

**DESERET EVENING NEWS.**

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**FEMALE BEAUTY.**

The ladies of Arabia stain their fingers and toes red, their eyebrows black, and their lips blue. In Persia they paint a black streak around their eyes, and ornament their faces with various figures. The Japanese gild their teeth; and those of the Indians paint them red. The pearl of the tooth must be dyed black to be beautiful in Gujarat. The Hottentot women paint the entire body in compartments of red and black. In Greenland the women color their faces with blue and yellow, and they frequently tattoo their bodies by saturating the skin, and then drawing them through. Hindoo families, when they wish to appear particularly lovely, smear themselves with a mixture of saffron, turmeric and grease. In nearly all the islands of the Pacific and Indian oceans, the women, as well as the men, tattoo a great variety of figures on the face, the lips, tongue, and the whole body. In New Holland they cut themselves with shells, and keeping the wounds open a long time, form deep scars in the flesh, which they deem highly ornamental. And another singular mutilation is made among them by taking off, in infancy, the little finger of the left hand at the second joint. In ancient Persia, an aquiline nose was often thought worthy of the crown; but the Sumatran mother carefully flattens the nose of her daughter. Among some of the savage tribes in Oregon, and also in Sumatra and Africa, continued pressure is applied to the skull in order to flatten it, and thus give it a new beauty. The modern Persians have a strong aversion to red hair, the Turks, on the contrary, are warm admirers of it. In China, round small eyes are liked, and the girls are continually plucking their eyebrows, that they may be thin and long. But the great beauty of a Chinese lady is in feet, which, in childhood are so compressed by bandages, as effectually to prevent any further increase in size. The four smaller toes are bent under the foot, to the sole of which they firmly adhere; and the poor girl not only endures much pain, but becomes a cripple for life. Another mark of beauty consists in finger nails, so long that casings of bamboos are necessary to preserve them from injury. An African beauty must have small eyes, thick lips, a large, flat nose, and a skin beautifully black. In the northwest coast of America an incision, more than two inches in length, is made on the lower lip, and then filled with a wooden plug. In Guinea the lips are pierced with those, the heads being inside the mouth, and the points resting on the chin.—Ex.

**GOOD BYE.**

The editor of the Albany N. Y. Register comments upon these simple words so common, and yet so full of solemn and tender meaning, as follows: "How many emotions cluster around that word! How full of sadness, and to us how full of sorrow it sounds! It is with us a consecrated word. We heard it once within the year as we hope never to hear it again. It was in the chamber of death, in the still hour of night's noon—the curtains to the windows were all closed, the lights were all shaded, and we stood in the dim, solemn twilight with others, around the bed of the dying. The damps of death were on her pale young brow, and coldness was on her lips, as we kissed her for the last time while living. 'Good bye, father,' came from her dying lips. We know not that she ever spoke more; but 'Good bye' was the last we ever heard of her sweet voice. We hear that sorrowful word often as we sit alone, busied with the memories of the past. We hear it in the silence of the night, in the hours of nervous wakefulness, as we lie upon our bed thinking of the loved and lost to us. We hear it in our dreams, when her sweet face comes back to us, as it was in loveliness and beauty.—We hear it when we sit beside her grave in the cemetery, where she sleeps alone, with no kindred as yet by her side. She was the hope of our life, the prop to lean on when age should come upon us, and life should be running to its close. The hope and the prop is gone, and we care not how soon we go down to sleep beside our darling beneath the shadow of the trees in the city of the dead.

THE MUSTARD TREE.—I had observed in crossing the plain of Esdrælon, that the mustard tree was by no means uncommon there; but yet, though some of the stalks which I took pains to measure were large, they were still not so large as I had expected to find them, and not large enough, as it appeared to me, to suggest naturally the illustration in the parable. I was therefore disappointed. Some days after this, as I was riding across the plain of Acre, on the way to Carmel, I perceived at some distance from the path what seemed to be a little nursery of trees. I turned aside to examine them. On coming nearer they proved to be an extensive field of the plant which I was so anxious to see. It was then in blossom, full grown, in some cases six, seven and nine feet high, with a stem or trunk an inch or more in thickness, throwing out branches on all sides. I was now satisfied in part. I felt that a plant like this might well be called a tree, and in comparison with the seed procuring it, a great tree. But still the branches, or stems of branches, were not very large, nor apparently very strong. "Can the birds," I said to myself, "rest upon them?" Are they not too light and flexible? Will they not bend or break with the superadded weight? At that very instant, as I stood and revolved the thought, lo! one of the fowls of the heavens stopped in its flight through the air, lighted down on one of the branches, which hardly moved beneath the shock, and then began to warble forth a strain of the richest music. All my doubts were now charmed away. I was delighted at the incident. [Eastern Traveler.

A reverend gentleman of Manchester, England, says that five things are necessary to humanize the "villain" element in modern society, viz: Employment, amusement, education, supervision, and organization.

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