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He has his visions and his dreams to feed on. Think of a cool grey sky flecked here and there with white clouds, a grey ocean and three wonderfully beautiful figures robed in white, leaning over the water and dropping white flowers from their fingers.

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Modern investigation, with the ruthlessness of Philistine analysis, has ultimately brought Helen of Troy down to a symbol of the dawn. .

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Thomas reputedly landed way back in 52 AD. Some of them helped prepare the subsequent slum reform and clearance legislations. The Muslim merchants reacted violently killing around 40 Portuguese including the factor Aires Correia.

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The historian regards it as the rational principle of all true history, and no more.

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It is of the school of Florence rather than of that of Venice that he is kinsman, feeling that the close imitation of Nature is a disturbing element in imaginative art.

The train that whirls an ordinary Englishman through Italy at the rate of forty miles an hour and finally sends him home without any memory of that lovely country but that he was cheated by a courier at Rome, or that he got a bad dinner at Verona, does not do him or civilisation much good. Nor can I but just note, in passing, the immense influence the decorative work of Greece and Italy had on its artists, the one teaching the sculptor that restraining influence of design which is the glory of the Parthenon, the other keeping painting always true to its primary, pictorial condition of noble colour which is the secret of the school of Venice; for I wish rather, in this lecture at least, to dwell on the effect that decorative art has on human life—on its social not its purely artistic effect. For what, as Goethe said, is the study of the ancients but a return to the real world for that is what they did ; and what, said Mazzini, is mediævalism but individuality? But I do not believe they will.

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