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May Flowers.

In the New World's dark forests, the green moss
Lay, with an opening through it here and there;
But God looked down one day and saw the loss
It felt, since all the youthful world was fair.

So to make joyous many a lonely place,
At evening, God sent flowers, pure and white;
Each turned to sunset's glory a sweet face,
And caught a tinge of pink for it's good-night.

Since that fair day, rejoices with the Spring
The moss, in deep and lovely forest bowers,
And when the birds of life and young love sing,
We of the New World, gather the May Flowers.

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Matthew Arnold on Culture.

AS the word is commonly used, Culture may be defined as the systematic improvement and cultivation of the mind, and in a broad sense it is used to mean civilization.

According to the traditions of the early Greeks, the growth of their civilization was promoted by the settlement among them of Oriental immigrants who brought with them the arts and culture of the different countries of the East. As the people became civilized they sought the improvement of their minds pursuing the study of many arts and sciences, and we read of them as a cultured race. The germs