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The Beloved "Carmen Sylva ''

AN OIL VENDOR IN RUMANIA . ... ' . . . . .,. . ·~ ·-. . .....
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Although the Rumanian oil-fields are among the most important in Europe, the system of delivery from house to house is quite primitive. Women carry the oil from door to door .

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minerals salt, gold, silver, iron, lead, copper, and lignite. The population is about 60 per cent. Rumanian, about 30 per cent. Szekler (Magyar), and 10 per cent. " Saxon" (Germans, whose ancestors entered the land in the 12th

century). The chief cities are Kolozsvar or Cluj (population, about 61,000), Kronstadt or Brasov (about 42,000), and Hermannstadt or Sibiu (about 32,000).
Dislike of the Jews
The Orthodox Greek Church is the established. church of Rumania. One-twentieth of the total population, a larger ratio than in any other country of the world, are Jews. Rumanian bitterness against them was chiefly due to economic reasons. In addition to political dis-abilities, there were formerly very stringent laws against Jews owning land outside the towns. True Rumans or Vlachs make up about. 80 per cent. of the total population. Other in-habitants of foreign descent are Armenians, gipsies, Greeks, Turks, Tatars, Magyars, Ser-bians, and Bulgarians.
The peasants, who are generally illiterate, speak RumaJnian ; the educated and upper classes, French. Bucharest. is the capital, with a population of about 340,000. Jassy, the former capital of Moldavia, is second in political importance to Bucharest. Constantsa, on the Black Sea, and Galatz and Braila, at the head of the Danube delta, are busy ports for the ex-port of grain, timber, and petroleum .. Most of the manufactured articles which Rumania uses come from foreign countries.

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One factor in keeping the Rumanian people loyal to their dynasty, in spite of its German origin, was the widespread love inspired by their gracious queen Elizabeth, wife of King Charles I (1866-1914). Under the name of " Carmen Sylva " she wrote many poems and stories dealing with Rumanian scenes and folk-lore, and was untiring in behalf of her adopted country.
The Rumanians are a hardy, frugal and in-dustrious people. Very superstitious, they live in fear of witches and the evil eye. They are exceedingly fond of music and dancing. Their national music and dances are not unlike those

of the Southern Slavs, and they have a wealtlt of very beautiful and interesting folk-songs. Most of them make their own clothing,. which they skilfully decorate.

A FAMOUS CHURCH AT JASSY ·······-.,.........--... , 1

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This church at Jassy, the second city in political importance of Rumania, is a curious example of the Byzantine style of

architecture. It was begun in 1639. Notice its twin towers,. and the countless gilded carvings that adorn the outer walls ..

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