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CRUISING AROUND THE WORLD

Some of the Picturesque Lands and People on the Great Belt Line by William G. Frizell.

Bombay has been fittingly called "India's gateway." A million people of every race, language and religion in the world crowd its streets. Ninety per cent. of India's trade passes through its harbor. Our entertainment was provided at the Taj Mahal hotel, one of the largest and best in Asia. Four hundred guests may be accommodated in its commodious china mosaic. The upper balconies look out over the harbor and the Apollo Bunder. From here we watched by night the Cleveland clearly outlined by brilliant strings of electric lights. The native quarters and the Euro-

Among these the bride's mother from the front of the building threw an egg, a small cake, a coconut and some rice over the groom's head for good luck. A red spot was painted on the groom's forehead to represent good cheer, and a wreath of flowers was placed about his neck. A beautiful drive along the coast of Back Bay brought us to Malabar hill. Parks, squares and pleasure grounds have been laid out on either side. Malabar hill is the location of the hanging gardens, which are built over the city reservoirs. These waters were formerly open to the air, but for sanitary purposes have been beautifully inclosed.

could not fit them for the toils of another day.

With a member of the commercial gymkhana, which has a membership of 250, we visited the magnificent buildings and gardens. Cultivated flowers of all colors adorned the grounds adjoining their tennis courts. An afternoon drive included the Victoria gardens and museum, the extensive markets, the Victoria station and the Arab stables.

Across the bay are the caves of Elephanta. The approach to Elephanta is charming. A short climb brought us to the caves, built in the eighth century. The rock hewn temple is about 130 feet square, with columns and images cut out of the solid rock. Just a month before we visited it 2,000 pilgrims had worshipped in the cave.

The presence of quicksands made it unsafe for our captain to take the Cleveland to Calcutta, so we left her at Diamond harbor, forty miles to the south, and made our way by special chartered steamer up the Hoogli. The boat's crew were believers of the false prophet. They appeared at

where the funeral pyre is prepared. The fire is started by a member of the family. The charcoal pickers were there to gather their spoils, as also were the contractors, who pay high prices for the privilege of gathering up the melted gold, silver or precious stones which had defied the flames.

In one of the busy streets many of our number witnessed a holy man who was probably measuring the distance with his body between his home and some sacred spot. Holding his hands extended far above his head, an alms bowl, he threw himself to the ground almost full length. Then he arose by placing his feet near his hands, which also rested upon the ground. This he repeated indefinitely.

The world's greatest botanists have helped since 1786 to make the botanical gardens of Calcutta what they are. The long stretches of shaded roadways and lakes, the conservatories for orchids, palms and ferns, the insect eating and curious shaped plants were all interesting, but the star production is the great banyan tree, the largest in the world.



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pean are distinct and separate. During the Mohammedan invasion of Persia, in the seventh century, the Parsees found here a refuge. Bombay has since been the centre of their life. The fire at their altar and the sun in the heavens are to them a symbol of eternal power. Thus they were seen on the shores of Back Bay, worshipping the setting sun. The fire in their temples is never extinguished.

The Parsees are ambitious, progressive, wealthy and influential. Many philanthropic and educational institutions have been made possible by their benefactions. The dress of the Parsee women is attractive. They wear a piece of silk eight yards long draped about their bodies, and over their heads in graceful folds. This silk is usually of a light color, has a rich border and is sometimes brocaded with gold and silver thread.

Fortunately we were in India during the wedding season. Parsee marriages are all performed in one of the other of two buildings used for that purpose. Those of our party who could arrange to be at the entrance were graciously invited as guests. At the wedding we attended 150 attractively dressed Parsees were present. Sunset is the time fixed for the ceremony, but the preliminaries are so extensive that the guests arrive an hour earlier.

The animal hospital, a Hindu institution, is large and curious. We were told by the manager that, last year, 5,000 cattle were fed within this inclosure. Animals sick, maimed or deserted by their owners are fed here at the expense of the worshippers. When people become too poor to feed their animals, they take them here. Birthdays are celebrated by making a donation of grass for grain. We saw horses, cows, monkeys, jackals, porcupines and other animals that we could not name.

The best of the apartment houses of Bombay are owned mostly by Mohammedans and Parsees, who occupy the upper floor. Contrary to our custom, the price of rental on the top floor is greater than on the ground floor.

The cotton industry of Bombay has revived. It gives employment to 200,000 natives, who work ten hours a day. They are fitted with the latest looms and spinning machinery, all imported from England.

One night I engaged a gharris for a moonlight ride along the back bay, returning through the native quarters. I saw Bombay asleep. Everywhere on hand payments lay brown-skinned natives wrapped in what appeared to be white sheets. They looked as though laid out for burial. Many of them slept in the costumes they had worn all day and wore no covering. Such weary rest certainly

various times on the lower deck, performing their ablutions, spreading their mats and going through a series of genuflections which we at once recognized as the gymnastic worship of the Mohammedans.

India's capital tells a tale of British energy. We were impressed with her broad, clean, straight streets, her fine houses, her lawns, squares, parks and plazas.

An afternoon was spent in the imperial museum. Here collected in a single building are specimens of every period of Indian art, and architecture. The building itself is of immense proportions.

The Jain temple, which lies just outside the city line, is a gorgeous structure, highly polished and richly ornamented. It is surrounded by a beautiful garden. The Jains, a reformed sect of Hindus, are the goldsmiths of Calcutta.

On our way to the Burning Ghat our landau passed a funeral procession, which was only one of many that we had seen in India. Weird and mysterious, from our point of view, are the customs and ceremonies of the Hindus. In this instance, when our curiosity was observed by the palbearers and the mourners, they stopped the procession for us to take notes and make kodak exposures. We followed one of these processions. To the Burning Ghat, along the river bank,

Returning from the botanical gardens through the native village of Howrah, I was entertained several hours by a religious festival. Street vendors had their goods spread out on the pavements. Toys, nuts and candies were purchased by every one. Their holiday was a gala day. Merry-go-rounds and miniature Ferris wheels in every direction were the amusement of young and old. In a small temple where the goddess was concealed, the religious ceremony took place. A religious procession consisting of five young men who performed a very curious dance and musicians who played the accompaniment on peculiarly constructed instruments marched through the streets. After the procession was ended they gathered at the doors of the shrine. These men danced so violently and became so intoxicated and bewildered with excitement that they fell unconscious before the goddess. They lay prostrate and apparently lifeless until the wreath fell from the goddess' head, which signified that they had won her favor.

A woman never considers her photograph a good likeness unless it looks as she would like to look. If talking about the weather did any good we'd have snow to-morrow. "Any a man works himself to death trying to make a living."

and not one fatal accident took place in two years and a half of work. The cost was only about sixty per cent of the lowest sum bid by any European contractor. This road is being ballasted with broken stone, mostly granite, and is being constructed with admirable solidity throughout. Another Chinese railroad under construction is being laid with eighty-five-pound rails and thirteen ties to the rail. It will have several bridges built by the American Bridge company.

These facts are only hints of the roads that are being built through Asiatic Turkey. One will run to Mecca and Medina, in Arabia. Another will traverse the country from the vicinity of Constantinople to Bagdad. Persia will soon have through railway lines. Indo-China is making great progress. The old world, in its oldest lands, is filled with new life and promise.—Benjamin Karr, in Cleveland Leader.

That young man who now goes to work at nine and wears his good clothes, although you used to see him going at seven, investigated Moon College thirty-day shorthand. If you don't think well of your employer keep your thoughts to yourself. Everybody offers explanations, but few people believe them. A thing isn't necessarily overdone when it is done over.

OLD NATIONS AWAKENING.

Progress Made by India, Japan and China.

The world's progress in the awakening of old nations and the stimulation of industry and traffic where both have long lagged behind the times, is even more picturesque and important than the filling up of regions which have been lying practically unoccupied for thousands of years. In the Canadian North-West, in Patagonia and in the interior of Australia, population has to be supplied while the soil is being brought under cultivation. But in countries like China, Turkey in Asia and Indo-China the people are already on the ground by millions. There the awakening of the times carries possibilities which it cannot have in lands that have to be settled as well as brought under cultivation.

Japan has shown what can happen in such countries. It is imaginable that China may gather momentum in much the same way that Japan has forged ahead, and if that should take place the effect upon the commerce of the world and the relations of the great powers would be almost revolutionary. Tonkin, Cambodia, Siam and Annam are much like China on a small scale. Turkey is not so well populated, but it has room for every great progress in many directions. India, guided by its British rulers,

is steadily gaining in productive power, in population, already immense, and in its share of the world's commerce. It is also coming more into touch with modern ways of utilizing productive resources, and there are possibilities of great and rapid changes in that direction.

One enormous reserve force in Hindustan is the hoarded gold and silver which hundreds of millions of patient workers have been accumulating for centuries. For ages silver was the metal steadily absorbed, and, for business purposes, buried in India. It was imported in great quantities into Persia of coin and converted into personal ornaments or hidden in dwellings or in the earth. It disappeared at the rate of many millions of dollars every year. Now this hoarding is more in gold than in the less valuable metal.

For thirty years, up to 1909, the amount of gold imported by India and kept there, not for use as money, but as treasure practically lost to the business world, was about \$19,000,000 annually. It has suddenly increased to about \$25,000,000 a year, which is more than half as much as the entire production of the gold mines of the United States, Alaska included. This enormous accumulation of gold in India may yet have the effect upon the financial and commercial world of the discovery of a new gold field of

cast proportions. Some time the people of that country are likely to discover that their hoarded gold and silver will be just as safe and easy to get at and use if it is set at work earning interest as it is hidden away in secret places or worn in personal ornaments. Then a billion dollars' worth of bullion may be added to the money stock of the world in a brief period, altogether apart from the output of the mines.

There are other hoards of the precious metals lying unused in Oriental countries. Some authorities believe that the Chinese imperial family has fully \$1,000,000 in gold and silver in the secret treasury of the court at Peking, and if China becomes modernized in business methods a large part of that hoard will come out into circulation.

But it is not hidden specie which gives most life and promise to the awakening of countries like China. The vital phases of that change are found in such facts as the successful building of railroads paid for with Chinese money, planned and constructed by Chinese engineers and operated, when finished, by Chinese managers and employees. These forms of progress show great capacity for good work at small cost.

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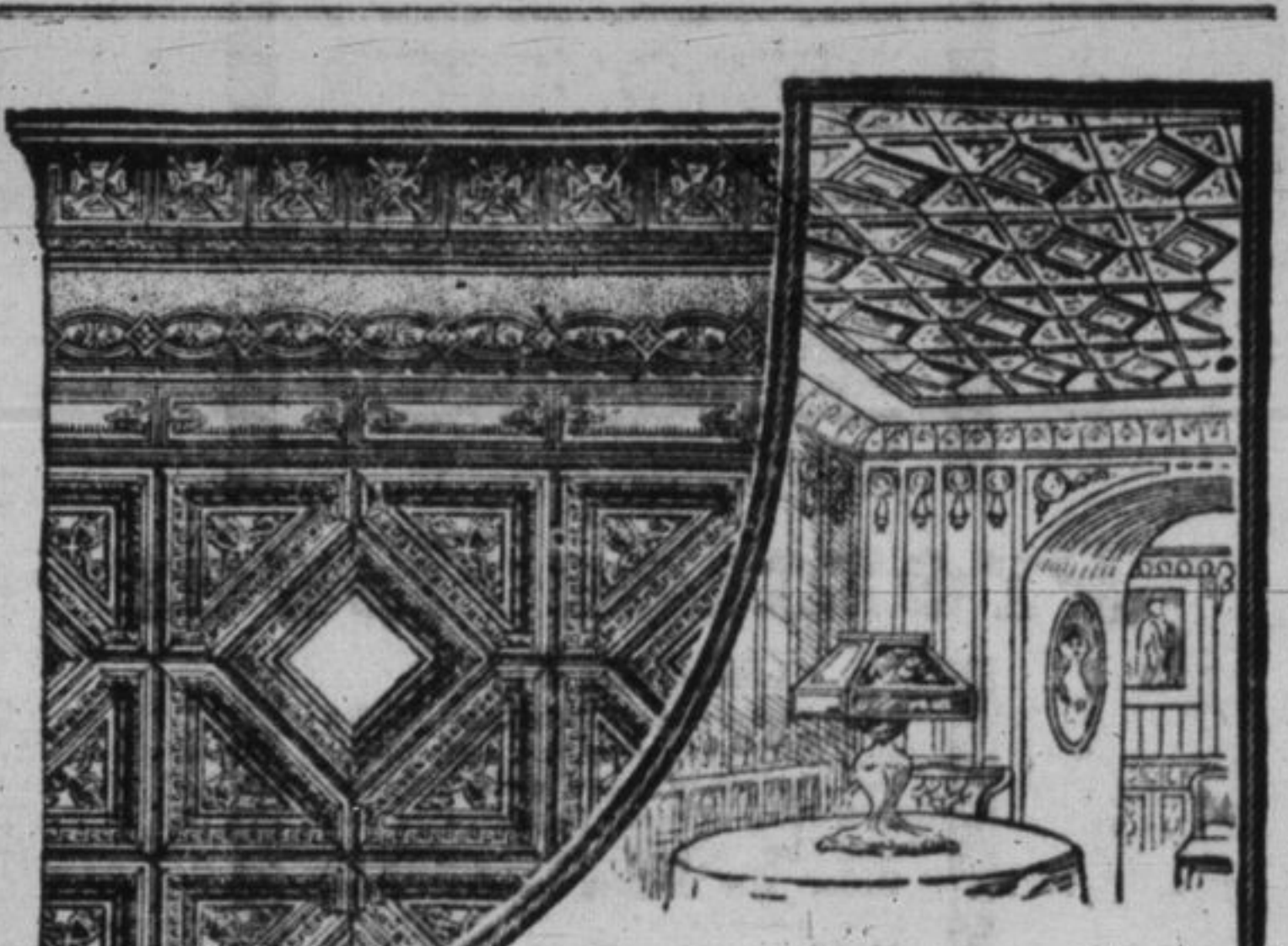
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