



A TYPICAL EUROPEAN BUNGALOW, AGRA.

of dress, the native servants provide their own food and clothing. The *mehtar*, or sweeper, is the only servant who will eat the food that is left from the sahib's table. The sweeper is not troubled with many scruples of caste, as he is a Sudra, the lowest of the low, whose very shadow is, by the Brahmans, declared to be contaminating.

From the moment of landing in Bombay I began to see that the India I pictured from books and other sources

differed vastly from the India in which I lived and moved. I entertained the idea that Indian women were immured in zenanas, jealously guarded from the eyes of every man but their husbands, and not allowed to go abroad unless shrouded from head to foot in funereal-looking garments. What was my surprise to see women in thousands going about openly and freely, engaged in work of every kind without any apparent let or hindrance. At popular *fêtes* and festi-



THE FAMOUS "RESIDENCY," LUCKNOW.

"And ever upon the topmost roof our banner of England blew."