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"Oh, may and fair may
Each country be found,
Where the world at its best
By the country is crowned
Thy Queen shall be truthful."

ENGLISH IGNORANCE OF THIS COUNTRY.

It is a noticeable fact to the traveler in England, that the class which is most supremely ignorant of almost everything pertaining to this country, its geography, social customs and political institutions, is what is known as the intellectual or learned. There is in England positively more correct information in regard to the United States among the laboring masses, than in the intelligent class referred to above. And it might be here remarked that with the English gentry when they know anything, the knowledge is confined to clashes and field sports. Take Lord Derby, for instance, personally one of the pleasantest men in Great Britain. He has been guilty of the most flagrant mistakes in geography as a modern history. People complainingly allude to a famous blunder of his about Tandoor in Russia. It is also told of him that he once spoke in Parliament of Democrats as an island, and when one of his colleagues afterwards remonstrated with him on the mistake, he asked with ingenuousness and naivete, "How on earth was I to know that Democrats was not an island?" If a man of the prominence of Lord Derby should be ignorant of simple matters of geography as the intellect or learned. There is in England positively more correct information in regard to the United States among the laboring masses, than in the intelligent class referred to above. And it might be here remarked that with the English gentry when they know anything, the knowledge is confined to clashes and field sports. Take Lord Derby, for instance, personally one of the pleasantest men in Great Britain. He has been guilty of the most flagrant mistakes in geography as a modern history. People complainingly allude to a famous blunder of his about Tandoor in Russia. It is also told of him that he once spoke in Parliament of Democrats as an island, and when one of his colleagues afterwards remonstrated with him on the mistake, he asked with ingenuousness and naivete, "How on earth was I to know that Democrats was not an island?" If a man of the prominence of Lord Derby should be ignorant of simple matters of geography as the intellectual