

ride, and with cushions and rugs around us, we reclined as peacefully and comfortably as could be desired. After we had gone some little distance, Mother asked the men to sing as they ran, explaining it was for my benefit as I had never heard their music and was anxious to. And after they once got into the spirit of it, how they did sing, plainly to their own satisfaction and decidedly to my great delight.

There seemed to be but one soloist among them, and he would sing several lines, and the other five would come in on the chorus.

It seemed like some fairy scene, the tall graceful coconut palms, here and there mango and tamarind trees with their denser foliage, the cactus plants, so decidedly oriental all along the road, occasionally a high hill rising abruptly from the plain, the singing of our coolies with its wierd and plaintive rise and fall, while over all the light of the moon, though making it nearly as bright as br day, seemed to cast a glamor over everything, throwing into the shade all the unattractive details of the country.

But occasionally would come a decided and very unexpected jolt which would bring me quickly from fairyland to sterner realities, and I would for a time turn my attention and contemplate the howling of the jackals and the poor roads over which we would be passing.

After we had gone thirteen miles we engaged fresh coolies, giving our first ones their expected present and sending them off very happy. Our new men belonged to another caste and, upon being asked to sing, started in on the monotonous ha—ho which palanquin bearers always use. Of this a little satisfied, and they were requested to be silent.

Our next coolies, when we again changed seemed quite young men and how they did set off running with us, indeed we were jolted so unmercifully that mother had to ask them to go more slowly. These instead of finding us fresh coolies at the next stopping place petitioned to go on with the bandy, so they came all the way, bringing us into Bobbili about 5 o'clock a. m. and there ended my first journey in the "Pullman Express," as it is called.