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BURMESE WOMEN.

How She is Seen in Home Life and Among Her Friends.

A village belle comes to take her seat at the theatre. The place is crowded with people sitting on mats spread on the ground. She is perfectly self-possessed, though conscious of general criticism. A dainty wreath of jessamine is placed tiarwise just below the neat coils of shining black hair. She wears a spotless white jacket, with tight-fitting sleeves, and over one shoulder a maize-colored scarf is thrown. With every swaying movement of her lythe limbs the gay colors of her narrow silk petticoat glance and play in the light of the flaring torches. When she reaches the mat that serves as the family seat she sits smilingly down and leans on one arm, and gradually turns the hand round inward until the elbow is bowed outward in front. The general impression is one of supple grace, but if we watch this girl walking through the village by ordinary daylight, we shall see that she swings her arms backward and forward in time with the circling sweep of her out-turned feet. And further, when resting during the cool of the evening unobserved in the recesses of the rest house, we may see little maidens, scarce promoted to the dignity of clothes, practising again and again these curious motions and attitudes. Our criticism of the same attitudes varies with our own feelings, and the secret of the illusion at the theatre is, perhaps in the nature of the surroundings. In the early morning, under the open sky, and with the hard business of the day before us, we look with the cold eye of the foreigner. In the evening, when tired, but with our worries behind us, we were able to enter into the children's play, amused and half understanding, but at night we leave the house and everything English in it, and, sitting in the midst of a Burmese crowd, are able to understand their modes of thought and their standards of beauty.

Somewhere.

Somewhere I know there's a place for me,
A place where I shall happy be;
A land that is always free from care
And full of happiness everywhere.

But alas! this Somewhere is hard to find,
The way's full of doubts of every kind;
There are snares to trip unwary feet,
There are dangers of every sort to meet.

Dejection must come to each one bound
To the land where such true bliss is found;
Hope must be crushed on many times
Before one can reach the happy climes.

But the only way to reach Somewhere
Is to quill each doubt, avoid each snare;
Hope must be made once more to live,
Its wonderful powers again to give.

Shall I tell you the name of this land so fair,
This longed-for, strived-for, glad Somewhere?

'Tis the home of love—ah, do not start—
This Somewhere of mine is a maiden's heart.

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