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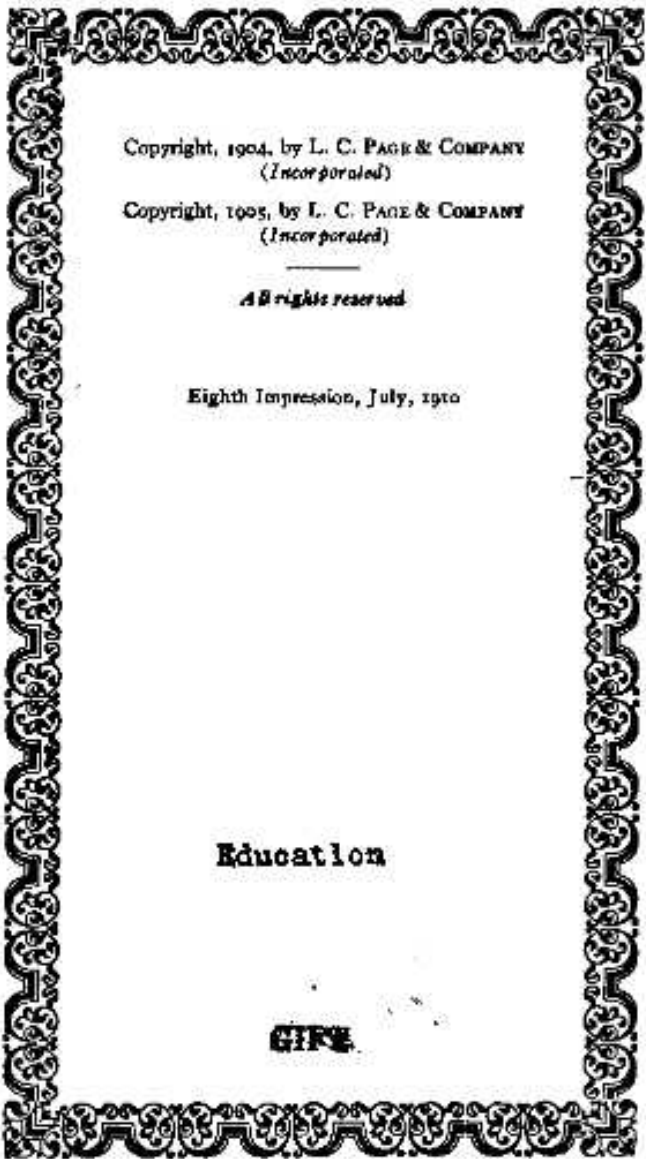
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O ye, who vainly question
Why there must ever lie twixt
man
And the far City of his Desire
Some desert waste of disap-
pointment,
Where he must watch the
Caravan
Pass on and leave him with
his baffled hopes,
Here is the reason.
By the grace of Allah,
Read!

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ONCE upon a time,
a caravan set out
across the desert,
laden with merchandise
for a far distant market.
Some of the camels bore
in their packs wine-skins
that held the richest vin-
tage of the Orient. Some
bore tapestries and some
carried dyestuffs and the
silken fruits of the loom.

In the Desert of Waiting

On Shapur's camel was a heavy load of salt.

The hope of each merchant was to reach the City of his Desire before the Golden Gate should close. There were other gates by which they might enter, but this one, opening only once a year to admit the visiting Rajahs from sister cities, afforded a rare opportunity to those fortunate enough to arrive at the same time. It was the privilege of any who might fall in with the royal