INDIAN SYMBOLS

THE designs shown here and many variations of them are found in the decorations of ceremonial altars and the designs of Pottery, Baskets and Blankets and are used extensively in Indian Design Silver. In many pieces of the latter, Turquoise in clear blue or Matrix Stones are combined effectively with these Indian Designs.

The Silversmith’s Daughter
Thunderbird: Sacred bearer of happiness unlimited
Swastika: Good Luck
Arrow: Protection
Crossed Arrows: Friendship
Arrowhead: Alertness
4 Aces: Infancy, Youth, Middle, and Old Age
Cactus: Sign of the desert
Gila Monster: Sign of the desert
Cactus Flower: Courtship
Horse: Journey
Saddle Bags: Journey
Bird: Carefree—Lighthearted
Lightning Snake: Defiance, Wisdom
Thunderbird Track: Bright Prospects
Deer Track: Plenty Game
Bear Track: Good Omen
Rattlesnake Jaw: Strength
Sun Rays: Constancy
Headress: Ceremonial Dance
Butterfly: Everlasting Life
Coyote Tracks

Man: Human Life
Rain Clouds: Good Prospects
Lightning and Lightning Arrow: Swiftness
Swastika with Circle: 4 corners of the world—Lake in center
Days and Nights: Time
Morning Stars: Guidance
Sun Symbols: Happiness
Running Water: Constant Life
Raindrop-Rain: Plentiful Crops
Hogan: Permanent Home
Tepee: Temporary Home
Sky Band: Leading to Happiness
Medicine Man's Eye: Wise—Watchful
Warding off Evil Spirits
Mountain Range
Big Mountains: Abundance
House of Water
Lasso: Captivity
Fence: Guarding good luck
Enclosure for Ceremonial Dances
Eagle Feathers: Chief
Paths Crossing