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IN AN INDIAN TEMPLE.

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IT was a Temple, white and fair,  
Piercing the warm blue Indian air  
With painted cupola; and set  
High on a hill-side, where there met  
Two streams—with sister-kiss of wave—  
Which rippled lightly down, to lave  
Our Deccan flats, gliding to grow  
Beema—and Kistna next—and flow  
By many a peopled plain and lea  
Into the Coromandel sea.  
And all along those shining banks  
Neem and acacia trees in ranks  
Shaded the flood, making cool homes  
Of leafy peace for all that comes  
To river-side, the pheasant-crow,  
The jay, the coppersmith whose blow—

## LOTUS AND JEWEL.

In his green smithy stoutly plied  
Ringing from dawn till eventide—  
Falls 'klink, klank, klink,' upon the ear ;  
And social weavers who, from fear  
Of thievish snakes, their nests suspend  
Swinging from every branchlet's end :  
There, too, the nine brown sisters talked ;  
The silver-feathered egret stalked ;  
The *muchi-baug*—"tiger of fish"—  
Shot from the air with arrowy swish  
And soared again—his pearly prey  
Clutched in red talons. All the day  
You heard the necklaced jungle-dove  
Cooing low songs of ceaseless love ;  
While, brooding near, his listening wife  
With soft breast warmed her eggs to life ;  
And, from the hot vault of the sky  
The circling kite made fierce reply ;  
For Love and Hate were neighbours still  
Even upon that holy hill !

Yet, in the Temple all seemed peace.  
There—sitting upon Shiva's knees—