

to be born of a Jewish mother—"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined."

Have you ever read of the Jew in England; and how the populace invaded the Jewish quarter in London, giving themselves to murder and robbery? Only Jewish history can find such a tragedy as occurred in York, whither the flames of persecution had spread. The venerable Rabbi told the five hundred Jews who took refuge in the castle, "This day the Lord calls upon us to die for our faith," then parents killed their children and afterwards themselves. In 1290 all the Jews were expelled from England. A century later France followed, two centuries later Spain, and in the fifteenth century Portugal joined in exiling the Jews. They fled to Poland, but when this kingdom was divided, Russia received the lion's share and the Jews found themselves clustered in the paws of the wild Russian Bear. For centuries they have been straining every nerve to keep the Bear in good humor. Every Russian nobleman, every official down to the common policeman, has to be bribed to let them live. The jealousy of the Russian officials is the hardest thing that presses these poor wanderers. Each officer thinks his neighbor is getting more than he, so puts on a little more force to squeeze out a few extra Rubles. It is no fairy tale. To this day every Jew in Russia—and there are six millions of them, whose average possession is under five dollars—has to provide for such emergencies if life is dear to him, for who knows when the Governor, or Chief of Police, will be in need of some cash! This miserable existence continued for years, but he lived and was allowed to reside where he pleased. In 1882, however, under the May Laws, all Jews, with the exception of the very few, who by pay-