

A HINDOO WEDDING.

Account of a Marriage in High Life at Bombay.

Strange Nuptials of the Brahmins—Queer Jewels and Ornaments Worn by the Bride—The Mother-in-Law an Important Factor.

An interesting description of a Hindoo wedding given by Sarah D. Hamilton in Bombay, from the San Francisco Bulletin, and from the following extract is taken:

As it was growing late we felt that we had waited long enough and prepared to proceed to bed. This seemed to be the signal for a new departure, and a procession was again formed. At the bride's house few changes had been made, but a woman's marriage hall had been formed by placing at each of the four corners of a square earthenware water vessels, one above the other, and held in position by supports of bamboo. In the center was the sacred fire. Hardly had we arrived when every little foot near the bride's feet, and the customer-dressed father did not appear, and the bride and groom no longer sat opposite each other, but side by side.

The priest performed the usual ceremonies, and then commenced a series of new performances in which the "bridegroom's mother-in-law" was the principal actor. First a great platter of food was brought, which the mother presented to her daughter, who first gave it to her mother-in-law, and then to the bride. The food was put upon the forehead of both again and again, not only by the priest, "bridegroom's mother-in-law," and the little brother, but by numerous friends and relatives. The bride and groom were seated on a raised platform, which is an emblem of prosperity, anointed with oil and washed with water. Hands were made to touch each other many times, and tea and coffee were served. We could see that the bride's little brown feet were heavy with toe-rings, whose pendants half-covered the feet, and the plainer toe-rings of the mother was constantly removing from one foot to the other. Loud and longer were the nuptial songs, and one high voiced woman, the leader, who sang in a high, shrill voice, and to the accompaniment of a drum, seemed to be firing challenges at the officiating priest, and he to be replying to her in an exasperated tone. Then the brass bands would begin, play a moment and stop never by any accident in harmony. As the noise subsided, a time of rest was observed, and a platter was brought whereupon rice had been arranged somewhat in the form of the letter "X," which is a mystic symbol used in various ceremonies, and is a mystic symbol used in various ceremonies, and is a mystic symbol used in various ceremonies.

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Finally, bride and groom arose, and he, with one arm around her neck, embracing her as though she were a bride, and she, with her arms around his neck, and they proceeded around the "chore," guided by the priest and pausing at each of the four corners of earthenware pots, where appropriate signs of worship were made. Singing, gesticulation and powdering followed, and as they sat again, the sacred fire was again lighted, and they placed it upon the fire. Four times they made the circumambulation, and were told that if by any chance this was done only three times, it was no real marriage.

On the fourth round bride and groom, new husband and wife, exchanged their seats, and then came congratulatory congratulations. Almost all the female friends came forward and put silver rupees in the bride's hand, and, stepping behind her, embraced her from behind. We were told that this was the end.

A Grave-Yard Curiosity. In New London, Conn., there is a lot in the city cemetery containing five graves, those of a man and his four wives. The wife of the man was four times of a square, the man reposing in the center, while the inscriptions are as follows:

MY SECOND WIFE
MY THIRD WIFE
MY FOURTH WIFE
MY FIFTH WIFE
MY HUSBAND
MY FIRST WIFE

PRETTY PICTURE. At Noonville in the Smoky Mountains of the shadows of the great dead trees in the midst of the settlement were their minims in the vertical vivacious of the noontide, writes Charles Egbert Craddock. They here seem reminiscent to those memorials of gigantic growths which towered, stark and white, so high to the intensely blue sky, instead of being like some dark and leafless underbrush clustering about the sapless trunks. The sandy stretch of the clearing reflected the sunlight with deeply yellow glare, its poverty of soil illustrated by frequent slumps of the woody mullen weeds. The Indian corn and the sparse grass were evenly green in the inclosures, and the grass, weather-beaten log-houses, which stood distinct against the dark, restful tones of the forest filling the background. The mountains with each remove were only changing disguise of distance; shading from somber green to dull purple; then overlaid with a dubious blue next showing a tinge turquoise delicate still, and a delicate translucent here that had no name, and so away to the vast ground of illusions, where the ideal points upon the horizon, and the fact and fantasy are undistinguishably blended. The intermediate valleys appeared in fragmentary glimpses here and there; sometimes there was only the verdure of the two tops; once a cleft by a sandy-colored streak which betokened a harvested wheat-field; in another a blue sapphire circle, where the vertical sun burned in the waters of a blue salt "lick."

The landscape was still—very still—not the shifting of a shadow, not the whisper of a wind.

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A Dress, or a Coat, Any Color

Ribbons, Feathers, Yarns, Rags, etc.

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PACIFIC SEA ISLANDS.

Remains of a Civilization of Remote Antiquity.

Mysterious Ruins Found in Places Inhabited at This Day by Tattered Savages—A Great Field for Archaeologists.

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