

sensation, without enervating or relaxing the frame. They combined to produce and maintain the happy mental and bodily organization which distinguished

"The lively Grecian in his land of hills,
Rivers, fertile plains, and sounding shores
Under a cope of sky more variable."

His "land of hills" and his "sounding shores" were ever rousing and prompting the Greek; the former gave him the hardihood of the mountaineer with his characteristic patriotism; the latter, the fearlessness of the sailor; while both combined to create and gratify a love of nature, and an acute observation of her ever-varying forms. They did more:—The mountain barriers that made Greece a nation of small independent states, had the effect of causing her inhabitants to grapple early with the question of Human Government, and to become adepts in the principles of political science, before this science had in other and older countries emerged from babyhood. The sea was to her no *oceanus dissociabilis*. By means of it, rather, she "girt herself round with a constellation of Greek states," in which she planted the Greek language with its wonderful flexibility and adaptation to human necessities; and the Greek character, with its energy and zeal, its fertile imagination, its desire and aptitude for philosophical investigation, its keen eye for beauty and symmetry, its ability for self-government, and its intense love of freedom. And, by the way, what a wonderful knack the Mother Country had of binding these *apoikiai* to herself. In spite of, or rather by means of, the *oceanus dissociabilis*, insular Greece, lying on the frontier between Europe and Asia, was the link of union between these two continents; just as insular England lying on the frontier of Europe is the great bond of connection between Europe and America.

It is not so easy to trace any effect which the configuration, climate, &c., of Italy had on the character of the Italian people. As Italy was a narrow peninsula, its coast line, like that of Greece, was great compared with its area. But, unlike that of Greece, this coast line was singularly unbroken. It hemmed in the land, but it was

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