VIII. The Gardens of Buitenzorg

Buitenzorg, meaning "Sans Souci" and pronounced Boy-ten-sorg, forty miles from Batavia, is the country capital of Java, where the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies has his residence. His spacious palace is situated in a large park which forms part of the most famous Botanical Gardens in the world.

The finest collection of tropical trees, plants and flowers is to be found in the gardens of this distant corner of our Earth. The profu-
sion, richness, magnificence and beauty of this strange horticultu-
ral world are unparalleled.

The fragrant frangipanis, the white tuberoses (the Malay call
them "The Charmers of the Night") and a bewildering number of oth-
er most delicately scented flowers intoxicate the senses.

The heavily perfumed air awakens an inexpressibly deep and pain-
ful yearning for unknown worlds, for inaccessible ideals, for past
happenings irrevocably gone—these memories which the ocean of
time gradually submerges and finally buries in oblivion......

Why do certain scents produce unutterable regrets, insatiable
longings, indefinable desires?
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