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these homes of versatile architecture, seem to us English wonderfully in harmony with their surroundings—charming, lovely, picturesque, and often full of surprises. Less conventional than John Bull's women-kind, more liberal-minded and open to conviction, of intense personality, sometimes incongruous, if you will, but never bores, American women may (like Englishwomen) sometimes be vulgar ; they can be on occasions (like Englishwomen) snobbish ; they are never, like Englishwomen, dull. No women can touch them for natural straightforwardness of manner, and absence of self-consciousness. There is among the well-bred a charm which is indescribable,