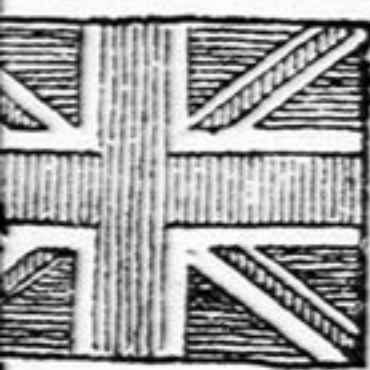


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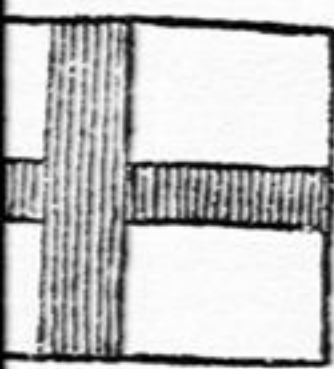
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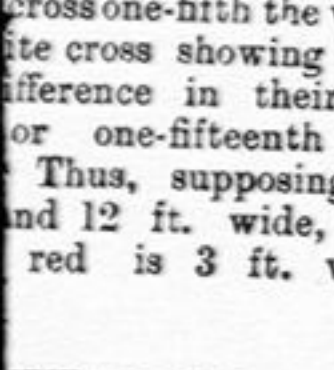
FROM 1603 TO 1801.

The flag introduced. The next took place in 1801 when the union the red diagonal was added.



OF THE CRUSAIDERS OR ST. GEORGE'S CROSS.

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IN THE TOWER OF SILENCE

A Parsee's Terrible Experience—The Vultures Which Came to Devour Him Saved his Life—A Gruesome East Indian Story.

It happened in my father's time, early in the fifties. I have often heard him tell the story; and looking through his papers after his death I came across the written account of it.

An hour later, too, I missed my servant Tip. He was absent about an hour and a half. During that time an Afghan shepherd who was returning home by a path through the thicket on the side of the lonely hill observed the figure of a Hindu

while the Parsee and myself were sipping our claret in the veranda of my bungalow, I ventured to remark upon the beauty of this ring; whereupon my companion told me how it had come into his possession.

When he made his reappearance at my bungalow, I asked him to account for his absence. He told me with the utmost sang-froid that he had been to see his father, who was lying ill at the other side of the town; and I, in my ignorance of the real facts, believed him.

Now, the room in which I had been writing was entered by two doors, one from the veranda, and the other exactly opposite it; and it was through the latter that my servant made his appearance in response to my summons.

At first I thought—as no doubt Tip did—this must be an apparition; but I was naturally superstitious and instantly dismissed this theory from my mind.

Some very mistaken notions concerning the Parsees' views of the existence of the soul, and the English at home. I remember seeing them described in the work of an eminent writer of adventures, who must have been wofully ignorant on the subject, as lofty towers, not unlike the dismantled round towers we find in Ireland, at the top of which were placed open gratings.

by those scavengers of the air, the vultures, until the clean-picked bones fell through the iron bars into the pit beneath.

Now, all this is very erroneous and misleading. In the first place, the dokhmas are not lofty towers. Proportionately, they are low, squat edifices, the total height rarely exceeding one-third of the diameter.

away all the flesh, the bones are allowed to remain until the sun has completely dried them, when they are flung into the bhandar to crumble into dust. The dokhmas at Kharabad were, for some unknown reason or other, of unusual dimensions.

MOVING STEALTHILY OUT from the shadow of the trees into the open space surrounding the tower of silence, with a coiled rope over his shoulder. Hurriedly glancing round, to make sure that he was unobserved, the Hindu approached the dokhmas and flung one end of the rope, to which was attached a bent piece of iron, intended to act as a grapple over the parapet.

THE VULTURES RETURNED, and I was in exactly the same predicament as before. One big repulsive-looking fellow hovered so closely above me that he brushed my breast with his wings, and I thought he was about to pluck out my eyes, but he wheeled away again and perched on the parapet.

TRANSFIXED WITH TERROR. His jaw dropped, his eyes dilated, and the tray he was bearing fell with a crash from his useles fingers. The next moment he was shaking like an aspen leaf. Whatever was the cause of his fright was evidently behind me; but before I had time to turn round to ascertain what it was a figure darted madly past me and clutched the trembling Hindu by the throat.

Opium in a New Light. Sir George Birdwood, an eminent medical man, who has spent many years in India in charge of native regiments, jails and hospitals, says that Indian opium is, as it always has been, the luxury of the rich in China, just as champagne is in Europe and America.

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every vestige of flesh. As my friends retired from the spot, leaving me in my terrible loneliness, the vultures which had been hovering in the vicinity swooped down in a threatening cloud; and I wondered what part of my person would be the first point of attack. I had long given up all hope of escape, and now I only prayed that death would speedily come—that the vultures would begin the feast upon some vital part and relieve me from the tortures of a slow decease.

DO DOCTORS SAVE LIVES? Patients Are Relieved and a Great Number Get Well. We can remember the indelible impression made on our mind by more than one conversation with Sir Henry Acland when we were for a time acting as house surgeon of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

There are seven negro colleges. A Krupp gun fires fourteen miles. The pneumatic tube dates from 1667.

The strongest fortress in the world is Gibraltar. A Paris curiosity drinks five gallons of beer a night. Texas permits high-toned convicts to hire substitutes to work for them in the convict camps.

The care of the forests in Germany supports 200,000 families and involves an annual expenditure of \$40,000,000. San Francisco has one saloon to every 93 persons. Albany is second on the list with one to every 110 persons, and New Orleans one to every 121 persons.

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