FAMINE SHADOWED INDIA.

BY EDWARD S. HUME.

For Twenty-five Years an American Resident of Bombay.

Having just returned from India, I have read the accounts of the famine in American papers, I have seen the pictures, I have seen the conditions in the famine districts, and I can assure you that the actual state of affairs is much more terrible than painted or pictured. And the worst of it is that, even if the June rains are entirely favorable, no relief can be expected till the crop is gathered in October. Famine photographs frequently represent half starved and dying persons lying on the street or in some field. They are poor but self respecting people, who have never been the objects of public charity

HUNGER KILLED WOMAN.

and have refused to go to famine relief camps until at last death has stared them in the face, and unbearable distress has driven them out in search of help. Weary and hungry, they have laid themselves down to rest and have died before waking. Not long before leaving India, while walking with a brother missionary at Ahmedabad, not far from his house, he pointed to a tree at the roadside and said: "The other day I saw the emaciated figure of a man lying, face down, under that tree. On going near and touching the body I found it already stiff and cold. Examining it more carefully, I found one side torn away, evidently eaten by jackals. A couple of rods away lay the dead body of an infant. A little farther on was found a woman, still alive. She was the wife of the man and mother of the child. She, too, poor thing, died before she could reach the poorhouse, which stood within sight and call of the spot where these patient, helpless ones had fallen down to die."

HINDOO PEASANT WOMAN IN HAPPY TIMES.

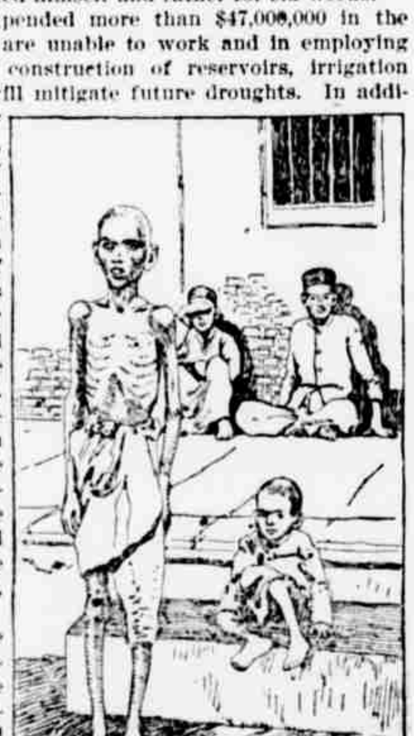
A starving man is devoid of judgment and of most of his natural feelings. In April we received a group of famine girls. Among them was one who, although much emaciated, began to improve from the day she came to us. After a week she rapidly grew worse. In spite of everything that could be done for her she soon died. We learned at last that, while she was so ill that we were giving her a few spoonfuls of nourishment at a time, raising her gently, because she seemed unable to make any effort to help herself, and even later, when she seemed unable to see or to speak, she had been dragging herself at intervals, when we were absent, out into the garden, a distance of 50 yards, in order to get some green mangoes to eat. For the poor famine child they were deadly poison. She knew it, but the awful gnawing in her stomach made prudence impossible.

The only effective preventive to the spread of plague that has yet been discovered is inoculation with plague serum. Wherever an outbreak of the disease is imminent, inoculation stations are opened. Doctors are sent to them; serum, instruments and everything needed for efficient work are provided, but the Hindoos have not taken kindly to this remedy. All kinds of wild rumors have been spread and have been widely believed to the effect that inoculation is most harmful; that it has been devised by the European doctors to punish the Hindoos for supposed disloyalty and as a means for destroying caste. In view of this the government offers two days' wages to every man, woman or child who is inoculated. I know a little fellow 8 years old, whose mother died and whose father is a helpless invalid. Hearing that money was paid to every person who was willing to be inoculated, this poor

RESCUED FAMINE GIRLS.

little lad presented himself at one of the inoculation stations. As soon as his arm was healed he went to another station, and this thing went on until the poor boy had actually been inoculated five times in each arm for the 84 cents he received and with which he supported himself and father for six weeks.

The government has already expended more than $47,000,000 in the free distribution of food to those who are unable to work and in employing the ablebodied at cash wages in the construction of reservoirs, irrigation ditches and other public works that will mitigate future droughts. In addition, there are generous and splendidly organized systems of private charity, the funds being supplied from every part of the civilized world and managed chiefly by American and European missionaries of long experience in India. It is the duty and privilege of every one to have some share in this sacred work of humanity. Gifts may be sent to Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, treasurers of the committee of one hundred; William E. Dodge, chairman, and Dr. L. T. Chamberlain, executive director, by whom they will be cabled promptly to the responsible and representative Americo-Indian relief committee, under the chairmanship of United States Consul William H. Fee, at Bombay, with the veteran missionary, Robert A. Hume, as executive secretary.



FAMINE CHILDREN FROM GUNGERAY.

The New York committee of one hundred on India famine relief co-operates with committees of the same name in Boston, New Haven, Baltimore, Washington, Indianapolis and other cities, each of which has charge of the work in its own section. The committee states that on receipt of a postal addressed "Committee of One Hundred, 73 Bible House, New York," **supplies of illustrated literature are sent without charge and expressage free. The help of individuals, clubs, lodges, labor unions, employers, proprietors of hotels and summer resorts, churches, Sunday schools, young people's societies, King's Daughters, etc., is earnestly sought in distributing this free literature. Many who will lend a hand in this way can aid the cause as much as if they were able to draw a handsome check themselves.**

BUTTER-MAKING HINTS.

If They Are Followed as Closely as Possible a Good Article Is Sure to Result.

The first and foremost essential is absolute cleanliness, and this applies to the cow stable, the milk-pails, milk-pans and all other utensils, the milk room, etc. When the milk is brought in, strain it as soon as possible, filling each milk-pan half full. If the milk-room is very near the kitchen or other living rooms, place newspapers over the pans to keep out the dust. Do not break into the cream if it can be avoided, and do not let the milk go over three days without skimming.

Put the cream in a large stone jar and mix it over well each time fresh cream is added. Keep the dish in a rather warm situation if possible; 60 degrees Fahrenheit is about right. Empty into the churn whenever the jar is full and after the churn has become half filled churn the cream into butter. In cold weather the process may be quickened by setting the churn and all in a dishpan of hot water.

In churning, let the strokes be firm and even, and do not leave off until the butter has come. The butter should be gathered in a wooden bowl and quickly worked over to dissolve the salt and eliminate the buttermilk. Then it may stand for a few hours, when it should receive its final working over. A few dipperfuls of cold water should next be added to help dissolve the salt and to get the butter into shape for packing. The main point of mixing the butter is to make it of a good consistency for putting in the jars; it should not be worked over too long or the salt grains will cut the globules, thus making it sticky. Butter should be worked over at a temperature of about 60 degrees. A higher temperature causes it to be soft, while a lower one makes it "mealy."

In winter, if the butter is not of a good, rich color, do not hesitate to put a teaspoonful or two of some first-class butter coloring in with the cream, before churning, as the liquid is perfectly harmless and will add much to the selling qualities of the butter. Many people will not buy unless it is colored to just such a shade.

Fresh, clean dairy butter is something that will always bring a good price, and anyone who follows the pursuit will find that it pays if carried on intelligently. Poor butter is a drug in the market, but anyone can soon learn to produce first-class butter, just by exercising a certain amount of care, common sense and perseverance.—Ohio Farmer.

BARNYARD ADJUNCT.

An Open Shelter Which Is Just as Useful in Winter as During the Summer Season.

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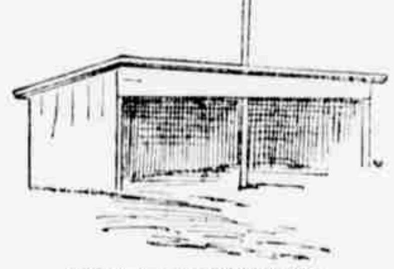

AN ALL-YEAR SHELTER.

during summer nights after being driven in from the pasture, thus being secure from showers or storms at night. The sheep can be fed there during the winter. A farm team can drive in under its shelter if caught in a shower. The expense of building such a shed is small, indeed, compared with the benefits to be derived from it.—N. Y. Tribune.

Sale of Immature Calves.

A law that would prohibit the sale of calves for food before they are three months old would put an end to "bob" veal and lead to improvement of stock, for the reason that if farmers were compelled to feed their calves to the age of three months they would then give some attention to breeding in order to derive as much as possible from the calves. The scrub bull would soon become useless under such a system, and the farmers would find the change greatly in their favor. Many of the infant calves are sold when but three days old and are then unfit for human food.—Prairie Farmer.

Milk Yields the Profit.

In the dairy profit must come out of the milk and milk alone. Beef should not be considered. It hardly pays the dairyman to feed an animal ten or twelve years in order to sell for beef when at the outside three years' feeding should be sufficient to mature and finish for market a beef animal. Feed the dairy cow for milk and consider the returns from the milk as the profits, and when the animal fails as a dairy cow sell to the best advantage, considering what is received as so much gain. — Rural World.

Long Rows Save Labor.

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BALLOTING FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Stevenson Unanimously Named After the First Ballot.

The balloting for vice president began at 2:15 and was ended at 2:36. Before the balloting James Hamilton Lewis, of Washington state, withdrew his name. The ballot resulted: Stevenson, 559½; Hill, 200; Towne, 89½; A. W. Patrick of Ohio, 46; Governor J. Walter Smith of Maryland, 16; Julian Carr of North Carolina, 23; Elliott Danforth of New York, 1; ex-Governor Hogg of Texas, 1. Ohio's full vote went to Patrick, Maryland's full vote to Smith and North Carolina's full vote to Carr, while Hill secured the full vote of New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Louisiana, North Dakota and Hawaii, together with 13 of Massachusetts' 30 votes. Stevenson's nomination was made unanimous.

The Democratic national committee met after the adjournment of the convention and re-elected Senator Jones, of Arkansas, as chairman.

The silver Republican convention today unanimously nominated William J. Bryan for president, and then Charles A. Towne made a speech in which he said he believed it his duty to support the ticket nominated by the Democratic convention. The convention then delegated the vice presidential nomination to the national committee. The committee met tonight and declared Adlai E. Stevenson the nominee of the party for vice president. Mr. Towne will probably decline the Populist nomination for vice president, and an effort will be made to have the Populists endorse Stevenson. It is said that Mr. Towne himself will urge this action. He promises to made a statement when he is formally notified.

The first day of the convention was devoted mainly to patriotic speeches and demonstrations. From the time that National Chairman Jones introduced Governor Thomas, of Colorado, as temporary chairman, until the end of the second session, held in the evening, there was continued jubilation. Governor Thomas of Colorado was temporary chairman, Congressman Richardson of Tennessee permanent chairman and Senator Jones of Arkansas chairman of the resolutions committee.

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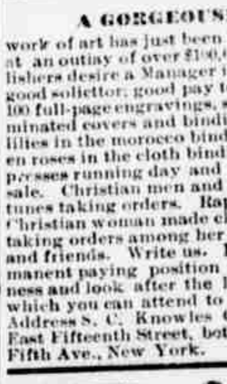

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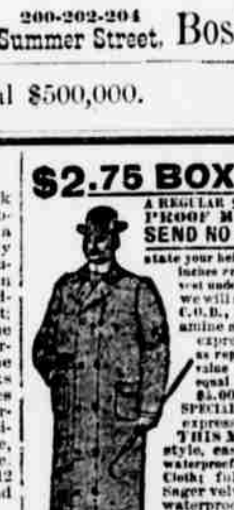

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