

# Esther Gould's Book Corner

## "MY BROTHER'S FACE"

By Dhan Gopal Mukerji  
E. P. Dutton & Co.

India, Land of mystery and poetry and Gandhism and color! You have sent an eloquent voice into the West to tell your story!

Dhan Gopal Mukerji, a Brahmin priest, came to America at the age of twenty-one. His coming was impelled by a restlessness which was not in his brothers. After a series of remarkable experiences which he has told in an earlier book, "Caste and Outcast," Mr. Mukerji became very much a part of our civilization. But after twelve years, the period at the end of which it is said that every Hindu will revisit the place of his birth, he was filled with a deep longing for India.

And so with eyes that could see with the vision of both the East and the West he returned. As the boat neared the wharf "Suddenly, all these warm colors—warm and vivid like the day—took supple and fully defined form. The ebbing and flowing currents of iridescence burning the strand, shaped themselves into Indian women walking slowly back and forth drawing about them the long flowing ends of their saris. It was not a city but a fairies' paradise, that had come out to the sea-front to take the evening air."

And from the first page to the last there is before us the India of burning noons and swift merciful twilights in which even the peacocks pause to wait in silence for the end of the day.

And against a background of poetry, Mr. Mukerji tells us the things which we of the West most want to know. How the different classes in India feel toward Gandhi, toward the English. When he asks a peasant his opinion of Gandhi he receives the answer, "The dust of illusion still darkens men's eyes, but a day will come when all the people of the world will see that the Mahatma is their Lover. He speaks like a holy one for he is holy, and when he smiles he has brought us God."

When he asks a Holy Man of Benares how the East and the West can come together he hears, "When I sit and meditate, gradually as I pass onward, I raise my hand to the Ultimate Truth. Then I behold other hands coming from other parts of the world to rest upon the same shining Oneness. They my brothers, are touching the same Truth as I. How can there be a conflict between them and me?"

Then we meet, too, some of the newly rich commercial class of India, some of the jazzing youth, but last of all we see on the railway platform "My Brother's Face," and hear his voice, the voice of India, saying, "Finish they quest. Remember the warning of the Holy One. Criticise no more! Farewell . . . But come back again and bring to us in our turn the face of blessing and benediction from the West."

## "A PASSAGE TO INDIA"

By E. M. Forster  
Harcourt Brace and Company.

When we pick up "A Passage to India," we are looking at the other side of the plate from the one shown us in "My Brother's Face." It is most interesting to compare India as it appears to an Indian and to an Englishman. In the former case we pity ourselves that we do not live there, in the latter we pity the Indians that they do. The Englishman sees in the native house the flies clinging in masses to the ceiling; the Hindu sees: "Under the light of the

setting sun the peasant's newly thatched house had a glow of gold. Even the walls of brown throbbed with the singing grandeur of the sunset that was now deepening into purple in the Western sky."

The theme of this second book is not the meeting of the East and the West in the abstract but in the actual. And a sorry outcome it has, this meeting.

Adela Quested travels to India with her friend, Mrs. Moore, to visit Mrs. Moore's son who may become Adela's husband. They find in Chandrapore a petty little group of English people who are there to "rule the Indians not to be polite to them." In fact the favorite phrase "at the Club" for association with the natives is "making yourself cheap."

But despite discouragement Adela starts out with a sort of school teacher-like zeal to "see India." And Mrs. Moore without seeing it understands it better than all the others.

But Adela has a brain storm and a fright and plunges everyone including us and the hospitable little Hindu doctor, Aziz, into unending difficulties. And in the end we have only arrived at the decision that "East is East and West is West" and never the twain in circumstances as they exist in India at least can be friends.

There is a good deal of subtle portrayal of the differences of the Eastern and Western mind—misunderstandings based on differences too fundamental to be easily bridged.

The book is well written, its only drawback being that we do not come close enough to the characters to feel very deeply involved with them either one way or the other.

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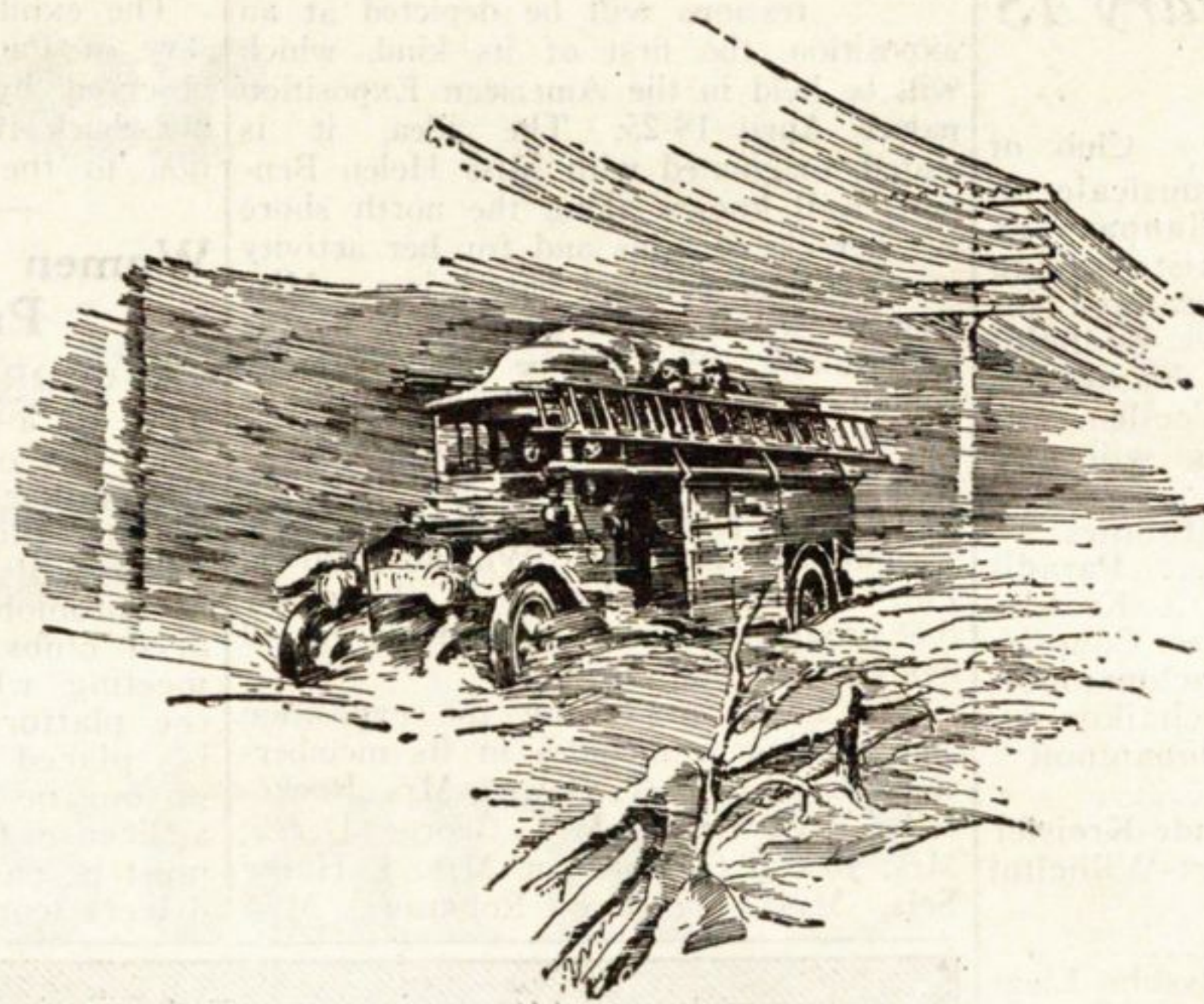
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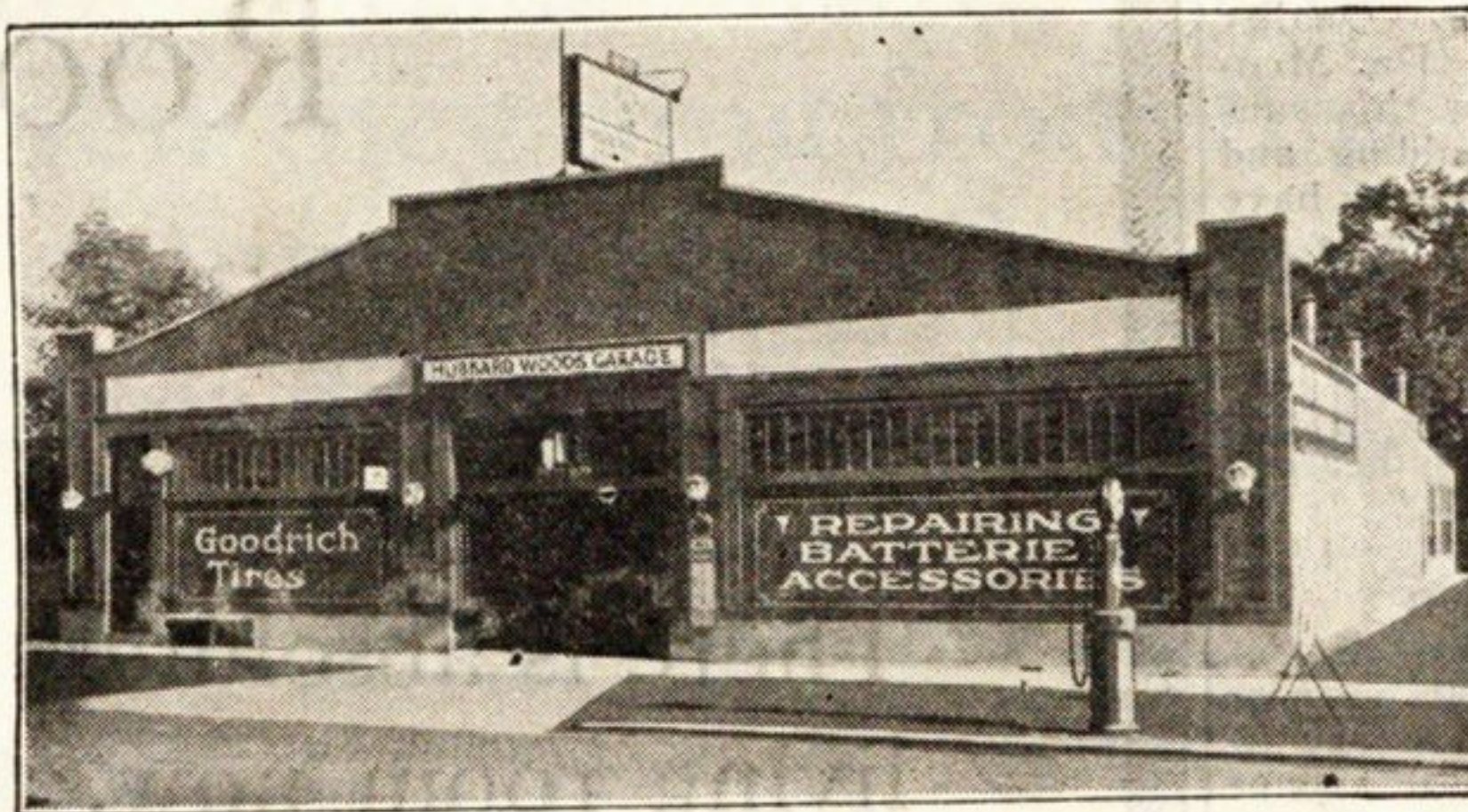
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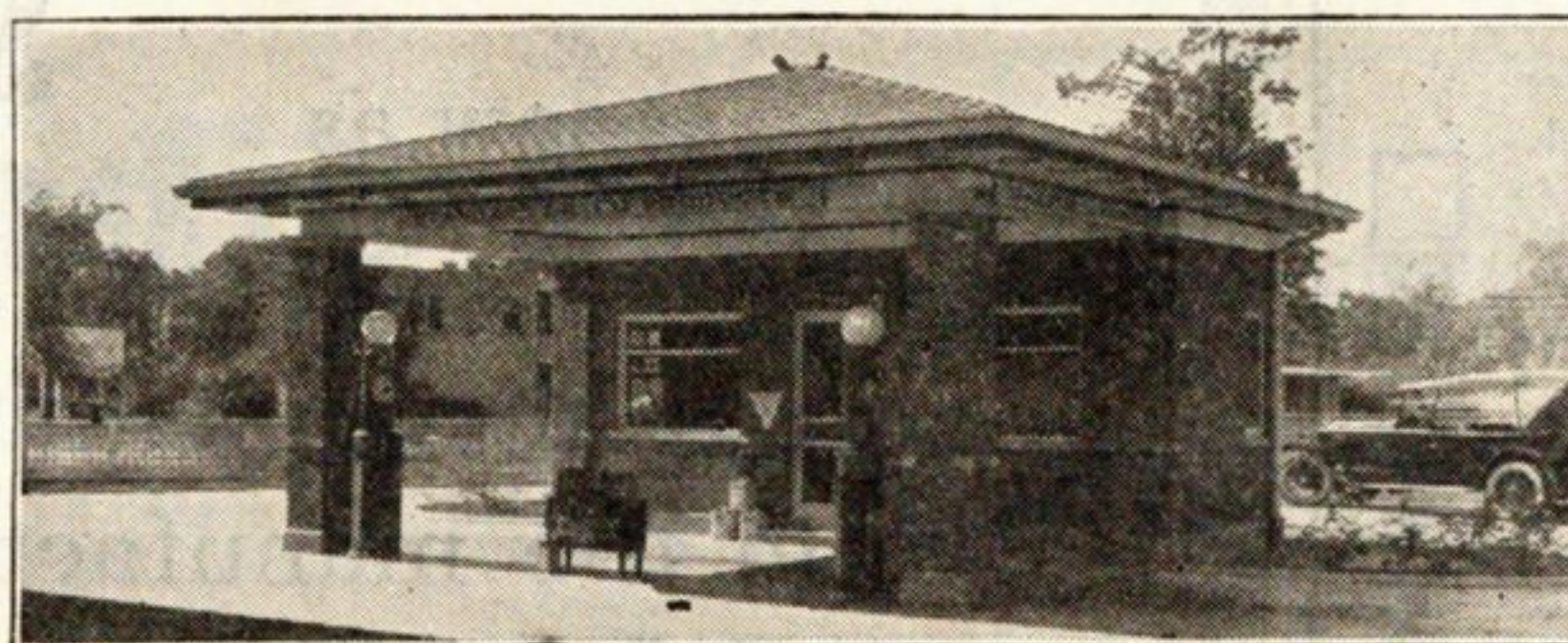
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