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WATER CARRIER.

THE Island of Ceylon is a most important appendage to our Indian Empire. Green all through the year to the water's edge and the mountain's brow, the claim of this lovely island to be called Paradise may be allowed without going up to worship the footprint of our great progenitor on Adam's Peak. The accompanying illustration gives a glimpse of the roads made since 1800; of the primitive and present luggage-van of the country, and of the cocoa-nut trees which

fringe the island, shade every village, and cover many a broad plantation. Next to the cocoa-nut tree in importance is the equally tall Palmyra, whose leaves are not only useful for thatch and fence, but for the fan and book, and whose tough