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3 May. Bistritz.--Left Munich at 8:35 P.M., on 1st May, arriving at Vienna early next morning; should have arrived at 6:46, but train was an hour late. Buda-Pesth seems a wonderful place, from the glimpse which I got of it from the train and the little I could walk through the streets. I feared to go very far from the station, as we had arrived late and would start as near the correct time as possible.
I found my smattering of German very useful here, indeed, I don't know how I should be able to get on without it. I was not able to light on any map or work giving the exact locality of the Castle Dracula, as there are no maps of this country as yet to compare with our own Ordance Survey Maps; but I found that Bistritz, the post town named by Count Dracula, is a fairly well-known place. I shall enter here some of my notes, as they may refresh my memory when I talk over my travels with Mina. It was on the dark side of twilight when we got to Bistritz, which is a very interesting old place. Being practically on the frontier--for the Borgo Pass leads from it into Bukovina--it has had a very stormy existence, and it certainly shows marks of it. Fifty years ago a series of great fires took place, which made terrible havoc on five separate
occasions. At the very beginning of the seventeenth century it underwent a siege of three weeks and lost 13,000 people, the casualties of war proper being assisted by famine and disease. The women looked pretty, except when you got near them, but they were very clumsy about the waist. They had all full white sleeves of some kind or other, and most of them had big belts with a lot of strips of something fluttering from them like the dresses in a ballet, but of course there were petticoats under them.
All day long we seemed to dawdle through a country which was full of beauty of every kind. Sometimes we saw little towns or castles on the top of steep hills such as we see in old missals; sometimes we ran by rivers and streams which seemed from the wide stony margin on each side of them to be subject to great floods. It takes a lot of water, and running strong, to sweep the outside edge of a river clear. The women looked pretty, except when you got near them, but they were very clumsy about the waist. They had all full white sleeves of some kind or other, and most of them had big belts with a lot of strips of something fluttering from them like the dresses in a ballet, but of course there were petticoats under them.

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It seems to me that the further east you go the more unpunctual are the trains. What ought they to be in China? I did not sleep well, though my bed was comfortable enough, for I had all sorts of queer dreams. There was a dog howling all night under my window, which may have had something to do with it; or it may have been the paprika, for I had to drink up all the water in my carafe, and was still thirsty. Towards morning slept and was wakened by the continuous knocking at my door, sol guess I must have been sleeping soundly then.
The impression I had was that we were leaving the West and entering the East; the most western of splendid bridges over the Danube, which is here of noble width and depth, took us among the traditions of Turkish rule.
We left in pretty good time, and came after nightfall to Klausenburgh. Here I stopped for the night at the Hotel Royale. I had for dinner, or rather supper, a chicken done up some way with red pepper, which was very good but thirsty. (Mem. get recipe for Mina.) I asked the waiter, and he said it was called "paprika hendl," and that, as it was a national dish, I should be able to get it anywhere along the Carpathians.
In the population of Transylvania there are four distinct nationalities: Saxons in the South, and mixed with them the Wallachs, who are the descendants of the Dacians; Magyars in the West, and Szekelys in the East and North. I am going among the latter, who claim to be

So hack and chop
But this alone wont do it. Not so much pain will do it The bleeding bark will head And from close to the ground Will rise curled green twigs, Miniature boughs
Which if unchecked will expand Out of the anchoring earth; It is to be roped tied, And pulled out - snapped out Or pulled out entirely, Out from the earth-cave, And the strength of the tree exposed,

The source, white and wet, The most sensitive, hidden For years inside the earth. Then the matter Of scorching and chocking In sun and air,
Browning, hardening,
Twisting, withering,
And then it is done.

## THE Trio

River sarayu was the pride of malgudi IT was ten minutes walk from ellaman street ,the last street of the town ,chefly occuped by oilmongers .its santbanks were the evening resort of the people of the town. THE munciple residend took any distigutioed visitor to the top of the town hall and proudly pointed to him . sarayu in moonlight, glistenting like a silver belt across the north .

The usal evening crowd was on the sand swaminathan and mani sat a loof on a river step with overhanging the river pleasantly.Alight brees played about the bouth and scatted stray leave on the glinting steat below, near nallapp mango grove ,a little downstream ,a heart of a cattle was acrossing the river

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## Making Life Worth While

Every Soul Thaf Touches Yours Be It The Slightest Contact Get There Froth Some Good ; Some Little Grace ; One Kindly Thought:
One Aspiratio Yet Unfelt One 31 OF Courage One Gleam Of Faith
One Glimpse Of Bughtersley
To Make This Life Worth While And Heaven A Surer Heritage?...

On, give us pleasure in the flowers And give us not to think so far away As the uncertain harvest keep us here All simply in the sprining of the year Oh,give us pleasure in orchad white Like nothing else by day Like Ghosts by night And make us happy in the happy bees The swarm dialating round the trees

And make us happy in the darting birds That suddenly above the bees is heard The meteor that thursts with needlebill And off ablossom in mid air stands still For this is love and nothing else is love To sanctify to what far ends He will But which it only needs that we fulfill


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## Don't Tell

There are lots of things
They won't let me do
I'm not big enough yet,
They say.
So I patiently wait
Till l'm all grown-up;
And l'll show Them all,
One day.


I could show Them now If they gave me the chance, There are things I could do If I tried.
But nobody knows, No nobody knows, that l'm Really a giant, Inside.

It's such a pleasure and a joy To have a friend like you. You always care, you're always there,
You say the right things, too!
You make me smile when I am low Youfre just a pure delight. We talk a lot about everything: You make my life so brighto

0 hope that 0 am giving you Some joy and happiness,
Because you mean so much to me More chanl| cah expressb

## Dr. APJ Abdul kalam

Under his leadership, India achieved remarkable breakthroughs in missile technology, including successfully testing the Agni and Prithvi missiles. In 2002, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was elected as the 11th President of India. A deep commitment to education, youth, and technology characterized his presidency
He was known as the missile man of india


## Mahatma Gandhi

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi was a major political and spiritual leader of India who led the country in the non-cooperation movement in 1922 and Salt march in 1930 and later in Qui India movement in 1942 during its struggle for independence.

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## TAJ MAHAL

It was built by the fifth Mughal emperor, Shah Jahan in 1631 in memory of his third but the most favourite wife, in fact a soul-mate Mumtaz Mahal, a Muslim Persian princess. She died while accompanying her husband in Burhanpur in a campaign to crush a rebellion after giving birth to their 13th child.


## MICHAEL JACKSON

His influence extended to inspiring fashion trends and raising awareness for social causes around the world. Due to his profound impact on the music industry, fashion, as well as Bollywood and K-Pop, Jackson is regarded as the most influential artist of all time.


## Love

TELL me where is Fancy bred, Or in the heart or in the head?

How begot, how nourished?
Reply, reply.
It is engender'd in the eyes,
With gazing fed; and Fancy dies
In the cradle where it lies.
Let us all ring Fancy's knell:
l'll begin it,--Ding, dong, bell.

All. Ding, dong, bell.

## William Shakespeare

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