

## Caste Women of India.

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We hear much of a Hindu woman's degradation and seion and ignorance ; of her sufferings, her helplessness and elessness, and the half of it all is neither told nor known. in from all the world, without bocks, without inusic, or vie knowledge of a song to sing ; without: needlework or 3y:work of any kind, or any vecupation or amusement tever save what the naked little children nake, how can esape an almust vacait mind, if nut hopeless imbecility? to is a wife she may arrange her cloth and her jewels be foly and contrive dainty dishes for her husband, of no she will partake when he is satisfied ; but if the one to iy prubably, as a baby she was betrothed, happens to die, these poor pleasures are denied he: She is a reproach, teast, accursed ; in all God's heaven no star casts a ray po to her What influence can such a one exert or what can she wield?


