## Bellefonte, Pa., Septembir 5. 1913. from india. 

 Dear Home Folk: Jhansi, August 23rd. Another torrid day well spent in trying end. It is nine-thirty and I have justcome in from making avisit in the city to a young woman who is having a bad
time trying to breathe, and having fixed her up or the night so she could be a
little comfortable, I want to chat a short time with you. the mosquitos would sttop buzzing long
enough for me to really enjoy it, but you see those lovely little pests rather spoil the beautiful black and white effect of
the moon and che trees, by suggesting the moon and che trees, by suggesting
temperature and hot, stuffy head feelings
of malaria. It does are so kind and nice to me that I can
scarcely help but wonder what "axe they
have to grind." and when I find they are really sincere I I am rather embarrassed
and feel like ddawing into my shell, for I and feel ine drawing into my shell, for
truly can't se what they find in me to
like. You will wonder what this means. Only another lot of invitations from the
very nicest women of this place, for din. very nicest women of this place, for din-
ners and teas and it is bad when you feel
absolutely incompetent to return even small part of their goodness.
The girls are comig. The girls are coming back from their
vacations and so very soon we will be a large family jogging along in a regular summer.
Tonight, atter getting through with my own vork. I went out to call upon a
sick English woman, who has been very
kind to me, and also to call ind to me, and also to call upon a sick man, Captain Anscough, whom I have
met several times. His Colonel's wife chaperoned me in the call and since he
is to be married shortly $I$ felt very safe is to be married shortly I felt very safe
from criticism. He had sent word ask. ing whether I would not come and cheer him up a bit.
These people
These people have a bad time here-
oot a single nurse in this big station and
 and let the native servants wait upon
them, and you can imagine how pleasant hem, and you can imagine how pleasant
that would be. Truly it is horrible, especithat would be. Truly it is horrible, especi-
ally in poor Mrs. Mackenzie's case. She is ready to go back to England, and in
fact sails next wsek, yet here she isfact sails next week, yet here she is-
alone, very ill, and no one to nurse her.
I feel so sorry and would be glad to go I feel so sorry and would be glad to go
and do what I could for her, but your
own business takes all your best own business takes all your best time nd only a little is left. I can't under
stand why the English government don't keep yood, trained nurses neer their big
military stations, but I am told there is military stations, but $I$ am told there is
not a nurse in India supported by that government, ev
other afternoon. and and atter having tea,
tuite English fashion, I was shown all quite English fashion, I was shown all beautiful materials edged with gold gal
loon or tinsel (truly silver and gold) such oon or tinsel (truly silver and gold) such the combinations were fascinating. Then call pajamas; the wide ones are made of heavy purple satin (nine yards in a pair)
trimmed with the heaviest kin品
 and Around the ankles of thels
 ing to the tip of the hip, was made of
pale pink silk embroidered all over
over in sleeves and neck. with three. inch bottom wike chron, and over this gorgeousnes like affair that is used to cover the head By far the most gorgeous of all was the
dress, made of the most terial and although mostly of gauz
stuff, was always run and edged with gold embroidery, heavily overlaid with pearl beads until when
thrown over the either side as though weighted. Her
husband is a Major in the native troops, speaks English and dresses ine an Engl his wife
was there, and told me that all his packing away in her boxes; she nearl material, an
wear them
Her jewe

## Her jewelry was very, very gorgeous;

 not at all beautirur in my eyes, far toelaborate, and yet the with three or four tiers of pendants made
me think or home; quite the same, except for pure
adornment med form, but so much of hers had
glass-green and white set into solid old settings, while an ordinary green arl, making the whole think look tawto me. To tell you how good weigh the goid is; when you buy a gold ring
chain the dealer produces a little pair of scales and igives you its exact weigh
their gold is "four annas a teal" and h their gold is "four annas a teal" and he 10
ing. You purchase your trinket and at
any time he will any time he will give you full value for
the "country gold weighed in your jew.
elry. English gold don't bring as high alue as Indian, so they designate it as
country" gold. country" gold.
After we had After we had eaten cakes and fruit,
which she pared and handed to me withwhich she pared and handed to me with-
out any napkin or plate, we were asked
out into her courtyard and had chairs ut into hapk court-yard, wend were asked chairs,
something I had never seen before in a ative's house.) We were entertained a phonograph with native records.
we all sofuny I icould look up into
he blue sky, the same that wwa looking own on you, and here was I surrounded ant yard with not a blade of anything
cour reen. On one side the servants were
suatting, washing thes tea dishes by pouring, water over them from a "lota"
nd rubbing them with their tterward placing them their fingers, ow ground, Mrs. Ree, the hospital ma-
ron, and myself with this eastern beaustening to the talking "purdah" machine. Not a both translated for me as fast as they could. The fun was so immature I
couldn't even coax up a smile. We then couldn't even coax up a smile. We then
came home, riding in the regulation
tonga" and being nearly tonga" and being nearly bumped to of the regular road, and "tongas" have and is wanting to get thin and I feel in clined to tell her that if she will allow while she will not need to worry about There has ant of flesh left his past has come a a break in the row, four days sins leginning this letter, the heat has all wishing for a a breeze that does not come, nd in dripping clothes, but there is now
no mould and no mildew. no mould and no mildew.
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