AN EAST INDIAN BRIDE.

Her Unhappy Case as Related by Herself in a Letter.

From the London Times.

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.—I belong to the second class of castes, in which, fortunately, widow remarriage is allowed. In 1867 my own father died, leaving me, an orphan of 2½ years of age, in the care of my mother (then 17 years of age) and my maternal grandfather. Six years after that my mother was remarried with a celebrated doctor in Bombay, who proved an unusually kind stepfather to me. He protected and loved me as his own child throughout his life, but by the will of the Almighty his useful life was cut short, and for these twenty-two months he rests very far from us, leaving his widow and five children behind lamenting in vain. I was married at the age of 11 years with a boy of 19, on conditions that he should thoroughly be provided by us, but that he should study and become a good man. To these conditions he, his mother, and relations had quite agreed. However, in a few months after the marriage in 1876 he began to neglect his duties, leaving the school, and, disobeying my father and grandfather, fell into bad company. The consequence of which was that he fell sick and was attacked with consumption, confined to his bed for three continuous years, in such a state that he was not expected to live another season. But by God's grace he recovered a little day by day. Now, as for myself, being of much reserved disposition from childhood, I had a great liking for study while a great disgust for married life; and though not fortunate enough to attain school after the age of 11 years to complete Marathi studies, I began to learn English at home after leaving the school. Day by day my love for education and social reform increased, and I continued to pursue my studies as much as I could. The habits of the man with whom I had been given in marriage added more to my natural distaste for married life. However my father, considering his constitution, habits and unfitness for any work, resolved not to send me to his house to live as his wife. He also seemed indifferent to the matter, but in the hope of getting my little money he was induced to file a suit asking me to go and live as his wife.

On March 19, 1884, he filed it in the Bombay High Court, thinking that by this mere action my father would be afraid of his losing his reputation (because to have a suit of this kind in a court is considered a greatest disgrace among us Hindoos), and would quietly send me to his house with all that I possessed. Our party having resolved long before never to send me to his house, did not care for his suit in that point, and so we began to prepare ourselves for the defence as it became necessary.

On Sept. 21, 1885, the humane decision was given in my favor by Mr. Justice Pinhey without taking our defence. The decision, if it had been supported would have altered the fate of millions and millions of daughters of India, and the longed-for freedom would have been easily secured. In the same way Mr. Justice Pinhey's name would have been made immortal. But it seemed the will of God that it should not be so; for the man appealed the case, on which it was decided on April 2, 1886, by the Chief Justice, Sir Charles Sargent and Mr. Justice Bayley, that the first decision should be reversed, and that the case should be sent back for re-trial. It is still pending in the court. RUKHMABAI.

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THE PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE.

The Proposed Line of Steamers Between Vancouver and China.

LONDON, April 29.—In the House of Lords tonight the Earl of Harrowley asked for information regarding the decision of the Government on the proposal of the Canadian Government to establish a line of mail steamers between Vancouver and China.

The Earl of Onslow, Parliamentary Secretary of the Colonial Office, replied that the committee to whom the matter was referred had declined to recommend a subsidy of $500,000 for the proposed service of a steamer every three weeks, but was considering the advisability of granting a subsidy of $300,000 for a monthly service, Canada to contribute also.

Lord Carnarvon urged that a subsidy be granted. He said that if England did not assist the enterprise the advantage of the route would pass into the hands of another power.

—Free and easy expectoration immediately relieves and frees the throat and lungs from viscid phlegm, and a medicine that promotes this is the best medicine to use for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. This is precisely what Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is a specific for, and wherever used it has given unbounded satisfaction. Children like it because it is pleasant, adults like it because it relieves and cures.

The Failures of the Week.

NEW YORK, April 29.—The failures reported to Bradstreet's this week number, for the United States, 152; last week, 157. In Canada, this week, 20; last week, 23. In 1886, the week, in the United States, 172; Canada, 27. In 1885 the week in the United States, 198; Canada, 21. In 1884 the week in the United States, 164; Canada, 17. In 1883 the week in the United States, 186; Canada, 39. Jan. 1 to April 29, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, in the United States, 3807, 3986, 4845, 4125, 3821; in Canada, 455, 470, 527, 665, 561.

—It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

The Plot to Kill the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 29.—The trials of the prisoners implicated in the plot to kill the Czar has commenced. The courts are strongly guarded. A Russian general is present to report the proceedings for the Czar. A painful impression was produced on the spectators in the outer hall as the accused entered the court, their youth and high-bred intelligent air eliciting much sympathy. Among the prisoners is a maiden of striking beauty. It is reported that a short account of the trial will be published in the Official Gazette on the morning of the executions.

—Ayer's Pills are the best cathartic for correcting irregularities of the stomach and bowels. Gentle, yet thorough in their action, they cure constipation, stimulate the appetite and digestive organs, and strengthen the system. d

—No one buys a "pig in a poke"—in other words, purchases on mere guesswork—who buys for his or her relief Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. The fact is too well known to leave room for any peradventure that it is a sovereign curative for indigestion, costiveness, impurities of the blood, kidney and female troubles, and other infirmities.

The Southern Pacific Express Robbery.

BENSON, Ariz., April 29.—Intelligence has been received that the men who robbed the west bound express train over the Southern Pacific Railroad on Wednesday night have been spotted, and that it will be only a question of time before they are captured.

—Much distress and sickness in children is caused by worms. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator gives relief by removing the cause. Give it a trial and be convinced.

The Queen at Windsor.

LONDON, April 29.—The Queen has arrived at Windsor Castle from the continent.

The Truth of It.

From Harper's Bazar.

Miss Cockett: "Yellow roses are supposed to indicate flirtatiousness and moss roses mean love, do they not, Mr. Neversmile?"

Mr. Neversmile: "So I'm told; and white roses mean silence."

Miss Cockett: "Well, what do these large cabbage roses and Jacks mean?"

Mr. Neversmile: "Bankruptcy, Miss Cockett; bankruptcy every time."

—That feeling of weariness, so often experienced in the spring, results from a sluggish condition of the blood which, being impure, does not quicken with the changing season. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, by vitalizing and cleansing the blood, strengthens and invigorates the system. d

PARISIAN CHLOROFORMISTS.

Shrewd Rascals That Infest Railway Coaches and Make Traveling Dangerous.

From the Philadelphia Telegraph.

The chloroformists, as they are called, are the aristocracy of the criminal race. They are generally broken down society men, and very often medical students who have gone to the bad after having learned, in the course of their studies, the properties of narcotics and anæsthetics. Their chief fields of operation are the railway carriages and the hotels, the compartment system of the former giving them every facility for carrying out their designs. Their method of proceeding in the last instance is as follows: He seeks what is technically known as his "portfolio," i. e., a rich traveler, who affords profitable opportunities for the exercise of his skill. He goes to look for him at the railway station of one of the long lines, such as the Paris, Lyons, and Mediterranean Railway. He watches each person that approaches the ticket office to buy a ticket, and selects some one who shows, on opening his pocketbook, a goodly collection of bank notes. The chloroformist buys a ticket for the same destination, takes a seat in the same compartment, gets into conversation with his fellow traveler, and finally ends by producing a well-filled lunch basket. He was to have been accompanied by a friend, he says, but at the last moment he received a telegram (which he produces) announcing that the friend had been hindered from departing at the last moment. This is why he has a supply of provisions for two persons, two silver cups, etc. He offers to share his supper with his new acquaintance.

If the offer is accepted, the wine, which is heavily drugged, soon sends the traveler to sleep. If, on the contrary, it is refused, the chloroformist partakes heartily of a solitary meal, and winds up by lighting up a cigar, offering at the same time his cigar case to his companion, who, not to seem rude or churlish in the presence of such genial friendliness, almost invariably accepts a cigar. It is "prepared" with a strong narcotic, as the wine had been, and the unlucky traveler is soon plunged in a heavy stupor. The chloroformist opens his phial and places it for a few moments under the nostrils of the sleeper, gently applying to the mouth at the same time a sheet of fine parchment known as a "stifler," and having the shape of a carnival mask, its functions being the exclusion of the outer air. The victim is soon rendered wholly insensible by the vapor of the chloroform. The chief then commences operations in perfect safety. He takes possession of the pocketbook and empties it of its bank notes, replacing a few of the smallest value. He then puts it back in the pocket from which he has taken it, removes the parchment mask from the face of the sleeper, and, leaving the victim's jewelry and coined money untouched, gets out of the train at the next station. The motive of leaving his victim in possession of his jewelry and portmonnaie is two-fold. If the traveler on awakening finds that his watch and chain and his supply of coin are all right, he does not usually investigate his pocketbook, so the thief has a chance of remaining undiscovered for several hours or even days. He may, too, attribute the loss of his bank notes to a piece of carelessness, or to a mistake on his own part. If, on the other hand, as often happens, he does not wake at all, but dies from the effects of the narcotic and the chloroform, the authorities, finding themselves in the presence of a corpse presenting not the slightest trace of violence, and with money, papers and valuables apparently undisturbed, can only attribute the decease to natural causes. It is a startling fact that the cases of sudden death in the cars of the great French railways have of late become singularly frequent.

A comical example of the use of narcotized cigars is related by M. Mace. A well-known banker of German origin was arrested for forgery and was imprisoned in Mazas. His former friends tried in vain to obtain his pardon, but after a month's imprisonment he contrived to make his escape, and has ever since managed to evade the researches of the police. In fact, he had slipped through their fingers in so adroit a fashion that positively the clever scamp deserved his liberty. During the examination of his books and papers two policemen were charged with the task of bringing the prisoner from Mazas to the office of the expert and of guarding him while there. The ex-banker was accustomed to partake, during his stay at the office, of a sumptuous lunch, which was brought to him in a basket daily by one of his former servants. He often offered to share his delicacies with the policemen, but they always refused to accept so much as the wing of a chicken or glass of wine. They were less inflexible, however, in regard to the fine cigars that the prisoner always smoked, and during the return trip, which usually took place at 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening, they were accustomed to accept from him each a cigar. One evening the cab as usual drew up at the gates of the prison, but nobody got out. The cabman descended from his box to see what was the matter, and was greatly surprised to find only two passengers in his cab instead of three, and those two so sound asleep that he could not waken them. The perfidious banker had given them narcotized cigars, and had profited by their slumber to slip out of the cab and make his escape. The affair was hushed up, and the agents in the escape of the criminal were never discovered.

—Holloway's Corn Cure destroys all kinds of corns and warts, root and branch. Who then would endure them with such a cheap and effectual remedy within reach?

New Uses for the Shoe Buttoner.

From the Cincinnati Enquirer.

It is a singular fact that nine out of ten of the "bums" and tramps brought into the station house have on their person a shoe buttoner. No matter what kind of shoes they wear, still they have one of these simple instruments. Lieut. Hambrock decided a week ago to make a collection of the shoe buttoners taken from the prisoners brought into Bremen-street Station. In the seven days they numbered eighteen, and, like young ladies do with their string of buttons, he attached them together. He has now a chain some three feet in length. A peculiar thing is that the hook end is bent into a variety of shapes. This penchant for having buttoners attracted the attention of the detectives long ago, and it happened to strike some bright-minded policeman that the little instrument could be made to do the work of a skeleton key, as far as the locks in common use were concerned. In reality, the shoe buttoner, to all intents and purposes, was converted into a burglar's tool, and still could be readily passed off as a necessary implement in arranging one's toilet. The possession of a skeleton key is a serious offence, and carries with it conviction of a penal term. The law, however, cannot regard the shoe buttoner as a contraband article, and still the evil intending are as well fortified with it as with the burglar's favorite tool, since, when properly shaped, it does the work equally as well. The expert can pick a lock with one of these little iron hooks with as much facility as if he had a skeleton key, any yet if caught with it in his possession enjoys immunity from the statute covering the offence. Usually, when one of these instruments is found on a prisoner's person it is thrown away, or perhaps given back if the owner is released. No doubt in the course of a year several hundred are taken up by the police. The amount of theft that could be traced to them would very probably prove startling.

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"Answer Yes or No," Said He.

From the London Globe.

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