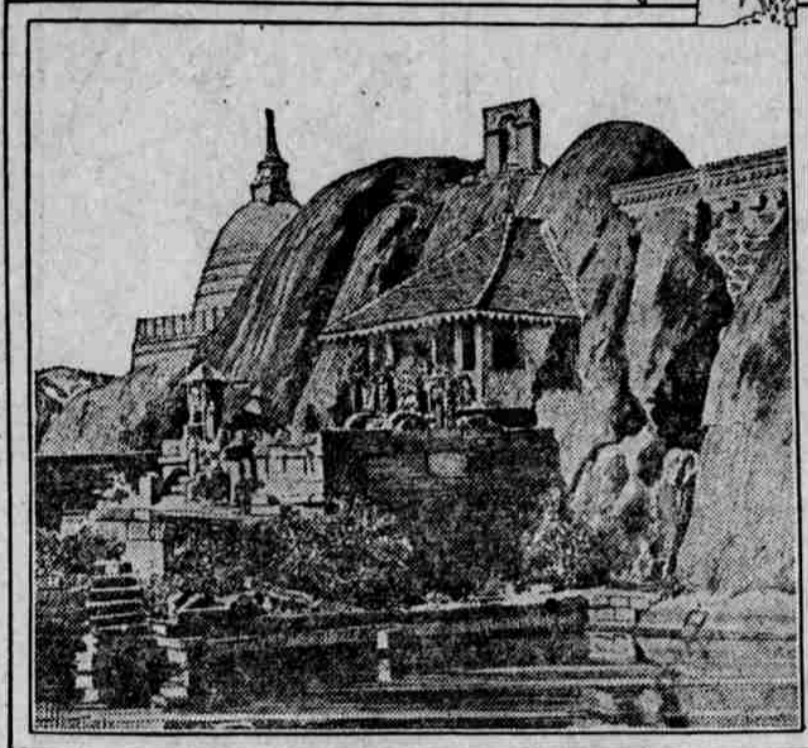


# HIGHLANDS OF CEYLON



OLDEST ROCK TEMPLE IN CEYLON

In order to get an idea of the scenery of Ceylon the traveler must go to Kandy or, still higher up the mountains, to Nuwara Eliya. At Colombo he can take his place in a comfortable first-class carriage with a dining car attached and from his window he will see the land where every prospect pleases and only man, as the hymn writer says, is vile. But as you watch the crowd of natives on the platform of Colombo station, the men and women in their bright attire, picturesque and happy, are, indeed, as pleasing to the eye as the fairy-like land that they inhabit. No railway station in America ever presents a scene more brilliant in coloring or more animated. The natives, according to their custom, have been waiting for hours for the train; at the moment of departure they crowd into the third-class carriages, hurrying as if they suspected an intention to leave them behind, feverishly excited, calling to one another at the top of their voices.

The train plunges at once into beautiful scenery—into a world of amazing greenery. A rice field among other verdure is an emerald among all green stones. And for thirty or forty miles it is through rice fields surrounded by coconut palms that the train passes.

As Colombo is left behind, however, the traveler first looks out on gardens of cinnamon and fields of grass. Then the broad Kelani river comes in sight. From the forest of palms, grassy slopes come down to the edge of the water. Floating down the stream are native barges—two canoes joined together by a sort of raft and covered over. Kingfishers flash over the river and hover among the scented white blossoms of the mangoes. On the green pools float pink and white lilies; a red flamingo rises from among them and spreads its broad wings against the blue sky. Buffaloes stand, up to their necks, in the mud of the swamps.

Every minute the scenery becomes more beautiful. There are high ridges covered with palm trees and between the ridges valleys of rice fields. You see sowing and reaping going on at the same time. Up to their ankles in water the natives, bare-legged, walk behind the patient buffaloes, yoked to their primitive plows. Here a group of men are mending the little banks of the terraced fields; there women with sickles are cutting the ripened crop; in a little stream some boys are bathing, holding to the branches of the mangrove trees.

## Scenes Almost Unreal.

The reflection of the palm trees in the water, the shadow of the clouds chasing the sunlight across the submerged fields and the bright costumes of the natives combine to form a picture so lovely that it seems almost unreal to western eyes. The train passes a tea garden shaded with rubber trees. Women with bright shawls over their heads and huge baskets on their backs, with shoulders and arms bare, are working among the gleaming shrubs that come up to their waists. The train crosses the main street of a native village; on both sides is a jungle of coconut palms. In little clearings among the trees are the huts of the Cinghalese—small white houses, with brown tiled roofs and broad verandas. It has rained during the night; now the sun is shining on glowing red soil and glistening leaves and grass; birds are singing; the golden oriole and the brilliant parrotquet dart through the palms, beautiful butterflies hang over the trees, as if with crimson blossom.

The train enters a thick forest, all the more tropical in appearance because of the vast creepers that coil round the tree trunks and wave in

the breeze in snakelike festoons. On the banks of a stream in the forest a crocodile basks in the sun; a lizard four feet long creeps into the undergrowth.

The railway reaches rocky foothills; the undergrowth is very dense. Trees cover the hillsides which rise to green pyramids against the sky. Here and there are cultivated clearings—banana and rubber and tea plantations—high above the level of the train. There are rice fields terraced on the slopes like the vineyards of Italy.

The train stops at a station. Near by are bullock carts loaded with bunches of bananas; natives on the platforms offer bananas for sale and oranges which are ripe though bright green.

Soon mountain peaks appear. You see them through a waving mass of palms, coconuts, arecanuts and tall-pots in flower. As we ascend the hills we look down on a valley filled with rice fields. Hundreds of terraces filled with water gleam like irregular silver steps leading up the mountainsides. A vast green world spreads before us, shut in by lofty ranges.

Where the red soil appears on the slopes are tea gardens, cocoa and coffee plantations. Gray rocks jut out amidst the waving jungle grass. The scene grows wilder. A crenellated summit standing out against a vast white cloud looks like a ruined castle. Some half-naked men grouped in front of a hut thatched with palm leaves, their long hair hanging over their shoulders, have a wild and almost terrifying appearance.

Alagala peak, 3,300 feet high, comes into view; it was from this precipitous summit that the last king of Kandy hurled the prisoners taken in battle.

Through the broad leaves of the wild banana you see the mountain carriage road passing through a sort of cave or hole cut in a spur of the mountain-side. A native tradition was that the Kandyan country would be conquered by invaders who came through a rock.

**Tunnel Through Rock.** and when the road was built for military purposes this rock was purposely tunneled that the natives might be awed by the fulfillment of the prophecy.

Along the banks of rock-strewn mountain rivers, along hillsides covered with jungle, through cacao and rubber plantations the train comes to Kandy, the popular hill resort of the merchants in Colombo and of the low-country planters.

Here we are 1,600 feet above the sea; Nuwara Eliya is nearly 5,000 feet higher still up the mountains.

As the train ascends we find ourselves passing through a region devoted to tea gardens. It is the very center of the industry. We have left behind us the tropical scenery. From the carriage window we no longer see palms or bamboos or the brilliant green of the rice fields. The views grow more and more enchanting. There is a glimpse of the distant Indian ocean, a vision of Adam's peak, the famous mountain of pilgrimage. A waterfall dashes down the mountain-side up which we crawl in amazing curves. Through a forest the train comes to Nuwara Eliya, the chief pleasure resort of Ceylon. It is in the midst of a vast plateau of jungle grass. These highland plains, which are often covered with rhododendron trees and with wild flowers, are called in Ceylon patanas. They form a striking feature of the highland scenery and the traveler arriving at Nuwara Eliya and looking across the rolling grass country to the encircling hills, covered with drifting mist, might well suppose himself to be standing on a Scottish moor.

## Unsatisfying Menu.

The young girls who work in the Paris shops have 50 centimes to spend for their midday meal, and when a charitable society inquired as to how the money was being spent, the following list was found to embody the average: Fried potatoes or sausage, 10 centimes; bread, 10 centimes; bonbons, 10 centimes; violets or other flowers, 20 centimes. The society no longer had any cause to wonder why the girls were undersized and ill-nourished.

## Your Hands Experienced?

A wide girdle at the waist is the latest fad, so that the top of the skirt will coincide with the bottom, and only an experienced hand will be able to tell which is the belt line and which is the hem.

## Positions for the Fair Sex.

Several bank presidents in the smaller towns are women, as well as clerks, tellers and cashiers. Government experts frequently are among the fair sex, whose deftness of touch makes their fingers especially efficacious for such work as that of the dead letter office.

## Pettit's Eye Salve RELIEVES TIRED EYES

### All the Qualifications.

Among a large number of amusing letters received by David Belasco was the following: "Venerated Sir—Wishing to go on the stage, would like to join your forces. Have been a brick-layer for five years, but having failed in this branch, have decided to take up acting, the same being easier work. I am not young, but six feet in my stocking feet. Have studied elocution and am fond of late hours."—Everybody's Magazine.

### Rare Property Auction.

In willing the residue of his estate to his brother, the late R. W. Peebles, solicitor, of Dublin, expressed thanks for the undying brotherly love which had existed between them, and regretted that he had not always followed his brother's advice.

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### National Characteristic.

A national characteristic of the French people is their habit of family exclusiveness. It is very rarely that a family divides for a holiday. For one thing, middle-class people in France do not pay visits except to members of their own family, and for another, a French mother likes to keep her children under her own eyes as much as possible, both before and after marriage.

### Teeth for Circular Saw.

Every other tooth in a new circular saw for cutting tool steel is a trifle longer than its neighbor, the long teeth making the center of the cut and the short ones, which are thicker, gouging out the sides.

### Difficult Lesson.

Motormaniac—"What do you think is the most difficult thing for a beginner to learn about an automobile?" Frankenstein—"To keep from talking about it all the time."—Toledo Blade.

Don't buy water for bluing. Liquid blue is almost all water. Buy Red Cross Ball blue, the blue that's all blue.

### Make Use of Scorched Timber.

The great forest fires which unfortunately occur almost every autumn leave vast quantities of "fire killed timber." This is now being used extensively for many purposes, being preferred in some cases to green timber. Fruit growers, for instance, are said to prefer it for packing boxes because it is almost odorless and does not impart an unnatural flavor to the fruit. Telephone poles and railway ties are also made to advantage from fire killed timber.

### Goodness, No.

First Week-End Guest—"Would you ask our hostess to lend us the motor?" Second Week-End Guest—"Good heavens, no. I'd as soon think of asking her for a piece of string!"—Life.

### Naturally.

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## He and Another Man.

A woman who owns a little brown rowboat, which when not in use is tied in a sheltered Cape Ann cove, responded to a knock at her cottage door the other day to find a very diminutive boy standing on the threshold. "Please, ma'am," lisped he, "can me an' another man have the loan of the brown skiff to go a-cod fishin'?"

## Silk Umbrellas.

Umbrellas when not in use should be left open. Never put away while damp, and do not allow them to stand in a dusty place, as this rots the silk more than any other cause. When a small hole or cut appears in a silk umbrella it may be mended with a piece of black court plaster or mending tissue.



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