## the growth of a language

 At the opening of the Nineteenth Century the English Langzage waas spoken by about $\mathbf{2 1 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ At the opening of the Twentieth Century by about $130,000,000$ $109,000,000$TN other words, during the 19th Century English not only arose from fifth place, to first but gained enormously over the French, German, Russian, Spanish and Italian. The English in this time has expanded from thirteen per cent of the total of the above languages, to over thirtyrtwo per cent of English-speakers comprises the most energetic and most progressive of modern men, and the leaders in science, art, literature, politics, navigation, And this mass commerce and colonization. Is it visionary to believe that before long the English will be the native language of untold millions, will be known, if not spoken, by the educated of every race?

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