

nudation. One is being forced upon us strongly just now by the campaign in Mesopotamia, once the seat of the world's greatest empires and most teeming millions. Our campaign there has been a moving picture of calamities caused by nature. At one time the tale is of heat and sunstroke, and of long marches to where no water was. At another it is impassable floods. Almost never have there been even tolerable conditions. Yet there is the traditional site of the Garden of Eden. "There the fair tree of knowledge grew." There civilization reached astonishing heights in history's dimmest distances. Or take the Holy Land, which was once the paradise of a people's hopes, the summit of the world in the people's conception. In the days when it was the promised land, full of crowded cities, a man was famous, according as he lifted up his axe upon the thick trees. Who that sees it now can realize what it was? Spain, once the garden of the earth, has relegated much of its surface to wilderness of bald rocks.—Montreal Witness.

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