

walls are built of mud or of stone laid in mud, with thatched roofs, and surrounded by a high mud wall.

Q. Is this material suitable? A. Yes, for there is not a great deal of rain, and as clay is a non-conductor of heat, it is cool inside.

Q. Do the people clean house as we do? A. Instead of this, most Hindoos take white cow's manure (for the white cow is sacred) and mix it somewhat as we mix whitewash, and plaster the walls and floors for the sake of purifying them.

Q. Do they drive out and destroy the insects? A. No, indeed. To kill a bug, a fly, or even a misquito, is a sin.

Q. Are the houses airy? A. They are low and poorly ventilated.

Q. Inside the house, do they have chairs, stoves, books, etc., such as we do. A. No, they sit on rugs, do not use knives and forks, and the majority, especially the women are unable to read.

Q. What is one thing they are sure to have? A. Some idol to which they bow down and worship.

Q. What is the daily routine? A. Very early, after worship and a light meal of rice, or grain and milk every one goes to work; the farmer to his field; the goldsmith to the verandah; the washerwoman to the tank to beat clothes on a flat stone. At noon another light meal is followed by one or two hours' chat or sleep. At dark, they stop work, eat the hearty meal of the day, consisting of rice and curry, and smoke before retiring at an early hour.

Q. Do the women enjoy life as companions of their husbands? A. No, they are generally married between six and twelve years and are taught their highest duty is to serve their husbands well.

Q. Do men and women eat together? A. The women first wait on their husbands, and eat what is left.

Q. Do they have much freedom? A. They are kept in as great seclusion as the wealth of the household will permit.

Q. Upon what does the woman's happiness depend? A. Upon the kind of mother-in-law she happens to live with, upon her devotion to her husband, and upon her children, for sons bring much joy, and daughters are no blessing. A widow's life is very sad.