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FROM INDIA.

By One on Medical Duty in that Far Eastern Country. How the Women Dress. Their Religion Indicated by the Rags and Jewelry Worn. Tuberculosis Everywhere. Allahabad a Beautiful City-Its Train Service, Etc.

Dear Home Folk:

order that my letters would reach the indefinitely. These servants are not cheap Saturday steamer, I find we have had in comparison to the work done, they rain, the first since my arrival and while are much better paid than our own at it is not enough to even wash the dust home. Most of the trouble is the lack of from the leaves of the poor flowers and proper utensils. Imagine trying to cook shrubs, parched and brown, yet it has without a real stove, table, etc., and freshened up the earth and we all feel its effect, notwithstanding the fact that the dust still remains an awful factor in our daily route to and from the hospital.

A most interesting thing to me is, that you can tell from what Province in India the women come by the manner in which their dresses are draped, each country having its own peculiar style. The dress consists of a piece of rag or cloth, (according to the station) one yard wide and five long, which is caught in about six plaits right over the abdomen, then wound straight about the body, and the end taken up over the left shoulder and ragged, sound asleep near the wateracross the back under the right shoulder, wheel. The boy was Mickey Burke, the point tucked under the left crossing, falling down straight in front. This back portion is always used for a head dress by merely being pulled up. Some of the little girls wear these as their only covering, but curiously enough these are the

The Mohammed women wear trousers made like riding trousers, and they con- and hands if you wanted to. That sist of some brilliantly colored print or calico, having a draw-string about the waist and as they extend to the heels the wearer rarely has on socks but sticks her toes into some form of slipper. The better class of these wear men's socks over these trousers and look quite ridicu- the governor got Mickey some clothes lous. They wear some form of a shirt and dressed him neatly. Mickey lookover the body and drape a small "sauri" ed fine. over their head and shoulders leaving the legs, from the knees down, bare. The Hindu's "sauri" is nearly always white, that is, if she is a good caste, but the poorer caste mostly wear a red one, making them look for all the world like witches. If these turbans happen to fall off, woe betide the bystander, for the heads of most Indians are alive with vermin of all

The Mohammed, in addition to her brilliantly colored drawers, wears a more brilliant shirt, and over this red and yellow effect she will drape a bright blue or curious pink or lavendar "sauri," but when going into the street there will be As they reached the sidewalk Mickey a big white cape-like thing over head and all, with two peep holes, covered with matting, just so she can see to walk, so that no man, outside of her home, may see her. Even her wagon must have closed sides, sometimes made of many little slats, through which she may have the only peep of the world she ever gets.

The poorer class of these wear simplycut trousers on their little ones, over which is drawn a plain shirt-like garment to indicate to what religion they belong. But oh, don't forget the jewelry; that to me is the most horrible. Dirty, ragged, crawling with vermin and eaten up with all forms of the most awful disease, they wear nose, ear and toe rings, neck chains and have other jewelry in their hair, The ankles and arms are entirely covered, and where too poor to afford either gold or silver they use glass flecked with gold spots.

My trip to Allahabad was most pleasant, it being a beautiful College City, so that there are many very attractive buildings and many, many more charming people. As I mentioned before, I was there looking after some tuberculosis patients. The dread disease is just as bad if not worse than in the United States and here one feels so helpless for although these people seem to have good enough physicians. they have absolutely nothing of reserve on which to work, notwithstanding the fact that good, wholesome food is fur. nished at all the missions in which they

This outbreak among their own teachers is unusually bad, as it takes years to train one, and a christian one at that. Then to have eight out of every ten in the last stages, with only two places in all India where they can be treated, makes the "Pennsy girl" in charge feel as though up against a fairly bad proposition, for of course the children are being exposed and others in the building contracting the disease. It does seem funny with all this sunshine and open air, (for all these girls and women sleep out doors) that we have such extreme cases to fight.

Did I tell you that the people in Compore deciding I was able to shift for myself, started me on to Allahabad alone, and it was surely a funny experience trying to make the train driver and conductor know where I wanted to stop and how much money to collect for my fare. Not knowing exactly myself, I simply had to watch corners then drag the bell rope for my stop. The trains simply crawl here, and over the main street, with hundreds of natives standing about, we stopped ten times to drive calf and cow from the tracks. You see the Bazaar is on this street and as one can buy fresh milk at all hours the "fount" is kept close by and the Kinders will kill nal.

nothing, and one is as liable to lose their seat from the suddenly stopped train, to escape a chicken, cat or rat, as for cow or elephant. The city swarms with human and beast life, and one scarcely knows the line that separates the two. As for crawling things, fleas and bedbugs are wild, one is only too thankful they are no worse when coming in contact with them.

All the work about my room is done by men, just now the "Bisthe," (water the castle. carrier) who brings me hot water for a bath each day at 3 o'clock has announced JHANSI, FEBRUARY 14th, 1912. that my "bath awaits." I must nod my On awakening earlier than usual in head and say, Wtche (good) else he stays things cost so enormously that only the money class can invest, imagine paying seventy-five cents for a potato beater, the States, but so it goes.

[Continued next week.] BEGINNING AT HOME.

Pertinent Question a Bright Boy Put

to a Governor. The late Governor Larrabee, the "grand old man" of lowa, was extremely fond of children. One day while looking over his mill at Turkey River he found an urchin, dirty and son of a poor family in the neighbor-

hood. The governor asked the boy why he was so dirty and ragged. The boy explained his mother had a large family and had to work hard and could get him no better clothes.

"But you can keep clean," exhorted Larrabee. "You could wash your face costs nothing."

Mickey said he would try. "Well." said the governor, "now the time to begin."

He procured a washbasin, some soap and a towel and watched Mickey scrub himself until he shone. Then

"Now." said Larrabee, "we'll see about getting you a job."

He took Mickey to the store of an old German of whom the governor was very fond. Mr. Schneider had no place for Mickey. "But you must have," expostulated

Larrabee. "Just look at him and see what a nice boy he is. He is clean and neat. He is a good talker and would make a good clerk. There is no finer boy, Mr. Schneider, than Mickey here." Schneider was obdurate. He had no

The governor and Mickey walked out of the store, much disappointed. turned to his benefactor and "Mr. Larrabee, if I am such a darned fine boy as you say why don't you give me a job yourself?"-Saturday Evening Post.

It Gets Peevish and Ugly and Odorous When Disturbed.

In Idaho there exists a species of the acacia tree which is entitled to be classed as one of the wonders of plant life. When full grown it closes its leaves together in colls each day at sunset and curis its twigs to the shape of pigtails.

When the tree has thus settled itself for the night's sleep it is said that if touched it will flutter as if agitated or impatient at the disturbance. The oftener, it is averred, the foliage is lested the more violent will become the shaking of the branches. Finally it is further alleged, if the shaking is continued the tree will at length emit a nauseating odor quite sufficient to induce a headache in the case of the person disturbing the tree.

In Idaho it is called the "angry tree." and it is said that it was discovered by men who on making camp for the night placed one end of a canvas covering over one of the sensitive bushes, using it for a support. Immediately the tree began to jerk its branches sharply The motion continued with increasing "nervousness" until at last came a sickening odor that drove the tired campers to a more friendly location .-Harper's Weekly.

Queer English.

Tokyo contains some queer specimens of English. One would scarcely be familiar with the name "Howjindu Maru" painted on the bow of a Japanese junk, and yet "Howjindu" is not a bad reproduction of "How do you do?" probably the only English phrase that the owner of the boat had ever heard. Having the courage of his ignorance, he treated it as a single word combined it with a Japanese suffix applied to sailing vessels and gave with pride to his honorable junk.

Another Japanese refers to himsel as the "cheerful berber," a laundryman gives notice that he is a "high wastman," and a sartorial artist describe himself as "the sublime tailor." A shop signboard bears the words "Nourishing Drugs."

An Apt Pupil.

A little boy was advised by his father to use illustrations in his conversation whenever they should occur to him. "For," continued the parent, "there is

no more forcible way of conveying or impressing your meaning." Shortly after the boy was being lee

tured on generosity. "It's better to give than to receive. Johnny-far better." "Illustrate it, papa. I think I shall understand it better."-New York Jour-

DRESSING FOR ROYALTY.

The Proper Caper When One Is Invited to Windsor Castle,

Those who are invited to spend a few days with the king at Windsor are sometimes apt to be rather overcome by the grandeur they find, and an excess of shyness, something like stage fright, is in some cases the inevitable accompaniment of the first evening at

In Queen Victoria's time guests were bidden only to "dine and sleep." Therefore all they saw of their royal hostess was comprised in a few moments' conversation in the drawing room after dinner unless they happen ed to be near the queen at the dinner

This is all altered now. Guests are bidden to stop two or three days and consequently see much more of the king and queen than in former times. The question of dress always is a great problem with the ladies "commanded" to Windsor castle. for, instead of acquiring only one smart evening toilet and suitable jewels for a "dine and sleen" visit of one night, quite an outfit must be laid in for three or four days' stay. No particular dress is required on arrival, as guests are shown at once to their rooms, but next morn ing it is necessary to appear rather smartly dressed for breakfast, which is quite a formal meal at the castle.

Then another change of toilet is re quired when the time comes to join the shooters at luncheon and yet another on returning to the castle for 5 o'clock tea. Every night, too, a different toilet must be worn, suitable to the royal sur roundings and proportionately expen sive.—London Answers.

GLEAM OF THE EMERALD.

Its Brilliant Green Light Has No Riva on Land or Sea.

"Interesting," said a gem expert, " the word that most persons apply to an emerald. There is only one other jewel which shares this quality, and that is the opal, which at its best has also green lights, although, of course they are entirely different from those of an emerald. The reason that make an emerald 'interesting' apart from its beauty and value is the same that makes the woman with green eyes the most interesting of her sex. It's light that never was on land or sea; it's a brilliant gleam that gives the accento any sort of costume and any sort of complexion. It isn't like a sad gree: or a so called 'artistic green.' The emerald is the soul of life, light and

The emerald has the advantage being one of the most becoming o gems. Light haired beauties claim it for their own, for they declare that nothing else, not even the sapphire, atcentuates their delicate fairness so ef fectively. Brunettes are adorable in emeralds, especially the brunette with brilliant coloring. Strangely enough blue eyes, instead of being dimmed by the jewel, gather fire and depth from its close neighborhood. They take on a delectable green blue glean and seem much larger than when the emeralds are not near. As for the au burn haired beauty, it is her stone par excellence.

The Servant Problem.

There was but one cook in the intelligence (why do they call it that?) office and two housewives were bidding fo her services, with fire in their eyes. "Come and cook for me," said one "and you won't have to work on Thurs

"Cook for me," said the other, "and you won't have to make your own "With me you can entertain you

days and Sundays."

friends in the parlor." "I always give my servants my bes clothes and wear the old ones." "You don't have to wash and wipe

the dishes if you take the situation with me." The first housewife was desperate. "Come with me," she exclaimed, "and you won't have to cook."-Kansas City

Took Tim at His Word. "That cigar of yours," said the pas senger with the chin beard, smiling genially, "has burned about half its length down one side."

"So?" frowned the man with the curled mustache, turning his head slowly and looking at him from head to foot. "Well, that is the way I like my cigars, sir."

So when a spark from his cigar fell on the skirt of his new sixty dollar overcoat and proceeded to burn a hole in it the man with the chin beard reflected, "Perhaps that's the way he likes his overcoats," and said nothing -Chicago Tribune.

A Distinction.

"How do you pronounce the word p-a-p-a. Miss Jibley," asked Hicken looper-"pup-paw or popper? I am writing an article on 'How American Girls Speak.' "

"Why, I say pup-paw, of course," replied Miss Jibley. "I want to distinguish my father from my fiance, who is my popper."-Harper's Weekly.

"So you insist that your boy Josh is a genius?"

"Yes," replied Farmer Corntosse!. "I don't know exactly what a genius is. But we've got to give some excuse for his not doin' any regular work."-Washington Star.

Not Refined Enough. Doctor-You need some iron in your system. Patient-That's so plebelan! Can't you prescribe some of the move precious metals?-Exchange.

CORK TREE BARK.

If Carefully Removed a New Supply

Grows In a Few Years. As most people know, cork is the outer bark of an oak. This tree, known to the botanists as Quercus suber, is an evergreen, native to the Mediterranean region, and is cultivated in France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Morocco. Tunis and Algiers. If carefully done removing the bark does not inture the tree and a new supply may be obtained from the same specimen after a few years.

We are so familiar with the use of cork for the stoppers of bottles that we seldom realize its manifold other uses. though its connection with bottles dates back only about 500 years. of a bottle as a cork that we see no incongruity in the expression "a rubber cork.'

menning rind. Some authors, however. would derive cork from quercus, the generic name of all oaks. Cork is present in the bark of all

strongly developed cork.

BURIED ALIVE FORTY DAYS.

Queer Test a Hindu Fakir Is Said to Have Survived.

Dr. Konigberger, a physician in the Punjab, doubting the frequently repeated stories of the Hindu fakirs who earth by the process known as "swal- pose which the chin serves. lowing the tongue," determined to make the most rigid tests and exclude all possible fraud.

One of these Brahman fakirs allowed his suspicious colleagues in a well said. fastened and sealed vault. The burial -that some corn planted upon the soil above the vault sprouted before the unhappy fellow was released. Then the Hindu was freed, subjected by the doctor to restoratives and lived happily ever afterward.

Sir Henry Lawrence, an English scientist who assisted the German savant, substantiated the account. The chest in which the fakir was buried was firmly sealed, and when the fellow was brought out he was cold and apparently lifeless.

Readers of Stevenson will recall the trick.-London Family Herald.

Burglars and the Law. Remarking that many members of the public feel some doubt as to the precise extent to which the law will uphold them in using violence to defeat or capture a burglar, the Law Journal of London says: "A peaceful trespasser must be requested to depart in peace, and only on his refusal can force be used to remove him, but a violent or an armed trespasser can be a general rule, however, it is not lawful to kill even a person assaulting one or stealing one's goods. Unless one's life is in danger such an act is at best manslaughter. Possibly in the defense of one's home the use of firearms is justifiable, even if no violence to the person is threatened, but this is very

A Lost Chance. Years ago a man named Saltzmann owned an estate in Griqualand, South Africa, and adjoining his property was an old, rundown farm that had not been worked on account of its poor soil and lack of necessary water. The owner of the farm met Herr Saltzmann one day and offered to trade the farm for an old waistcoat he had seen him wearing. As Saltzmann did not wish to burden himself with a piece of worthless land, he kindly refused the offer. A few years later big, clear diamonds were found on this waste stretch, and now thousands of pounds could not purchase it.-London Mail.

doubtful."

Not Very Reassuring. He-Your father called me a timber wolf. What did he mean by that? She -Oh, that's just one of pa's political expressions. He used to live out west, you know, and nothing ever pleased him so much as to shoot a timber wolf before breakfast. Of course, he didn't mean anything by it.—Cleveland Plain

Papa's Fault.

Father-I have just heard that that incorrigible son of mine has just married a well known actress. Daughter-Well, you have yourself to blame, father. Father-How do you make that out? Daughter-Haven't you often told him to hitch his wagon to a star?

All Over. "Well, dear, I guess the honeymoon is over."

"Why do you say that?" pouted the bride. "I have been taking stock, and I find that I am down to \$2.65."-Washington Herald.

Wasted Advice. Father-My son, remember this-ne man ever accomplished much who talked at his work. Son-How about a

The dread of ridicule extinguished originality in its birth.-Blackwood.

lecturer, dad?-Boston Transcript.

ASKED BUT ONE FAVOR.

And Mme. Carnot Shunned Politics

While M. Carnot Was In Office. Under the title "The Women of the Elysee" the Independance Belge in a recent issue relates a number of stories pertaining to the wives of various presidents of the French republic and gives to Mme. Sadi-Carnot the place of honor. She was twenty years old when she married the young engineer, who was then receiving a salary of \$500 a year. She had been a student and had assisted her father, Dupon-Withe, in his economic researches.

"Although she exercised great influence over her husband," the writer says, "she never asked a political favor and never was known to meddle with We so commonly speak of the stopper affairs of state. Once in the course of her seven years' residence at the Elysee she asked a favor at the hands of a cabinet minister. Delcasse was sec-Just as our word for stopper has retary of colonial affairs, and after a been derived from the word cork, so dinner at the palace Mme. Carnot told cork itself has probably been derived him she had a favor to ask. He was from the Spanish corcho, which in surprised when he heard that she turn is derived from the Latin cortex. wanted some postage stamps for a poor boy collector in whom she had become interested.

"When after Carnot's tragic death fund was created for a charity to bear trees, though in quantities too small to his name Mme. Carnot gave a large make it useful in the many ways in sum and then sold the jewels which which cork from the cork oak is em- she had worn on state occasions and ployed. The cork barked elm, the gave the proceeds also. The governsweet gum and a few others have ment's steps toward voting her a pension were halted by Mme. Carnot, who said she would accept none."

YOUR USELESS CHIN.

What Mechanical or Physiological Purpose Does It Serve?

"What is your chin for?" is the odd query raised by Sir Ray Lankester, the caying?" we would say: claimed to be able to sustain life for a scientist, who says he is unable to find considerable time after burial in the any mechanical or physiological pur-

"The fact that modern races of mankind have chins and most primitive ceous minerals in saturated solution is men whose remains have been found did not have them naturally leads to nizes, the carbon, oxygen, nitrogen. himself to be buried by the doctor and speculation as to why this is so," he hydrogen compounds disintegrate and

Dr. Forbes Ross agrees with Sir Ray lasted such a long time-for forty days that the chin is useless in itself, but gives the following explanation of the reason for it:

"All animals that browse have no chin at all. Their teeth slant forward disappears in its combination with the to allow them to reach easily things other elements. No element changes that would otherwise be beyond their into another; this would be mutation. reach. The moment man gave up Replacement is the word used here. browsing on green things and became less and less an animal his teeth grew erect, and his jaw had to accommodate itself. Erect teeth prove man to be far than did the animated body. The enremoved from ruminants, and therefore tire process of petrification is a mysa man with a well marked law is fur- terious work of nature,-New York ther removed from ruminants than a American. Master of Ballantrae's fatal attempt to man without. That's why we are inescape from his murderers by this clined to regard a man without a definite chin as possessing a mind rather like a sheep, without determination without character."-New York Ameri-

How a patronymic may be transby an instance quoted by Cosmo Innes

in his work on surnames: "James Halfpenny, a Dublin citizen, duced him in his later years to change Venables, had a perfect passion for the name, which they regarded as un removed without such a request. As dignified. This he did chiefly by drop renouncing retail dealing looked about scruple of dropping the unnecessary novel. I should like to have a novel to "h." and, that being done, it was easy read in a million volumes, to last me to go in for the Celtic rage, which my life."-London Standard. Walter Scott had just raised to a great height. Consequently he who had run the streets as little Kenny Halfpenny came out at the assemblies of the day as Kenneth McAlpin."

Tom Thumb and the Iron Duke. the general was personating Napoleon meditations

general's immediate reply.-P. T. Bar- in "dead" timepieces when disturbed num's Life.

Pictures on the Rocks.

Art dealers who go to picture sales have a curious expression which they ceny, and a lawyer of dubious reputause when the bidding for a picture stops at a price much lower than it lows.-New York Press.

"Mary, has any one called while was out?"

"Yes, ma'am; Mr. Biggs was here." "Mr. Biggs? I don't recall the name. "No, ma'am; he called to see me.

ma'am."-Strand Magazine.

set.-Boston Transcript.

Grateful to Him. She-Oh, Jack, I'm awfully glad you proposed. He-Then you accept me? She-Well, no; but, you see, your proposal puts me even with Kitty Cobb.

Meant It Kindly. Aunt (with her two nieces at a concert)-Oh, but this is tedious! Let me take your fan. Ida, so I can hide my yawning behind it. Olga-Take mine.

auntie; it's bigger.-Fliegende Blatter.

who had the most of any girl in our

THE CHAFING DISH.

Antiquity of This Now Popular Cook ing Utensil.

The chating dish is not a utensil of modern invention. Looking backward over history's pages, many allusions are made to its use. Among the ruins of Pompeii have been found bronze chafing dishes of unique designs, and Mommsen, in his "Romische Geschichte," asserts that in those days a well wrought cooking machine came to cost more than an estate. Louis XV. took much delight in cooking and, according to Goncourt, often amused himself by making "quintessential stews in silver pans." The palate of Louis XIV. was often tickled by "piping hot dish-

es brought in on a chafing dish." Napoleon Bonaparte, when laying down the affairs of war and enjoying home life for a short period, cooked in a silver chafing dish an omelet for the enjoyment of the empress and himself, Mme. Recamier, the beautiful and intellectual society leader, used the chafing dish, while Mme. de Stael, the greatest woman in literary history. when exiled from her beloved France took with her the chafing dish.

We of today are doing much to keep alive the true spirit of hospitality by bringing the chafing dish into popular use.-Woman's Home Companion

PETRIFIED BODIES.

Their Organic Materials Are Replaced

by Mineral Particles. In answer to the query, "Do blologists or chemists know the process of petrifaction or the reason why a human body or a plant in some cases takes the course of petrifaction instead of de-

The process is at first one of decay slowly and replacement particle by particle of the organic material by inorganic or mineral. Water holding silinecessary, the flesh or plant disorgaescape, and the minute portion is replaced by the mineral particle, the shape or form of the decaying body re-

maining intact. Now, the carbon in the bodies does not change to siliceous minerals. It Thus analyze a petrified man or plant -no organic matter can be found-only inorganic, and this weighs far more

Authors and Novel Reading. The objection professed by many women novelists against reading fiction may be based on the same grounds as those raised by the little boy at the tea party who refused to eat jam "cos father makes it." Some distinguished writers in other fields have been voformed out of all recognition is shown racious novel readers. Concerning the author of the standard work on the British constitution Grant Duff relates: "Bagehot, like Sir Henry Maine, throve in trade, and his children in Sir James Stephen and Sir George novels and would read and reread them with the greatest delight. He ping the last letters. He was buried as had been reading 'Rob Roy' half an James Halpen. The fortune of the hour before his death." Tennyson, too, family did not recede, and his son after according to William Allingham, was "a constant novel reader. 'What I disfor a euphonious name. He made no like,' he once said, 'is beginning a new

The Dead Watch Ticked. A strong box containing family records and heirlooms was opened a few days ago to examine an old manuscript. The box had not been disturbed for several years, and the women who The Duke of Wellington called fre had taken it into a private room were quently to see the little general at his surprised when they removed an old public levees. The first time he called fashioned open face watch from its resting place to hear it tick loudly. Bonaparte, marching up and down the This to them was evidence that the box platform and apparently taking snuff had been tampered with. But everyin deep meditation. He was dressed thing was found intact and in keeping in the well known uniform of the em with the memorandum of contents, and peror. I introduced him to the Iron they were much perplexed because of Duke, who inquired the subject of his the ticking watch, which ceased its activity before the box was returned to "I was thinking of the loss of the its place. A watchmaker who was conbattle of Waterloo," was the little sulted said that such "momentary life"

Where He Shone

was not unusual.-New York Tribune.

The prisoner was charged with lartion was defending him.

"I submit, gentlemen of the jury." was expected to bring. They look at shouted the lawyer, "that the facts disone another and remark, "It's on the closed do not constitute larceny, alrocks already." When they utter that though I will concede that the district cryptic remark a wreck usually fol- attorney is usually a better judge of stealing than am I!"

"But a less successful practitioner," was the disconcerting reply.-Judge.

Clear Proof. "You may talk as you please about the intelligence of animals, but dogs

"Of course they can't. If they could reason like human beings dogs wouldn't stick so to a man when he's down."-Baltimore American.

Shoeing Horses.

The art of shoeing horses to protect their hoofs against the evils of hard usage was unknown to the Greeks and Romans and is first mentioned in the history of the Celts as late as the fifth century.

There is not any virtue the exercise of which even momentarily will not impress a new fairness upon the features.-Ruskin.

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