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LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGiore Gibson

Plans For the Future.
"You tell her," said Alice to Karl. "Tell her what?" I asked, thinking perhaps it was something about Elizabeth, as we had just been talking of her.
"You tell her what we intended to do with her," repeated Alice.
"Why, Alice, you talk about me as if I were a piece of furniture that you were going to take up and place anywhere you please," I remonstrated.
"You have been something almost inanimate," said Alice, as her hand glided over my hair in the most caressing way.
"I'm all right now, though," I said with rising inflection, which made my speech more of a question than an assertion.
"Yes, thank God, you're all right now," said Karl.
"But, Katherine, I think I know something that will make you 'righter,'" said Alice.
"It must be something very fine, if it is as perfect as your English, my dear."
For answer Alice reiterated her command to Karl, "You tell her."
"As a last resort," said Karl, "we were going to bundle you and Alice, Miss Parker and little Mary all on to my yacht and send you out where you would get only the wind-swept ozone of the sea."
"Well, why don't we go now?"
The question seemed a surprise to both Karl and Alice, but it was a great delight to Karl.
"Would you really like to go, Katherine, for a long voyage?"
"Can you be gone for a long time, Alice?" I asked.
"Just as long as you wish, dearest," she answered. "We can go into different ports and perhaps Tom can meet us at one of them occasionally."
"Why, aren't you going with us," I said to Karl.
"No, I have had enough of sailing for awhile. But I shall be very glad to place the yacht at the disposal of you girls for as long as you wish."
"All right, Karl, I think I'll go around the world," said Alice.
"Do you really mean that, Alice?"
"Of course I mean it, Katherine. I've always wanted to take a trip

came to the throne, we get a glimpse from beneath of the magnificence of Solomon in the toil he took of his subjects.

"Her Majesty, The Queen."
History, however, was not written in those days in terms of the common people; so we have at length the story of the impressions made by Solomon's glory upon another monarch, a woman, the Queen of Sheba, whose feminine and royal curiosity led her to cross Arabia to see for herself. The inter-royal visits of Europe before the war have ancient precedents.

And the Queen of Sheba, whose country was the hot and sandy land of spices near the lower Red Sea, which we now know as the Yemen, had a weary way to travel before she reached the city of Jerusalem. She had to go by camel—and I can testify that camel-riding is not like a trip in a private car or yacht. Moreover, the blazing sun of Arabia makes no distinction between royalty and camelers; so that she paid a price beyond the hugh treasures she bore for her journey, by vast camel-train to the king of Israel. Then, as now, Arabia was turbulent; the Yemenites today are fighting the British; and an army of Bedouin attended her majesty on her way.

But what a visit she had! Let us hope that there were women-folk in the family back home to whom she could retail the wonders of her sojourn in Jerusalem. All the stories that had reached the distant capital of the Queen of Sheba concerning Solomon's splendor proved more than true. "The half had not been told." In material state, as well as in personal wisdom, and in lavish hospitality, the king of the Jews was more wonderful than report had represented him. There was no room for rivalry with him. He was king of the age. As an oriental potentate, he transcended all precedent.

Naturally, the heathen Queen of Sheba, in a land that has forever been essentially religious, gave Solomon's God credit, and admitted His superiority to her native gods. Jew-

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ish tradition has it that she became a proselyte to the religion of Jehovah. It is as a parable that the Lesson has its greatest significance. When applied to a Greater than Solomon, it represents His munificence and riches, concerning which "The half has not been told." All who seek Jesus, find Him, more than they anticipated, and they find themselves laden with "His royal bounty."

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The International Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 12th is
"The Glory of Solomon's Reign."
I Kings 10:1-13, 23-25.
By William T. Ellis.

Yonder goes a big red automobile. It is ostentatiously fitted up with unusual auxiliaries and trappings and huge monograms, all to make it "different." It is less a car in which to ride than a possession to display. It is meant to excite comment and envy and admiration. Behold, Solomon up to date! Who is the Queen of Sheba of whom this showy automobile will make conquest?

For the spirit of Solomon, which was the primitive oriental spirit of extravagance and display, shines forth from the possession of a machine unlike that of this man's neighbors. It is the same sort of exaltation and self-glorification that builds ornate mansions and wears superlative jewelry and keeps the man-milliners rich by providing original gowns for women who want to win the envious glances of other women.

Of course we have improved a bit upon Solomon, carrying self-laudation and self-glorification a step further, by means of the hired press-agent, who nowadays is indispensable to the "society leader" and the "big" business man.

What a hit Solomon would have made in New York, with all of its avenues of news-dissemination and publicity-promotion! Our first comment upon this strangely-chosen lesson is that the persistence of vulgar pride and vain-glory and display throughout the long centuries is a depressing fact with which all shapers of thought must reckon. Kaiser William II was the twentieth century version of the Solomon style of king-glory.

In Arabian Nights Fashion.
We must not be too hard upon Solomon. His times and his tendencies must be taken into account;

A King and a Builder.
Traces of Solomon's building may be found afar. He extended Israel to its widest borders. No one familiar with the region can withhold admiration from the king who ruled from the Red Sea to the Anti-Lebanon mountains. Palmyra, "Tadmor in the Wilderness," one of the wonderful ruins of the world, in the Syrian desert east of Homs, was built by him. His hand was upon the fascinating old cities of Petra and of Baalbeck. He built a city at the head of the Gulf of Akaba where the British fleet kept rendezvous with its Arab allies during the war. It was widespread kingdom that came under Solomon's dominion.

His own palace was of dazzling sumptuousness, and likewise the Temple of Jehovah that he built. What he did was all on a grandiose scale, as witness the huge quarries under the city of Jerusalem, whence he excavated building material. Most of the devious and mysterious tunnelings beneath the temple area were doubtless of the same period.

Now, all that is left are the few scribbled stones, worn smooth by the kisses of Jewish devotees, known as the "Wailing Place of the Jews."

By present standards, Solomon's splendor would be condemned as socially inequitable, being merely for his own glory, and not for the welfare of the people. All his buildings were at the cost, and by the toil of the common folk, who had cause to complain bitterly at the burdens they bore. Later, when Rehoboam

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