

BOMBAY. The Commercial Metropolis of India.

A Well-Built City with a Large and Increasing Population—How the Progress of the City is Being Made.

We have taken the patient reader a long race through hilly Hindoo cities, with their storm-torn and shattered walls and palaces, over fertile plains and valleys through wide tracts of Mofussil country (as the "hush" is here called) through thick jungles and sandy deserts and now we emerge into the open on the west coast, and have before us the metropolis of India.

Bombay is a city of the west, and great sea gales to India on the west, and in point of business and commerce it is the principal seat for the north of Europe, and particularly of England, makes it the first great seaport; then its rail way communication with Calcutta makes it the entrepot for all mails and light merchandise, thus, in a manner, cutting off a certain amount of the shipping trade between Europe and that city.

is built on an island of the same name with an area of about twenty square miles, and from an elevation a pleasant panorama of inland sea and mountain may be seen. The hotels and principal commercial buildings are of a size and style to equal some of the better parts of New York.

There are a great many of the same variety of religious denominations than any other Indian city, visited by us, here are Hindus in holy proximity to Buddhists; Parsees, who worship the sun as the fountain of all light and good, rubbing shoulders with the crafty Mohammedans; Protestants, Jews and Roman Catholics all, while trading for English cloths, sugar, indigo, Benares carpets, cotton, and bullion, have laid aside creed and color, and are struggling together for the best of the bargain.

have long monopolized the financial business of Bombay; they are the Jews or money-lenders of the city, and some of them are second editions of the Rothschilds in wealth. Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, a great merchant who was knighted by Queen Victoria, a boat forty years ago, was one of the most remarkable of the Bombay Parsees. He began by buying and selling empty bottles and died worth several millions. His grandson, his heir, has been wonderfully successful in scattering to the winds the enormous fortune left by the thrifty old Parsee. Their religion is a very elaborate system, formed from the teachings of Zoroaster who it is said, lived six hundred years before Christ. They have a temple on Malabar Hill, overlooking Bombay, in which is a sacred fire sent direct from Heaven by Zoroaster, approachable only by the high priests, and faces veiled. They consider this fire the symbol of the "eternal light," which must ultimately burn up the dross of the universe. A Mohammedan will not drink wine, a Jew refuses swine's flesh, and a Parsee as religiously abstains from the use of tobacco, simply because it would be sacrilege to put fire to such a base use.

THE "TOWER OF SILENCE," surrounded by high thick walls within which are walks, seats and a number of very lofty round stone towers elevated over with iron gratings. Upon these the dead are placed, and over and about them hover flocks of scavenger flesh-eating birds, ever waiting to devour the flesh from the body as soon as placed on the tower roof. No persons are allowed within the walls but the particular caste who are employed as officiators or bearers of the dead, and the priests. When the body has returned to the elements or been devoured by the birds the bones slide into the sepulchral vaults beneath, and we predict when the last trump shall be sounded by Gabriel, there will be a mighty scramble and fuss to get them selves properly shooed together again. The amount of scripture that will be incinerated when Kerbelah Mushed has found he has unwittingly put on Abdul Mazda's tibia, worked himself into Ormuzd Ahura's clancie, stuck on Zara Thustra's meta carpus, or found the right patella smaller than the left, or the right os calcis sticking out farther behind than the left. The Parsees were originally Persians, and they still retain their Oriental robe-shaped attire and the Persian's love for rich jewels and costly display. Their complexion is much fairer than the Hindoos or Mohammedans, and they look upon these latter with no common hatred. They consider themselves the chosen of God, they are clamant and do not intermarry with other nations, and they tenaciously retain most of the customs of their ancestors. From the customary hotel, on a steamy morning, we started with a launch for THE "ELEPHANTA CAVES," situated on the island of Garipur, about six miles from the city, over the bay. After a delightful passage of an hour and a half among islands and around points, we landed on a long pier. A stone staircase of several hundred steps conducted us to the celebrated caves. These sculptured marvels of caverns were originally Buddhist temples. The gods Brahma, Siva, Vishnu and a host of others were carved from the solid rock in mammoth figures twenty-five feet in height. The caves are in several compartments, each being nearly one hundred feet square, and having on the walls finely carved festival scenes, various scenes, and religious meetings of the gods, grim as grand, while all around us are pillars, niches, alcoves and statues, inspiring us with lofty and reverential thoughts on the power and patience of man to execute such wonderful works as are here seen.

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But we have now finished our Indian trip; we are longing for NEW SIGHTS OF INTEREST, new annoyances in the shape of bipeds with remarkable begging proclivities, a new climate, a change from this debilitating steaming-room we are now in, so we propose to let the curtain drop on Hindoo bathing and burning their dead, monkey temples and monkey-worship, domed mosques, and Hindoo pagodas, costly tombs, rich palaces, populous cities and peculiar people, and for a time act as the reader's guide to old Cairo, over the site of ancient Heliopolis, up to the apex, and into the interior of the pyramids, up the Nile in a "dhow," a visit to Suez, Port Said, Ismalieh, Alexandria, and then across the Mediterranean Sea to Joppa; from there we will proceed to Jerusalem, thence to Beth-el, Bethany, Jericho, Dead Sea, Jordan river and other interesting scenes, in a few letters if he has patience and forbearance to hold with us.

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