# INDIA LETTER.

## Graphic Letter Descriptive of Calcutta.

**The River Pilot—"The Black Hole"—The Maidan Esplanade—The Bazaars—The Whites Cannot People India.**

From our Own Correspondent.

Steaming through a quiet, sultry atmosphere, the evening of the third day from Madras brought us to the waters of the dirty, muddy Hooghly, one of the principal outlets of the Ganges. The time was pleasantly spent throughout the whole passage from Colombo to Calcutta in reading, playing chess or draughts, or in sleepy conversation with the dozen or so Indian passengers, all of whom, under the reeky Bengalese atmosphere, were as destitute of energy as were we ourselves. The steamer was obliged to lay to during the night, the river not being navigable to ocean going steamers after dark. Next morning we were within

THE WIDE MOUTH OF THE HOOGHLY,

but no land was visible for three hours. Then we had on either side the low banks covered with thick jungle, with now and again a mile or so of well cultivated cocoa-nut groves, palms, and luxuriant vegitation. Many native villages are passed nestled among the palm-groves along the shore. The river is alive with boats, barges, rafts, ships, and steamers; groups of natives here and there are having their morning bath in the sacred river. Cattle and donkeys in hundreds are grazing along the bank and cooling themselves in the shallow waters close to shore; everything around renders the scenery decidly attractive. The hay-rafts are peculiar features of the Ganges. Our steamer passed a score of these, which can only be likened to stacks of hay floating up the river. No woodwork or float is observable, but at each side an oar works by some unseen force supposed to be a native concealed in a hole in the stack. This is the only means of reaching the market with hay and straw from great distances up or down the river. The steamer dodges about from side to side to avoid sand banks, but notwithstanding the pilot's watchfulness

SHE RUNS AGROUND,

and a large British India steamer that had followed in our wake all the way from Madras, triumphantly creeps by. The navigation of the Hooghly requires a pilot. The sandbanks are continually shifting and what may be the channel this month may next month be a sandbar which a craft of five tons' burthen cannot pass.

THE PILOTS OF CALCUTTA

in point of position, pension and pay are foremost among the pilots of the world. They draw all the way from $1,500 to $10,000 per year, and are perfect autocrats on shipboard once they are within the river. Our vessel brought her pilot from Madras, where the last outgoing steamer had left him. He was so quiet the passengers were not aware such an important personage was on board until within the Hooghly; then officers and sailors had to fly around as well as quietly swallow a large dose of abuse; and even the captain was not permitted to have anything to say in the directing of his own vessel. Just before our steamer is wharfed at Garden Reach we pass the

PRISON, PALACES AND GROUNDS

of the ex-king of Oude. We are informed he gets a yearly stipend from the British Government of £30,000, and maintains much of the kingly magnificence once displayed at his royal palaces at Lucknow. This monarch's kingdom—the kingdom of Oude, one of the wealthiest and most densely populated of the Northwest Provinces—was "annexed" by the British in 1856, which action gave rise to the horrible mutiny, the saddest pages in Indian history. The palace is inartistically painted in the colors of the rainbow, and covers an area of several acres. The king is a pronounced polygamist having, it is said, besides a score of his own countrywomen, several beautiful European women to grace (?) his harem. Within the high walls of his garden is kept an artificial mound containing over a thousand hissing serpents, and there are several cages containing Bengal tigers, of which, lest his majesty might some day for a little diversion let them free, the people in the neighborhood live daily in dread. At last we are on the wharf with

THE BUSY INDIAN CAPITAL

all astir about us. The heat is oppressive, the natives even, we notice, draw under the shade of some friendly tree or shed to unwind a part of their cotton turban to fan their shining, greasy, ebony faces. The *gharry* (carriage) is directed by the guide to the Great Eastern hotel. It truly is well named, for it is "Eastern," and it is "great" so far as extent and price go, but in point of comfort or convenience the "great" won't fit. Up two or three winding stairways to a stifling hot room we are shown. What would we give for the luxury of an elevator? But such a modern American institution is not known in India. We throw our perspiring body on a couch and hand the keys to the "boy" to unpack the portmanteaus and fully comprehend now the meaning of the word "enervating" as applied to atmosphere or climate. The mercury here often rises to 120° in the shade in the hot season, but fortunately for us it is not yet the hottest part of the year, or what a fearful broiling we would have to undergo.

*Calcutta*—(from "Kali" the goddess of the Hindoos and Ghaut, a landing place) has a population of over a million, principally Hindoos and Mahommedans with about 20,000 Europeans and as many Eurasians. The city was founded by the East India Company just 200 years ago. It was then called Fort William, but, subsequently, given the name Calcutta. We have all heard of

THE "BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA,"

how Surajah Dowlah, a Bengal ruler, attacked the city in 1756, and after a short siege took it, when 146 men fell into his cruel hands; how he stored these 146 men in a small cell 20 feet square, and in the morning only 23 ghastly looking bodies were brought out with life in them, all the rest having died from the heat, pressure and want of air. The site is now occupied by one of the finest post offices we ever saw. The city was shortly after this horrible event captured by Clive and Admiral Watson, and has ever since remained in possession of the British. The principal places to be seen are the Botanical Gardens, Fort William, constructed at a cost of three million pounds sterling, and the Maidan Esplanade, a beautiful open square, with several monuments and laid out in splendid walks and drives. In the cool of the evening

WE STROLLED ABOUT

on the Maidan, now teeming with the aristocratic Indian life of this vast city.

"And India's capital had gathered there her beauty and her chivalry." Now a rich Indian nabob, with a magnificent carriage and pair passes, his red turbaned "sices" running on to clear the way, while he and the blackeyed beauties beside him laugh and chat as merrily as though England, under the pretext of Christianising his forefathers, had not passed the sentence of perpetual slavery on him and his nation.

Now even a more gorgeous turn-out glides by, black gentlemen in strangely shaped garments, glittering with gold and silver lace, black ladies, brown ladies and browney-white ladies in white, pink, yellow, green or blue muslin mantles, no other covering apparently but this web without shape or make thrown artlessly about them, so their bejewelled head seems like a glittering centre piece in a cloud of colored muslin. The horses are gaily caparisoned, the harness richly mounted, the carriages equal to those seen in Hyde Park on a fashionable day. Away all my mistaken ideas of the social state of India! There is

AS MUCH FINERY AND FASHION

ably displayed here as on "Rotten Row" or Hyde Park. But amidst the bustle of pedestrians, mounts, and carriages we arrive at the "Garden of Eden," a delightful, charming spot close to the river's edge and to one side of the Maidan. This is the fashionable promenade where many of the carriages stop, that the occupants may take a turn under the brilliant electric light. A military band discourses pleasant music from a costly domed band-stand, the air is delightfully cool from playing fountains; this verdant nook is redolent with sweet perfumes from fragrant flowers and shrubs; the whole effect is entrancing. Here we were among a strange people glittering with brocaded silks and satins corresponding in many particulars with our boyhood's conception of many of the characters in the Arabian Nights' entertainment. We moved about among the crowd but could understand nothing that was said, and only a few Europeans could be seen in the assembly. We forgot the oppressive heat of a few hours ago, the inconveniences of Calcutta's best hotel, the long fatiguing journey before us, and had almost decided to remain here for the term of our natural life, when we were plucked by the elbow by our travelling companion and informed that "If we didn't vamoose pretty lively we wouldn't get anything to eat." This brought us up standing, and in a few minutes we were sitting under a pinkah at the Great Eastern table d'hote enjoying

AN INDIAN CURRY

for which, by this time we had acquired a sneaking regard.

Next morning we started out early, armed with letters of introduction to some of the English citizens, only one of whom we found. The day was spent in visiting the bazaars, the European quarters and some of the public places. Alas, how our last night's visions of splendor are dissipated! We are today walking through streets surrounded by

SQUALOR, DIRT AND DEGRADATION

in endless confusion. The bright side of native India was seen in the pleasant hour or two which we spent on the Maidan and in the well named Garden of Eden. The dark side—the side of the great masses of the populace—was seen continuously until the day we sailed from Bombay a few weeks later. Palanquins are used extensively, and at any moment you may meet a lazy, fat English officer or European merchant, stretched at full length in one of these heavy boxes slung from the shoulders of four sweating, naked coolies, who trot along panting under their load like jaded cattle. The shops in the native quarters are very small, and the whole outfit, stock and fixings of one might be purchased for a few dollars, but there are thousands of these penny affairs, patronised principally by the natives, the Europeans purchasing whatever they require from the large, wellstocked establishments in the European quarter of the city.

WHITES VS. NATIVE POPULATION.

Although there are about one hundred and fifty thousand Europeans in India today (as against nearly two hundred and fifty millions of natives) it is a question whether there is one adult European in the country who can boast a father living who was born here. India can never be colonized by Europeans born in the land, for the state of the climate will not permit it. If children of European parents are born here they are sent to Europe as soon as they are old enough to travel. On the way from Bombay to England a number of fellow passengers were *en route* home to see their wives and family, whom they had not seen for many years, preferring to leave them in England to losing them in India. Military men are obliged to put in 20 years in India, then, if they desire they may retire on a pension.

But our stay in the "city of palaces" is at a close. We have seen its lions. We have stood on the site of the infamous "Black Hole;" we have "done" the Maidan; the Garden of Eden with its little lake and Burmese Pagoda; have visited the bazaars of Chowinghee and Chitpore Road; have gone through some of the fashionable, mammoth, European business establishments; have strolled around the glassy little lakes, situated in the heart of the European quarter, and teeming with its myriads of tame fish; we have obeyed the

DICTATORIAL MOHAMEDANS

by sitting down on the hot marble flags to take off our boots that we may roast the soles of our feet (and inwardly, I fear, had thoughts akin to wishing all Mohammedan souls in like predicament) in crossing the marble courtyard into their mosque; have invaded the sacred precincts of a Hindoo theatre; have been "beat out of" several rupees by the innate cupidity of guides, boys, and beggars; so paying our bill we are on the move once more. What a strange feeling of satisfaction takes possesion of our wearied brain when we feel there is

NOTHING MORE TO SEE

in this place, and the sight-seeing which is now becoming wearisome may rest for a few hours at least. At Howrah, a railway suburb a mile across the river, tickets are procured for Benares, Delhi, Lucknow and all points of interest along the line. We find, when the train backs into the depot, that the cars are all English in shape and appearance, but are much better ventilated, and all first and second class carriages are provided with ingenious, spring panel contrivances containing matrasses for sleeping on, so the traveller may, if weary, let down his bed by touching a spring and literally be "laid away on his shelf."

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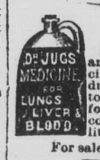


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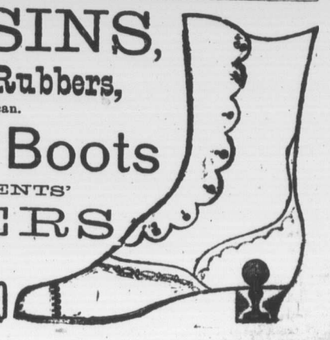

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