woman keep in mind always that you are in reality the most beautiful of God's creations and live up to the reputation.

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Self Rule Demanded by Mob in India



The photograph shows a riotous mob at Madras, India, being dispersed by troops after the police lost control. The cause of the riot was the arrival of the Simon investigating commission. The mob cried, "Simon Go Back" and "Self Rule for India."



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Some Evidence That Old Wash Did Shake

Jack Stone, the well-known sportsman, has returned to New York to take out a patent on a balloon jumping device with which, he says, the balloon jumper can jump two miles in perfect safety.

"Heretofore," Mr. Stone said to a New York reporter, "balloon jumping has been too dangerous. Every time you jumped a hundred yards or so you felt as scared up there in the air—well, as scared as old Wash White."

"Old Wash, you know, saw a ghost. He said afterwards: 'Ah jes' come outen de cow-shed and Ah has a bucket er milk in mah hand. Den Ah hears a mounin' sound, and de ghost he done rush at me.'"

"Lawdy, lawdy!" said Cal Clay. "Was you scairt? Did you shake, man?"

"Ah dunno if Ah was scairt," said old Wash. "and Ah hain't sayin' for suttin' dat Ah shook; but when Ah gits home Ah finds all de milk gone and free pound o' butter in de bucket."

Left Cat With Firemen

Two fashionably dressed women walked into an Augusta (Maine) fire station carrying a well-fed cat. Informing the firemen that the cat evidently had been lost by some one in the city, they left the cat. The next morning they appeared to claim the cat. It developed that they had desired to register at one of Augusta's hotels where the cat was taboo and that they had implicit confidence in the kindness and gullibility of Augusta's fire fighters.

A Gentle Hint

Visitor—And is that all? Flower Garden Guide—Yes, you have seen all the flowers, but the forget-me-nots!

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THE SEEING EYE

By JOHN BLAKE

THERE used to be a belief prevalent throughout the world that the eyesight of savages was far superior to that of civilized men.

Pioneers in new countries noticed that their native guides could look into a tree, and see there a bird which was invisible to the white man.

They saw them look at the horizon, shading their eyes, and then announce that a deer stood there.

The white man could see no deer. He put the Indian's discovery of it down to his miraculous eyesight.

It is probable that the white man

could see the bird as well as did the savage.

In fact after it was called to his attention he did see it.

He also, without doubt, saw it was a deer.

Only he did not know it was a deer; and the savage did.

For long experience had taught the savage what a deer looked like at a great distance.

He could not possibly mistake it for a hewler or a hummock of grass, as the white man could.

The white man had never seen a deer at a distance.

Or he had never taken the trouble to look into a tree long enough and intently enough to distinguish a bird from the foliage among which it was hidden by its protective coloring.

Much the same thing is observed by passengers on ocean steamships.

The officers on the bridge will look at the horizon and detect an iceberg invisible to the passengers.

It is not because their eyes are better, it is because they know how to distinguish the motionless white of the iceberg from the moving white of the waves.

This is supplementing sight with observation.

And that is what makes the difference between the educated and the uneducated.

The savage can neither read nor write, yet he is educated in the essentials of his existence.

The sailor may be illiterate, yet he knows how to use his eyes better than does the college professor in the deck chair.

We all start fairly equal with regard to the senses.

It is in their use that we differ. And it is that difference that makes



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us useful to ourselves and to other people.

It is the seeing eye of the author which enables him to remember and describe the scenes which make the background of his work.

It is the seeing eye of the painter which enables him to produce a masterpiece.

Yet the difference between artist and author and other people is not really in the eye at all.

It is the brain behind the eye that makes it a seeing eye, and that brain must be trained by hard work, or it will never amount to much.

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ORIGIN OF "BLOCKHEAD"

By JEAN NEWTON

FOR the origin of this word which is used constantly to describe some one who appears to us to be extremely stupid, one whom we want to call a dunce, we must go merely to our old friend Shakespeare. It is in his "Coriolanus" that he coined the word as follows:

"Your wit will not so soon out as another man's will; it is strongly wedged up in a blockhead."

The reference made by the word was to the then familiar dummy heads which stood in the show windows of the wig makers of the day. Like the faces of the wax figures which are occasionally seen in modern show windows, their expression was blank and lifeless. Another contemporary reference to them is found as follows:

"As stupid as the face of a wig-maker's stand."

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Bedtime Story for Children

"I'M GOING to tell you this evening," said the Sandman, "about the smart baby Moles and the Mole family."

"As you know, the Moles live underground."

Their home nest is of leaves and grass and it is, too, under the ground. From their home nest is a long, winding tunnel which they build through the earth.

"They must keep the earth out of the nest, and so it is pushed upward to the surface. You can imagine the work it is for these little creatures, so tiny and yet so clever."

"From the nest there is a special runway by which the Moles can escape if danger suddenly overtakes them when they're in their nest."

"So that they really have fortresses, too, you see!"

"And all this is done by little creatures who are almost blind. They have lived underground so much, and so constantly, that they can hardly see at all."

"Some of them cannot see at all."

"The Moles have pointed noses, which are very strong, and which help them in their burrowing. They also have front paws, which, too, are very strong."

"But these are their only tools. They do not have the help of carpenter's tools, but they work only with what they have themselves. It is so wonderful to see what they can do."

"And often they will burrow great, great distances in a short time, for they work steadily, and so powerfully, and so energetically."

"These Moles I'm telling you about this evening are cousins of the Star-Nosed Mole, and are sometimes known as the Oregon Moles."

"Now, there were three little baby Moles who had been born in the early

spring. They did not remain helpless for long. And in less than two months they had grown to be almost as big as their parents and were helping in the building of tunnels and the planning of their home."

"The Moles, as you know, build mounds and they have tunnels for roadways to their nests and also other tunnels which they use for hunting."

"At night the Moles come to the surface and look for food. Sometimes they have a long tunnel under a fence, which is used as a general road."

"That is, in much the same way as we have a main road along which lots of people walk, or run, or ride, and as we have our little private garden path and our own halls leading into different rooms."

"Now, little Moles," said Mother Mole, "this is Mother advice."

"The Moles Have Pointed Noses Which Are Very Strong."

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Sires are asking sons to play in a clean and decent way. Seeking pleasures, but the kind That will leave them pure of mind. Brave of heart, and strong of will. Braver, braver, stronger still.

Sires are asking sons to spend Time, before the time shall end. For their hours of study, too. Doing what they need to do That their future may be made Fruitful with some honest trade.

Sires will labor, sires provide, Sires will walk that sons may ride, Asking, as each father deives, Sons they help to help themselves. These the favors, this the task; Does it seem so much to ask?

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Hungarians Are Arrested



A delegation of Hungarians opposed to the present government in Hungary recently made a demonstration in front of the White House and were arrested.

Nellie Maxwell Recipes

The "luck" that I believe in is that which comes with work; and no one ever finds it. Who's content to wish and shirk.

The men the world calls "lucky" will tell you every one. That success comes not with wishing. But by hard work, bravely done. —Eben Rexford.

PUT ON A FEW FRILLS

IT COSTS thought, rather than very much money to send foods to the table with the attractive garnishes that make hotel meals so delightful for the average "home folks." There is really no good reason why even a fairly busy housewife should not treat her "home folks" to prettily garnished dishes.

Dietitians, psychologists, neurologists, all agree that food does more good, is more readily digested and assimilated, if eaten in pleasant surroundings, in a pleasant mood, and if it is appealing to the eye as well as to the palate. The garnish, in other words, is as much a matter of good digestion as of style.

The garnish should be edible as well as pretty, whenever possible, and most garnishes, with the exception of the fried paper tips placed on chops and crown roasts, are good to eat.

Asparagus Mousse.

Cook one bunch of finely cut asparagus with some of the three-inch tips removed, and cook separately one cupful of medium white sauce, one tablespoonful of gelatin, one-eighth teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, one-fourth teaspoonful of paprika, one cupful of stiffly whipped cream. Soak the gelatin five minutes in two tablespoonfuls of cold water; add to the hot diced asparagus and the white sauce, blend well, add seasonings, fold in the whipped cream and pour into a well-wetted mold and let chill several hours. Unmold on lettuce, garnish with asparagus points dipped in French dressing. Serve with mayonnaise. Increase the amount of gelatin

SQUAWKS

By Viola Brothers Shore

FOR THE GOOSE—

YOU can't learn some 'm from everybody you talk to. But you can from everybody that talks to you.

The greatest misfortune for a woman ain't to stop bein' loved, it's to stop lovin'.

Doin' more favors for people that proved they was ungrateful is awful noble; but a terrible waste of time.

FOR THE GANDER—

The worst swearin' a taxi driver can do to you don't hurt as much as the littlest bump.

If you must use flowers of speech, be sure they're perfectly fresh.

If you let on as how you're very good, a lotta people doubts you. But if you let on as how you're very bad, everybody doubts you.

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GIRLIGAGS



"Some bankers begin their careers as runners," says Cynical Sue, "and some end them that way." (Copyright.)

Mississippi's Secession

Mississippi, in state convention, adopted a secession ordinance declaring the state's allegiance to the United States of America at an end on January 9, 1861, following the lead of South Carolina, which was the first state to secede.