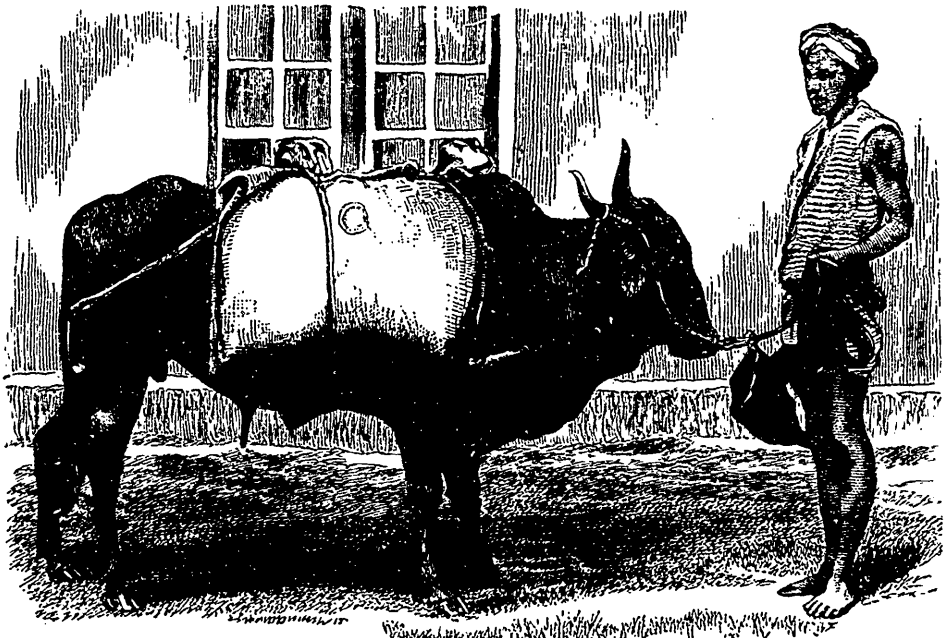


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## WATER-CARRYING IN INDIA.

GOOD water is a scarce thing in India; and people who can get as much of it as they like, whenever they like, can hardly understand what it means to have water scarce. But in many countries there is often great difficulty in getting this most important necessary of life. Thus in India, though there are large rivers, yet they are a very long way from each other. There are many small rivers too, but, except in the rainy season, they are only dry channels, to show where the waters ran once, and where they will run again when the season comes.

During all the dry hot months the land has to be watered; and for this purpose large reservoirs and tanks are made to hold a store of water, which is afterwards let out through sluices as it is needed. Some of these water-stores are small, and some are great lakes, as much as fifty miles round.

Water for drinking and general house purposes is got from wells. In some places, each respectable house has its own well in the enclosed court or yard. From this well the water is drawn in an earthen vessel, let down by a rope, which passes over a wheel, the axle of which is supported on two posts over the well's mouth. Often the well has two long