The Past and Puture of a Great Country and Remarkable People-Made Poor by the Spoliation of Foreigners - English Language Coming Into General Use.

We have traveled more than 2,500 miles in India, have seen its grandest scenery, its largest and most interesting cities, its most fertile and some of its desert regions. We have found in Delhi, Agra, Benares, Ambur and Ahmadabad the best examples of Hindoo and Mohammedan architecture. Of course there is much we have not seen. India, remarkable for their size and elaborate decorations, best illustrated at Tanjore and Madura, we can only judge by small specimens seen at Madras and Pondicherry. The wonderful cave temples at Ellora, Ajunta and many other spend years exploring India without exhausting its layers of civilization. We have endeavored to intelligently study. by observation and reading en route, the ethnology, sociology and theology of the country. We have missed no opportunity to talk with British officials come to the conclusion that they are do- a terrestrial noonday, is nevertheless a the answers were carefully investigated. ing a great deal of good, though not exactly in the way it is popularly understood at home. I think I may say that our travels in India have materially broadened our views of Asiatic history. Especially have we been impressed with the spectacle of an empire of 240,000,-000 people of different races and religions, governed by a handful of Europeans, and in the main well governed, with a large measure of liberty, as perfect protection of life and property as is provided in the most civilized countries of Europe and increasing means of education. The universities and colleges scattered over India are turning out annually thousands of educated natives. It is a curious fact that the Indian who speaks English speaks it without accent and rather better than the average of English or Americans. Nearly all of the schools above the primary grade teach English, and in the majority of them it is the medium of education. More than half of the native newspapers and periodicals, which are numerous and well conducted, are printed in English.

I do not think it a wild prediction that English will be essentially the language of India a hundred years hence. It is curious to contemplate what will be the political result of the education of the adian people. Will they be content, especially those of the Aryan race, capable of high development, with the shadow of a government which is sometimes driven to its wits' ends with its own domestic problems, in a group of little islands 5,000 miles away? For the present I can scarcely conceive of a greater calamity for India than the failure of Great Britain to hold and govern the country. It would be the signal for anarchy, which would entail the destruction of the people and seriously obstruct the enward march of human progress.

India is a poor country. Its fabulous wealth has been carried off by conquerors or gathered into colossal fortunes by the few rich. The great body of the people are miserably poor. They barely keep body and soul together and do not store up any vital force to resist disease. The failure of one crop entails widespread distress. The failure of two in succession means famine for millions. The government is doing something to improve the conditions. In the last five years canals have been built, increasing the area under irrigation about 25 per cent. How much advantage the tiller of the soil gets from these improvements I do not know. The government costs too limit of endurance. The British India civil service is called the best in the world. It is undoubtedly the most expensive. It costs £11,000,000 (\$55,-000,000) a year. The civil servant serves in various capacities, from a clerk to a lieutenant governor, for 25 years, four of which are given for holidays, and retires with a minimum pension of £1,000 per annum. The cost of all this comes out of the Indian people, and their superstitions and customs rob them of a part of what is left.

There are grave problems in India and more to come, and to solve them will require all the talent which can be secured. It is doubtful whether the merchants of London, the manufacturers of Manchester or the hereditary aristocrats of the people of India, who are today about the poorest fed, clothed and housed people on earth. Yet I cannot but think that these people are capable of great things in the future if they can be properly nourished and educated Their bright, distinctly Aryan faces look out appealingly through surroundings of squalor and superstition and give promise of high development under favorable conditions. Indeed we see splendid specimens of manhood among them today, and their graceful courtesy shames our ruder manners.—Cor. Boston Herald.

Serving Toast.

Dry toast should be served directly from the toaster. When this is not practical, pile it on a heated bread plate, the hearth or in the oven. Toast is given glorious republic if the spotless charin all slight attacks of sickness because it is so easily digested. The more thorough the conversion of the starch the more easily and perfectly the system will manage it, for the change of starch stamped all over him!"-Indianapolis into dextrine by the action of heat is Journal. simply doing outside of the body what takes place in it, in the ordinary course of digestion, by the action of the di-gestive fluids. Therefore when this is accomplished by artificial means nature spared so much energy.-Philadelphin Times.

THE PLANET URANUS.

Some Interesting Things a Voyage to the Gigantic World Would Disclose.

those little ones called asteroids, which are being discovered by the dozen every year, it could not have much claim upon popular attention. But Uranus is really a gigantic world, more than 60 times as large as ours. Its vast distance, now about 1,700,000,000 miles from the earth, is what causes it to look so small. Uranus, while Uranus goes, like all the The Dravidical temples of the south of over, the axis of that great, strange from the image of it in his mind. On places we have got a fair conception of from that of Elephanta. One could unbroken night, around the poles of weaken the capacity of forming mental Uranus. And the sun rises in the west pictures. and sets in the east there. But the sun Mr. Kirkpatrick of Winona, Minn. looks very small when viewed from an experimental psychologist, has made Uranus-only one four-hundredth as a series of observations on this phenomlarge as it appears to us. Still it sheds enon with the help of his classes. The upon that planet 1,500 times as much scholars were asked to write down just light as the full moon sends to the what came into their minds when cerand educated natives. We have looked earth, so that daylight upon Uranus, tain familiar words, such as "book," into the work of the missionaries and while faint compared with the blaze of "tree," "church," were called out, and

> to show us very little of the detail of jects corresponding to the words, and the surface of Uranus. Some faint bands | the rest formed indistinct images, with or belts, just visible with the most pow- a few exceptions, who seem to have inerful instruments, are all that can be dulged in philosophical abstractions. made out. If we could visit Uranus, we The word "book," for example, called should probably be greatly surprised, if up visions of a Bible, a dictionary, a not greatly disappointed. Its average novel, in all but a few scholars, who density is but a trifle in excess of that thought of "food for the mind" or "the of water, and of course its surface den- thoughts of some person." The word

> sity is far less. Uranus would probably sink almost as ry tree which George Washington cut rapidly as if he had leaped upon one down. The word "church" usually of those round white thunderclouds evoked a picture of some church in the which, piled high in air, look so solid vicinity, but some of the hearers thought and snowy cool on a July afternoon. He of a "religious organization." It is evcould no more walk on the surface of ident from his results that most people that world than he could walk on water. | are "visualizers" in thinking, while a

> the meaning of the slight density of cy to form distinct images was very Uranus is that that planet is still in a conspicuous among the female students, vaporous or liquid condition and ex- and in both sexes it reaches an abnorceedingly hot perhaps. If so, it may in mal development about the ages of 14 the course of future ages contract and and 15, or during the period of adolescondense and cool until it comes into a cence, which, it has been otherwise obcondition resembling the earth's. Will served, is also one of exceptional good vital forces then become active upon it health and rapid growth. The tendency and produce a long succession of living is further checked or fostered by the ocspecies, brightening its dim daylight cupations in life.-Cassell's Magazine. with the color of flowers and the ceaseless activity of animate existence? It is not likely that man will ever be able to answer that question, but who that which is known to the natives as the looks upon Uranus keeping step with clock winding snake. It derives its the earth to the music of the sun can name from a peculiar buzzing noise help asking it?-Garrett P. Serviss in which it makes that resembles the wind-New York Sun.

> > Jangling Plano Strings.

where I was once stopping in Nova ing a visit there several years ago I Scotia. A piano with a bad note was was attracted one morning by an unufixed by simply opening an inside shut- sual twittering of birds, and on looking ter of a bay window at the opposite side up saw about 20 sparrows on the top of a parlor from the piano. The latch of of a wall, all jumping about in an exone shutter was lightly resting against cited manner. the edge of another and caused the jangle when one particular note was struck. The lady player had previously declared presently I heard the peculiar buzzing that she would send for a tuner the next of the clock winding snake and in a day and laughed at my attempt to fix it minute perceived the reptile crawling by hunting about the room while she along the wall, making directly for the pounded. However, she did not conceal birds, which appeared to be fascinated her surprise when the trouble was re- and made no attempt to fly away. The moved and admitted that there was snake glided in among the birds, and something about this sound business that she did not quite understand.

much, and the people are taxed to the any degree of success the direction of up, and in a few minutes more flew perience with the first piano jangle, Globe-Democrat. that of the cracked globe, which was quite difficult. That of the window shutter was easier as well as many others which I have located since. A coradjunct in the case. -A. A. Knudson in Popular Science Monthly.

Birch Bark Shoes. shoes, baskets and other useful articles. The barks shoes are universally worn by the Russian peasantry. Other shoes used in winter are made of sheeps' wool. These are manufactured by itinerant cobblers who travel from house to house, nsing the peasants' own materials.-Philadelphia Ledger.

The Acme of Forensic Forec.

"And now, gentlemen of the jury," shouted the young lawyer, running his long fingers through his flowing locks, "now, gentlemen of the jury, I ask you as men and as citizens of this great and acter of my client is to be permitted to sion," by inserting the simple characsuffer from the words attered by thatby that-by that vermiform appendix who sits in the witness box with perjury

Used to It.

The prophets tell us that we shall all travel by airship one of these days, but the experience will not be a novel one of suicides was 872, in the following to those who have lived on heirships all year it was 903, and last year it reached 1.005.-London Times. their lives. - Newport News.

MENTAL IMAGES.

Material Pictures Contemporaneous With Thought Impressed Upon the Brain. If Uranus, which is a star of about

"A man conversing in earnest," says the sixth magnitude, were a planet like Emerson in his essay on "Nature," he watch his intellectual processes, will find that a material image, more or less luminous, arises in his mind contemporaneous with every thought, which furnishes the vestment of the thought."

This power of forming mental images appears to vary in strength among individuals to a considerable degree. Natu-Uranus has four moons, which revolve rally we should expect to find it powerbackward in their orbits-that is to say, ful in poets and artists. Charles Dickthey revolve from east to west around ens has himself told us that he actually "saw" his creations as he wrote, and M. other planets, from west to east around Taine mentions a painter who only lookthe sun. It is believed that Uranus ro- ed at an object while he sketched its tates backward on its axis also. More- outline and was able to fill in the colors globe lies in such a direction that in the other hand, there are people of equal the course of its year, which is equal to intelligence who, being unable to see 84 of our years, the sun shines almost such mental images themselves, have perpendicularly first upon one pole and doubted their existence, and Mr. Franthen upon the other. Measured by our cis Galton has shown that habits of abtime standard, there are 40 years of con- stract thought, such as men of science

very respectable kind of illumination.

It is a pity that the telescope is able dents formed distinct images of the ob-"tree" was represented by some kind of A voyager from the earth landing on tree, more especially the illustrious cher-It has generally been assumed that few are "nonvisualizers." The tenden-

The Clock Winding Snake.

In Persia there is a kind of snake ing of a clock. These snakes are perfectly harmless and frequently glide in and out of the houses, no attention be-Another case occurred in a house ing paid to them by the natives. Dur-

At first I was at a loss to understand the cause of such a commotion, but choosing one to his liking deliberately seized it in his mouth and swallowed In regard to locating these jangles, it. I picked up a stick, and after killhowever, I will say that it is not always | ing the snake cut him open and extractso easy. It requires some practice before ed the sparrow. After about 10 minthe ear becomes capable of locating with utes' exposure to the sun the bird got sounds of this kind. This was my ex- away apparently unhurt. - St. Louis

Hosebery's Foresight.

The foresight Lord Rosebery displayed in arranging his matrimonial plans rect musical ear is also an important is illustrated in the following aneodote: Shortly after he had returned from his continental tour he was one of a house party at Mentmore, a lordly pleasure house which Baron Meyer Rothschild Shoes and other articles besides bas- had built for himself in Buckinghamkets and cabinets are manufactured from shire. One evening, at dinner, the conbirch bark by the Russian peasantry. versation turned on the exquisite deco-The bark from which these articles are rations of the room. Lord Rosebery's made is from the inner skin of the Rus- observation to his next neighbor, by sian birch tree, common in almost all way of epilogue to the conversation, parts of the empire. It is gathered was, "Yes, this place would suit me exspring and fall, and the process is a very cellently." When, seven years later, he simple one. An incision is first made had married the daughter of the house Calcutta will solve them in the interest around the trunk of the tree, and the and was the owner of Mentmore, his peasants have a knack of tearing or un- friend, happening to meet him, remindwinding the bark from the starting ed him of this observation. Lord Rosepoint, which gives them a strip of even | bery replied with assumed gravity, but width that they wind into a ball and with a telltale twinkle in his eye, keep through the winter until it is dry "Well, of course you know that the unenough to use. It is then made into expected always happens."-San Francisco Argonaut.

A Philanthropist,

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inquired the editor " 'The Cause of Hard Times and How to Cure Them,'" replied the gifted orator, "and as the object of the lecture is in its very nature purely philanthropic I will ask you to be generous in the matter of free notices. By the way," he added hurriedly, "I forgot to fill a blank in this advertisement. I will attend to it now."

And he took the copy and filled the blank after the words, "Price of admisters, "\$1."-Chicago Tribune.

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A SAD STATE OF SOCIETY.

Count Tolstol Thinks That Things Are Box ter In America Than Elsewhere. In the London Standard is given an admirable account of an interesting interview which a Russian journalist has

had with Count Leo Tolstoi. The journalist had beforehand apprised the count of his intention and stated that the theme of conversation he wished to start would be "the vicious tendency of society," or briefly, "inbred sin," and the count consented to give his ideas on the subject as follows: "Suppose for a moment," said he, "that six tigers had been brought in a solid iron cage to some menagerie in the government of Tula. Go on to suppose that the beasts had broken loose and spread over the plains and forests, attacking the inhabitants. Naturally, if these six tigers were killed or caught and shut up again in their cages, the mischief would be at an end. Some people seem to think that the case of vicious men is similar, in which they are altogether mistaken. Vitiated human beings are not tigers in Tula, but wolves

terminate. "You propose, then, count"-"I declare that if I find that in my own house fleas are breeding it would be strange for me to try and catch these insects one by one. A much simpler way is to clean out all the dust and dirt from the house, and the fleas will

-wolves which regularly breed there

and have done so for generations, and

which it is absolutely impossible to ex-

disappear of themselves." "And what have you to say, count, of the rapid development of 'the vicious tendency' which is to be observed now even in the most cultivated society?"

"It is due to the absence of good sense and of love. I consider the cultured society of today, as you call it, as some-thing abnormal. Common sense has lost its footing there, and, as for love, it is conspicuous by its absence. It is very sad. 'Inbred sin' (zlaya volia) leads to grewsome consequences, especially because it is never possible to define the form in which it is likely to manifest itself or the victims predestined for it. If a dying horse in the street lashes out in spasms, any passerby may fall under his hoof."

"You say a 'dying horse?" " "A 'dying' or raging or bolting, it is all the same. I mean an 'abnormal' animal, just in the same condition as an abnormal man-of vicious tenden-

"And which nation do you consider the most abnormal at the present time -Americans, French, English, Ger-

"At any rate, not Americans! To their credit must be put an immense national self love which cannot exist in an abnormal people. I one day wrote an article on America and the Americans, in which I did not particularly overload the latter with flattery. Nevertheless 1 sent the MSS, over the ocean, thinking it would be accepted by any paper as eagerly as my other productions. Not a bit of it. The translator took it to 14 different editors without it getting accepted and finally it had to be sent to

England." "If not America, count, then?" "Why, France! Can anybody consider France as normal where such things as 'Panama' occur, where men occupy ing high positions in society are ready to commit any crime for gold? Is that a normal state? A thousand times no!"

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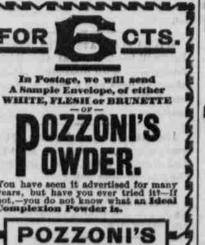
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