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Capability Brown have succeeded at Blenheim in setting an

Italian palace in an English park without apparent incongruity.

The combination of these different ideas, each singly attractive,

produces a remarkable effect. The palace is severe in its

symmetry and completeness. Nothing has been added to the

original plan; nothing has been taken away. The approaches are

formal; the wings are balanced; four equal towers maintain its

corners; and the fantastic ornaments of one side are elaborately

matched on the other. Natural simplicity and even confusion

are, on the contrary, the characteristic of the park and gardens.

Instead of that arrangement of gravel paths, of geometrical

flower-beds, and of yews disciplined with grotesque exactness

which the character of the house would seem to suggest, there

spreads a rich and varied landscape. Green lawns and shining

water, banks of laurel and fern, groves of oak and cedar,

fountains and islands, are conjoined in artful disarray to offer

on every side a promise of rest and shade. And yet there is no

violent contrast, no...



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