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sacrificing truth to entertainment. Facts

are presented with the charm of a fairy-tale.

Every picture has its own special story to tell, and adds to the particulars given in the text. To obtain the 10,000 photographs and drawings contained in these pages, men have gone out into the desolate regions of the world, penetrated forbidden places, descended into the depths of the earth, risked their lives in volcanoes, and worked in aeroplanes. Sometimes the pencil has proved more useful than the camera. Thus the illustration showing how a periscope works was sketched on a British submarine and passed as correct by the Admiralty. One contributor spent the whole of a stormy night in the heart of the New Forest to obtain flashlight pictures of a spider at work. When tracked to its lair the spider was in a lazy mood and kept the naturalist waiting three hours before it began to spin the first cable of its wonderful web.

This is the Day of Greater Things. Hitherto encyclopædias have been dull, heavy, listless compilations. Attractiveness and interest were apparently regarded as deadly sins. We have endeavoured to let the golden sunshine and the good fresh air into our pages, believing that the true mission of the printed word is to present the amazing facts of this beautiful universe in a way entirely worthy of them.

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The world makes way for the determined.