An extraordinary creature of this time was the "fish-lizard." It had a head like a An extraordinary creature of this time was the "fish-lizard." It had a head like a lizard, jaws and teeth like a crocodile, the backbone of a fish, the paddles of a whale, and the trunk and tail of a quadruped. The first skeleton of this animal was discovered in England by a country girl. She used to make her living by selling fossils, which were very abundant in her native place. One day she discovered some bones projecting from a cliff. Clearing away the rubbish, she found that they belonged to the skeleton of an animal embedded in the rock. She hired some workmen to dig out the entire sine found that they belonged to the skeleton of an animal embedded in the rock. She hired some workmen to dig out the entire rock, and the monster proved to be thirty feet long. What a sensation it created! That region, Lyme Regis, was found to be a veritable graveyard of these wonderful animals. The jaws of some of them were eight feet long and contained one hundred and sixty teeth. Whenever a tooth was lost in a conflict, a duplicate tooth in the jaw was ready to take its place. Their eyes were larger than a man's head, and possessed of very powerful and far-seeing vision, so that no matter how dark the sea nor how far distant the prey, there could be no escaping those eyes! Its stomach was like a great pouch, and it swallowed its food without chawing. It was so greedy a monster that it ate even smaller animals of its own lykind!

kind!
Nobody can say for certain whether its skin was covered with scales or not. Still, as no remains of scales have been found, it was probably soft and smooth. It had to come up to the surface to breathe, like a whale, and perhaps it had "blowers" to blow out water. What a commotion it must have made!

have made!

Another animal of this family had the head of a serpent upon the neck of a gigantic swan. It was fitted for quicker motion than the fish-lizard. It probably swam on the surface like a swan, and thrust its long neck down in search of prey.

The most wonderful of all, however, was the "dragon" of which I told you. It is called by a hard Greek name which we will translate into "wing-finger." There were two points in which it resembled a bat; its eyes were so formed that it could see in the dark; and it had enormous wings joined to its claws like those of a bat. It was probably a water animal, whose wings were used to take flying leaps through the air, as the flying fish does, but probably it could remain longer on the wing.

#### Protestantism in France.

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Protestantism in France sprang from the same general causes which gave birth to similar reactions against the Roman Catholic Church in other countries of Europe. But, almost from the first, a peculiarly secular character was stamped upon the French movement, partly by the character of its leader, partly by the early adhesion of the nobility, partly by the establishment of the Reformed Churches as a separate political power. The leaders of the Huguenots were rather statesmen, politicians, or captains power. The leaders of the Huguenots were rather statesmen, politicians, or captains than men of spiritual mind. Calvinism, with its logical completeness and systematic theology, quickly stiffened into an academic, controversial, acrimonious form. It would be difficult to name a single book of devotional piety which was the work of French Protestants in the sixteenth century. Secondly, most religious movements have ascendly, most religious movements have ascended from the people to the nobility. In France the contrary process was the rule: Protestantism descended from the nobles to the people. It was the religious the people. Protestantism descended from the nobles to the people. It was, therefore, never, in a strict sense of the word, popular, but was always associated with aristocratic privileges or nunicipal independence. Lastly, the Edict of Nantes established the Reformed Churches as an "imperium in imperio," a State within the State, a Protestantrepublic in the heart of a Catholic monarchy. It gave them a compact organization, based on representative principles, guaranteed by some of the strongest fortresses in France. In a word, it materialized and secularized the faith of the Huguenots.

### Woman.

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Still madly loving us, yet still contending.
And proudest when her conquered heart
is bending.

And most unyielding when she most

obeys -- She is so fashioned that her face betrays
The struggle ended, long before the end-

The strugger ing,

ing,

She's like a bubble borne along the air,

Forever brightest just before it breaks—

Or like a lute that's mutest ere it

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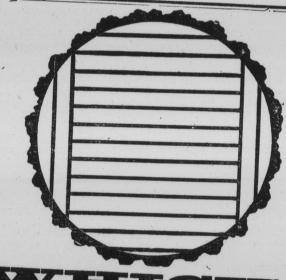
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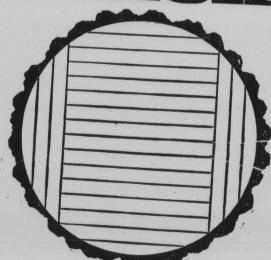
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