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# NATIVE ARMY OF INDIA.

## SOMETHING ABOUT ITS STRENGTH AND LOYALTY.

**No One Doubts the Bravery of the Troops Enlisted Under the Union Jack — Now and Before the Mutiny.**

In Blackwood Magazine for last month there was an article by an anonymous writer on "The Native Army of India," which is singularly timely, when we are somewhat flooded with exciting telegrams from almost every part of Hindustan, and when it is stated, on authority that a British army is being mobilized in the Peshawur Valley for the purpose of effectually subduing the frontier tribes, if not with the ultimate object of marching to Cabul, to obtain a distinct understanding with the Ameer of Afghanistan. The article to which we are indebted is lengthy, and it is necessary to condense somewhat the valuable information which it contains with regard to Britain's Indian army.

First of all, it seems necessary to compare the strength of the army in India at the close of the year which preceded the mutiny and its strength at the present time. In December, 1856, there were in India, 38,000 British and 348,000 native troops, of all arms, the former having 276 field guns, the latter 248. The present strength of the same forces is roughly, 73,000 British, with 88 batteries of artillery, of six guns each, and 148,000 natives, with 12 batteries of mountain artillery; to these should be added 17,000 Imperial service troops, with two batteries of mountain artillery, making a total of 165,000 native troops and 14 batteries.

### NOW AND BEFORE.

The relative proportion of troops, British and native will be seen to differ very widely at the present day from that of forty years ago. In 1856 the British troops were only one to ten when compared with the natives, and the artillery was very largely manned by the natives. Now there is not one-sixth of the artillery force in the hands of the natives, and, with the exception of four field batteries at Hyderabad, no batteries of artillery exsept those of light pieces for mountain warfare are manned by natives. In the mutiny the English suffered most from the batteries of artillery, which, while they were commanded by the British officers, were manned entirely by natives. Such was also the case with the guns on many of the large forts.

Again, there is a a very remarkable difference in the composition of the native army of to-day with that of 1856. With the exception of the troops of the Bombay and Madras presidency, the whole structure of the army of India has changed.

If we exclude four regiments of Gurkhas, the corps of guides, five regiments of Punjab cavalry, six of Punjab infantry and four of Sikh infantry, almost the whole of the East India Company's great Bengal army—some ten regular and eighteen irregular regiments of cavalry, a large force of horse and field artillery, and seventy-four regiments of regular infantry, besides an immense number of "levies" and other irregular troops—was drawn from the North-west Provinces and Oudh. The classes which these forces comprised were limited to Mussulmans, Rajputs, and Brahmans, with a proportion of Lower Hindu castes, all acknowledging the Braham as their superior.

### ARMIES OF NORTHERN INDIA.

On the other hand, the armies of to-day in Northern India, drawn from the vast tracts of hill and plain, from the eastern colonies of Oudh to the mountains of the Suliman range, include Brahmans, Mussulmans, and Rajputs of Hindustan, Gurkhas from Nepal, Jats of Bandalkhand, Dogras from the lower spurs of the Himalayas, Sikhs, and Mussulmans, from the plains of the Punjab, and Pathans from the border country on both sides of the Indus. The advantages gained by this wide range of field and class in recruiting are sufficiently obvious. Not only is it possible to select the best representatives of each, but the diversity of interests existing among an army so raised is the best safeguard against general or combined disaffection. These are the main contrasts between the native armies of 1856 and 1897.

The present native forces of India are divided into four sections, as follows: Punjab—Cavalry, fifteen regiments; infantry, forty battalions; artillery, five mountain batteries and one garrisonb attery. Bengal—Cavalry, ten regiments, including the viceroy's bodyguard; infantry, twenty-four battalions; artillery, one mountain battery. Madras—Cavalry, three regiments; infantry, thirty-one battalions. Bombay—Cavalry, seven regiments; infantry, twenty-six battalions; artillery, two mountain batteries. There are also three corps of sappers and miners, forming part of the armies of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, respectively.

There are also in what is known as the "Frontier force" under the direct command of the viceroy of India as distinguished from the commander-in-chief, the following: Cavalry, eight regiments infantry, twelve battalions, artillery, four field batteries.

### THE RECRUITING GROUND.

But, while the recruiting ground among the 300,000,000 of India is practically unlimited, the most interesting feature of the native army in India is the quality of the troops of each army. That of the Punjab is composed of Sikhs, Dogras, Punjabi, Mussulmans Pathans, Jats and Gurkhas.

Turning to the armies of Madras and Bombay, we find two principal local races represented in the former, the Tamils and the Telegus or Telingas; while in Bombay the most prominent local race is the Mahrattas; in both these armies the Mohammedans of the Dakkhan are very numerous. It is not necessary to renew the oft-repeated discussion regarding the value of these classes of fighting men, their achievements in the past or their probable efficiency in the future. It is universally admitted that the northern races are those whose merit is most assured and whose representatives would be in the first line of our forces if any army of British India were engaged in any important strugg'e.

The Bombay army includes three regiments of cavalry and five battalions of infantry, localized in Sindh, and composed entirely of Punjabi and frontier classes; and in addition there are, in the so-called "down-country" regiments of Bombay, four squadrons of Sikhs, one squadron and four companies of Pathans, one squadron and seventeen companies of Punjabi Mohammadas.

No British officer who has ever led native troops, doubt their bravery, especially that of the Sikhs and Gurkhas, the Multani and the Pathans. But while ever ready to follow, the soldier of India cannot lead, and this incapacity of the native to command is undoubtedly the secret of British strength in India Lord Roberts in his recent work has recorded the saying of an old Rassaldar of the cavalry at the taking of Lucknow, "Sir, we natives can fight well, but we don't understand military arrangements."

# BETTER THAN GOLD.

## 'S THE RARE TREASURE OF PERFECT HEALTH.

**A Nova Scotia Lady Says "I Consider Dr. Williams Pink Pills a Priceless Boon to Suffering Humanity."**

From the Amherst, N.S., Sentinel.

The rugged and the strong do not appreciate to its full extent the blessing of perfect health. It is only those who have passed through a trying illness who feel that health is a treasure to be prized more than silver or gold. Among those who have experienced the truth of this is Miss Sabra Rector, of West River, Hebert, N.S. This lady has passed through a trying and wearisome illness, from which happily relief was found through the medium of a medicine that has brought health and strength to thousands of others, and whose medicinal virtues will work equally good results in all cases where it is given a fair trial. Miss Rector says:—"I feel it is my duty to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as they have done wonders for me. About two years ago I became very ill with a complication of diseases. I was suffering with indigestion, biliousness and the resulting nervous disorders, such as sick headache, loss of appetite, and flashes of heat and cold. I began doctoring, and although I had the best of care I seemed to grow worse every day. I slept but little and when lying down would grow so hot and suffer from a sensation of smothering that I would find it necessary to arise. Then the other extreme would come and I would shiver with cold. Time wore on and there was no improvement in my condition. I was not able to do any work about the house and even the exertion of moving about would tire me out. If I attempted to walk any distance or hurried in the least I would gasp for breath and could scarcely speak. I had a very poor appetite, and what food I ate did not seem to agree with me or furnish needed nourishment, and I also suffered with a severe pain in my side and back. During this time I tried many remedies, but they gave me no relief whatever. I had become so weak, and my system was so run down that life was a burden to me. At this stage my attention was directed to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I determined to give them a trial. After using four boxes I felt so much better that hope and encouragement came to me once more. I continued the use of the Pink Pills and found myself steadily gaining health and strength. By the time I had used four boxes more I had fully regained health and strength and I am not only able to do my full share of household work, but also attend to my Sabbath school class and other church duties. I look upon Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a priceless boon to suffering humanity."

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### WON'T PAY DUTY CALLS.

The English women living in India put a sensible scheme into execution recently. They revolted against the social bondage of "duty calls," and organized an anti-calling union. Several hundred women joined and pledged themselves to abide by the rules which are very simple.

Instead of paying calls in person cards are sent and calls are returned by post. A personal call is allowable only when a special compliment is intended. At home days are held by the members of the union when convenient, notices of these being printed in the papers several days beforehand. The fact that men are excluded from these privileges has caused no end of amusement among the women and no less talk among the lords of creation, particularly the crusty bachelors of society, who declare that calling did keep some women quiet; they go so far as to make wagers on what mischief their women friends will be up to now that there is no necessity for them to pay duty calls.

There is no union of this kind in this city, but the women members of the Barnard Club long ago gave up calling for the mere name of the thing. They agreed that their club should be a kind of a social clearing house, and the plan has worked admirably. An informal reception is held in the beautiful club rooms every Saturday afternoon, and a little chat with one's friends there relieves everybody of all calling obligations. This even extends to party calls among most of the members. One of the most prominent women in the club says that the plan not only saves the club members a great deal of valuable time, which can be put to more profitable use, but strengthens the moral character as well, since nothing weakens it so much as obligatory duty calling. The membership of this club, which includes men, too, has run away up into the hundreds and the waiting list is very

### SHE KNEW.

My new wheel isn't half the care my old one was.
Is that so?
So my wife says.

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### EARLY IN THE FIELD.

Please sir, gimme a dime; I'm a Klondike sufferer.

Here, get out; you're a fraud. It isn't time for Klondike sufferers yet.

Yes, it is, sir, my wife supported me, sir, and she's rushed off to the Klondike to take in washin'."

The Rev. S. Riopel, M. D., County Jacques-Cartier, writes; "I have had considerable experience with Dr. Ivers' 'Quickcure' and have always found it surprisingly effective, answering fully, when directions were observed, the several claims of its author. It relieves pain in an incredibly short time."

For Rheumatism, Pain in the Back, Sides or Chest, spread "Quickcure" on linen, or cotton, as for Burns, and cover with cotton batting, or even paper, over which put a bandage to keep all in place and protect the clothing. Many physicians will not prescribe or allow use of ordinary plasters, as so many of them contain Belladonna, and Aconite, and sometimes these drugs may be absorbed by the system and cause serious disturbances. Plasters made of "Quickcure" have been recommended, as being entirely free from anything which could possibly injure even a child, and no plaster removes pain so quickly.

Desiring to give his wife a fright, to see how she would act in the presence of a burglar, John Sebolt, of New Brunswick, N.J., crawled on the roof of the porch, and looked into his wife's room. She thought he was a real burglar and blazed away at him with a pistol, lodging a bullet in his left arm.

Dr. S. J. Andres, Beaver Hall, Montreal, writes "On several occasions I have known 'Pheno-Banum' or 'Quickcure' to remove Pain in the Back within fifteen minutes. It is especially valuable where Belladonna or Aconite plasters would not be prescribed."

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W. J. Fraser, Esq., Manager and Agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, Quebec, writes: "My wife suffered intensely from ear-ache for ten days, causing complete deafness in affected ear. We tried several remedies without effect. 'Quickcure' warmed and dropped into the ear, removed the pain, and in one night hearing was restored. We have also found it splendid for toothache and burns."

Mrs. Nancy Baker, a cripple, 75 years old, of Valley View, Ky., put her hand in a hen's nest, in which she had placed twelve small chickens, and found a five-foot snake, which had swallowed six of them. Her son killed the snake.

Mrs. Thom, wife of one of Quebec's best known Educators for fifty years, writes: "It is marvellous how 'Quickcure' subdues pain."

The Taylor Street Methodist Church of Portland, Or., has set aside a pew especially for the use of commercial travellers.

The Sisters of Charity, "Grey Nuns," Guy street, Montreal, write: "Having made use of your 'Quickcure' in our establishment, we are happy to add our testimony also in its favor." Nothing equals "Quickcure" as a dressing for burns, scalds, cuts or wounds, even Toothache need no more be dreaded.

An outlaw, three moonshiners, and two other men were arrested at the Sunnelton camp meeting at Kingwood, W. Va.

A letter from Judge Angers, brother to the Ex-Lieut. Governor of the Province of Quebec, has been written to the author of "Quickcure" saying: "It has always given my child relief from toothache; its effect is wonderful. I have also found it good for burns and cuts."

Signed, C. Panet Angers.

A tiny mouse, not more than an inch and a half in length, stepped over the foot of a lady in Topeka. To escape the little animal, which to her seemed a vicious monster, she jumped upon a red-hot stove, and there stood in terror, her skirts gathered close, until her burning shoes forced her to beat an inglorious retreat.

At a public dance in Washington, Kansas, there was a variety of amusements—dancing, drinking, fighting. After one serious affray, when two of the combatants, were being carried home for repairs, and the festivities had been temporarily suspended, a member of the floor committee exclaimed: "On with the dance; let joy be unconfined."

A motor tricycle, run by electricity, was tested by its inventor, George Duncan, of Jamaica, N. Y., It ran away with him, and he could not stop it. After covering several miles at great speed, he ran into a pile of soft earth, and there he pitched headlong from it. Here, while the machine was lying on its side, the wheels continued to revolve for many minutes.

### LOST HIS NAME.

One may, it seems, lose one's wits without altogether losing one's wit The late Henri Meilhac, a French dramatic author, who always had some clever thing to say, was troubled in his last days by a sad loss of memory. One day he exclaimed to a friend who called:

Hurrah! I've got my name back! You know 'twas forgotten.

Why, nobody forgot your name—"

Yes; I did; and I should say that was quite enough.

This was Meilhac's last joke. He died within a few days.

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The relatives of Joe Sullivan, who died in Oakland, Cal., and was seven feet eight inches in height, have put a guard over his grave, fearing that a showman will steal his body.

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| Adams' Extract | One bottle. |
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| Cream of Tartar | One half ounce. |
| Lukewarm Water | Two gallons |

Dissolve the water, cream of tartar and yeast in the water, add the extract and bottle: place in a warm place for twenty-four hours until it ferments, then place on ice, when it will open sparkling, cool and delicious. The ginger beer can be obtained in all drug and grocery stores in 10 cent bottles to make two gallons.

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Signed, Henry Ivers, L. D. S., Quebec.

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