thing
Ever made by the hand above—
A woman's heart and a woman's life,
And a woman's wonderful love? Do you know you have asked for this priceles

thing As a child might ask for a toy? Demanding what others have died to win, With the reckless dash of a boy.

You have written my lesson of duty out.

Man-like you have questioned me—

Now stand at the bar of my woman's soul,

Until I shall question thee.

You require your mutton shall always be hot, Your socks and your shirts shall be whole; I require your heart to be true as God's stars, And pure as heaven your soul.

I look for a man and a king.

A king for a beautiful realm called home, And a man that the maker, God. Shall look upon as he did the first, And say, "It is very good."

I am fair and young, but the rose will fade From my soft young cheek one day— Will you love me then, 'mid the tailing leaves As you did 'mid the bloom of May?'

Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep I may launch my all on its tide? A loving woman finds heaven or hell On the day she is made a bride.

I require all things that are grand and true, All things that a man should be; If you give this all I would stake my life To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot do this—a laundress or cook. You can hire with a little to pay; But a woman's heart and a woman's life. Are not to be won that way.

The Ambassador's Eye-Glass.

I think I have already explained to my readers that the late King of Siam tounded, however, was that courtly perwas very much given to using the long-est and hardest words to be found in the English dictionary. It was his special delight not only to show his scholarship the royal harem of Siam, that he raised in Euglish, but to amaze and confound his eye-glass to examine them from his hearers, which, I assure you, he very head to foot. often did.

I well remember, one bright, sunny amese girls. afternoon, full of the golden light pecu-liar to the autumns in Siam, I was in my parlor, and enjoying my book, when I received a peremptory summons to at-tend the King in his palace.

Instead of rising and bowing, as they had been instructed to do, to my great astonishment they one and all uttered little shricks of terror, clapped their hands over their faces, peering at the

end the King in his palace.

I shut my book with an impatient same time between their extended finemphasis, and soon found myself standing in an audience chamber of the inner court, used only by the ladies of the Finding that he continued to gaze court, used only by the ladies of the King's household.

The King took no notice of me at first; endure it no longer. Starting suddenly he was looking anxiously at some pretty up from their seats, they threw their very handsomely dressed, with jewels ings in European etiquette, crying out, and gauzy dresses displaying their slender and beautifully-formed arms and look at my face."

quant English, "shall it be proper for the English Ambassador to make a request to see some of our most beautiful women?"

bring them to a sense of the conduct before and impropriety of such conduct before a stranger.

"No, no," said they, "we cannot allow him to look at our faces;" and they

I at once assured him that I did not scampered off hither and thither like a see anything improper in such a request.
"If your Majesty were in England or America," I said, "you would wish to see the prettiest girls and the most beautiful women in either country, and the yeary natural that it is yeary natural that the Keing was it is very natural that the English Am- furious at me for not having taught it is very natural that the English Ambassader, who is a stranger here, should them better manners.

In a very short time a dozen or more desire to see the beauties of Siam."

"But," said the King, with his usual cunning and desire to make a grand impression, "I cannot let him see them as they are, with black teeth and no shoes

In a very short time a dozen or more women came running breathless into the temple, saying, "Make haste, make haste, the King calls you!"

With many misgivings I entered his many misgivings I entered his on their feet. He will go back to Queen Victoria and tell her that our women are black and without clothes, or stockare black and without clothes, or stockings or shoes on their feet, and she will consider me as a barbarian of Saudwich lalend. No stock with those girls more scientifically?" (for good manners is almost a science among

He then bade me select those of the young women who might pass for Western beauties.

puzzled in all my life. These girls were | ishment. all, more or less, pretty after the Siamest.

But for many a long day after I heard them describe to the other women and lideas of beauty, they might be called a lideas of beauty and lideas of beauty, they might be called a lideas of beauty, they might be called a lideas of beauty and lideas of beauty, they might be called a lideas of beauty, they might be called a lideas of beauty, they might be called a lideas of beauty and lideas of beauty a

peculiar to the pretty young women of Siam; that is, something sprightly, fine, irregular, and yet pure. Such a nose SELECT PARAGRAPHS.—The saddest was, no doubt, the despair of painters, failures in life are those that come from but it was the charm of lovers and the not putting forth of power and will poets.

In addition to this deficiency of nose, black teeth being esteemed as beautiful going to prove one's self a fool.—Haw-thorne. The King, therefore, ordered another lady, a sort of royal head-dresser and barber (for you must know that there are female barbers in the inner city of mer. of Bangkok), to have the teeth of the women I had selected to be scraped day that was before or is to come, between the companion of the day that was before or is to come, between the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come, but the companion of the day that was before or is to come.

Then, to add to my concern, only one day and the half of the following one was allowed to these poor girls and to what we have done, if the staring record what we have done, if the staring record

A high female officer placed at my disposal silks, laces, flowers, jewels, pocket-handkerchiefs, pearls and jewelled slippers, but not a vestige of any-

thing that might serve as under-garments. When I remonstrated with the lady on her neglect, she simply replied that there was no time. The English dressmaker, the same

pretty girl who had so captivated poor Maha Rhol, the Buddhist priest, cut up these superb silks and costly laces, thresded in gold, into robus threaded in gold, into robes.

When this was done, the poor girls were dressed as European ladies without, retaining for under-garments their Si-amese dress. They were painted white by a Chinese artist; their heads decorated with false curls, and bound with pearls, rubies, and diamonds, they were really dazzling to behold.

Then came my part which was to drill them into the etiquette of European courts. This was one of the hardest tasks I undertook; for each of these girls had a small looking-glass, and they were so delighted with themselves that even when I made them walk in and out of the temple, and bow to me in the Western fashion, they would peer at their faces in the glasses held in their hands.

What with bowing, and screping, and screaming, and grimacing, and jabber-ing Siamese all the time, I am afraid my lessons in European etiquette and deportment did not make a very lasting impression on their girlish minds, for not one of the girls was scarcely more than fifteen years of age.

At two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day in which I had been drilling them, these six girls, dressed as English them, these six girls, dressed as English ladies, were escorted to my temple S. E. May S. E. May S. of the temple for the occasion.

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only to rise when the Ambassador from England was presented, to bow to him and retire backwards, but they were to the contrary are considered as wishing to not to turn their backs.

Somebody had told the King that no one ever turned their backs when pre-sented to Queen Victoria, but retired face forwards. His Majesty was, therefore, imperative in requiring the little form of not turning their backs upon the great Englishman. The heedless girls promised implicit obedience.

I wish I could give my readers some idea of the giggling that went on between the girls while they were waiting for the hour of presentation, seated on the grand European chairs, in English dresses. Presently a loud bugle an-nounced the reception of the grand visi-tor by the King. This caused the girls great agitation; from fits of violent laughter they were at once thrown into a tremor of excitement.

They began to ask all manner of questions. One poor girl, trembling from head to foot, asked me, "What kind of men are those farangs?" that being the You require a cook for your mutton and beef; I require a far better thing. A seamstress you're wanting for stockings and shirts—

"Have they not hair on their chins like goats?" inquired another; "and are they not cannibals?" Somebody had told her that English-

men always had little children for their breakfasts, and young girls for their dinner. She remembered this story at this critical moment, and it was as much as I could do to keep her from running away there and then.

A second time the bugle sounded. His Majesty entered on the other side of the temple, followed by his distinguished guest. At this time Lord John Hay, the Eng-

lish Ambassador, wore a full, long beard and a heavy mustache, which not only mingled but flowed down upon his breast, leaving only his eyes and nose

Suddenly a silver flute gave the signal. The curtain vanished, and there were the great English Ambassador and the kin, Sikum.

sonage, My Lord Hay. He was so totally unprepared to flud what seemed to him European ladies in

Alas! this was too much for the Si-

steadily at them, the poor girls could young women who were bending low overskirks over their faces and fled from before him. Each of these ladies were the temple, regardless of all my teach-

shoulders.

"Mam," said he, at length, in his bring them to a sense of the childishness

Islands. No, mam, you must educate the Orientals.) "Wherefore have you some of these young women in Euro- not acquainted them with the English pean stiquette and costume, for presentation to the English Ambassador of glass. "They were quite unprepared, and our women are too modest to let a

man look at their faces."

I was glad to find that he vented all his fury and indignation upon me, for the poor frightened girls seeped pair. Taylor's Ferry, Tualatin, Wapato. To tell the truth, I was never more the poor, frightened girls escaped pun-

ideas of beauty, they might be called lovely in every respect but the nose. | Englishman was, and how that now lovely in every respect but the nose.

It was neither straight nor curved, neither Italian nor Greek, but a nose lish were men-eaters or cannibals.—Mrs.

to succeed.—Whipple.

The greatest obstacle to being heroic

the Siamese women blacken their teeth, is the doubt whether one may not be

This day we live in is better than any white as milk for the occasion, so that they might look like English ladies. What would it be if there were no forgetful-

me for their transformation from Siam-ese to European beauties.

was to be kept forever before our eyes.

-Wm. Black. It is said by philosophers that no par-

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