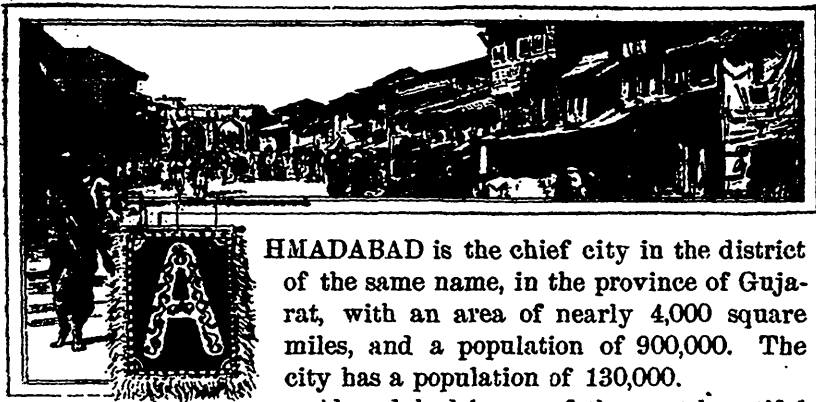


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HMADABAD is the chief city in the district of the same name, in the province of Gujrat, with an area of nearly 4,000 square miles, and a population of 900,000. The city has a population of 130,000.

Ahmadabad is one of the most beautiful and picturesque cities in all India. The walls, which are bastioned every fifty yards, are in good preservation. The fourteen fine gateways, whose great teak doors are studded with spikes as a defence against battering elephants, are worthy of notice. The surrounding country is interesting by the remains of old suburbs, with their mosques, temples, and Musalman tombs.

The Jama Masjid mosque is in the very centre of the city; the entrance is poor and mean, but opens out into a great quadrangle 382 feet by 258, an one end of which is the mosque, with its 260 pillars and fifteen domes, the three central ones being much larger than the rest. The minarets are gone, having fallen during an earthquake some fifty years ago, and have never been rebuilt.

\* *Picturesque India*. By W. S. CAINE, M.P. 8vo, pp. 606. London: George Routledge & Sons. Toronto: William Briggs.