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To E. A.

DEAR E.,—Some of these "leaves from a sketch-book" may recall to you scenes we saw together; the others, many of them roughly noted at odd moments snatched from the tedium of railway journeys, will, I hope, give you some impression of the things that struck me as curious during a hurried visit to the Shining East—a visit just long enough to get accustomed to using a tin mug instead of a sponge, to partially overcome an aversion to jam in Aspinall’s Enamel tins, and to acquire a liking for cheroots at Rs. 2-4. Perhaps, to those who have not been in India, some of the sketches may seem to lack explanation, but, as you know, there are many things unfamiliar to English eyes that one would wish explained, and but few who can tell you the why or wherefore; so, in these cases, I can but say, “This is what I saw, would that I could tell you more.”

L. R.-H.

April, 1903.
The Third Officer regards Gil with things of indifference.

The Groom of "The Rock" and sixty come abroad.
a tight lead

a Git, beauty
Polo said at 4 am in December is not hot but he takes every precaution against the sunstroke.

Sketches of Port Said.
Between 7 and 8 am is the time to see what means can achieve in the way of costume on board ship.
Early morning exercises
Keeping up his posture
Lord Kitchener's baggage comes aboard Suez canal Nov 18 1903

LESTER HILL
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A thing of beauty at the club, Aden.
Sudanese

Arab

Aden Types

Somali

hair bleached yellow

Oriental
When the Anglo-Indians return to their Indian home, its head man in his tunic and turban, welcome him by hanging wreaths of flowers on his head, and present him with stuffed bagnets glittering with silver thread. Being for the time being "one of the family," I was included in the welcome as the Apollo Bounder, but not having been warned, I felt my costume and general appearance was unworthy of the historic event.
The ghari wallah
a cab driver Bombay
His favourite attitude when waiting
in a fare
Plague pox

Plague had occurred here on 31st May 1902.
One of the first things that strike you in Bombay are the vultures on the dead palm trees near the towers of the city. When theسانGHAIRS appear their heads to be devoured by the birds.
Bas-relief of Shiva. Care of Skethantu—
A stolid Tommy regarded it for some time
in silence, then remarked: "Toots likes
good old Marie Lloyd."
Tommy in India,
Having consumed vast quantities of beer
at the club bungalows after seeing the Cames
the Tommies proceeded to swing it off
under a tropical sun.
Faraj al-Arab: Some Life
A Study of the Arab
Stables Bombay
ayah and chaptaasi

CRANE HILL
The Indian Bathroom: A sponge would be too convenient a lurking place for scorpions so a tin cup fits its place.
The native usually makes a small pile of rice in his pipe with his hands and after drawing a few whiffs hands it to his neighbour.
My first glimpse of the Indian monkey watching the train pass by

in Ahmedabad
Sinhalese Guard
Bombay, Baroda and Central Indian Railway.
"Kim"

A small station passed on the way from Bombay to Delhi, to complete the picture, a Ceylon maid might have been Kim himself, squatting under the name board.
Next to the ubiquitous kerosene tin, which is everywhere and becomes everything, the whisky bottle seems to appeal to the native. At least, he is always to he seen as alone whenever he travels.
The bazaar shops are little more than a square hole with shutters, sometimes no larger than a cupboard. Here an old woman will sit her stock in trade, often consisting of a few plantains (bananas).

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AJMER
During the cold weather his natural delight is to wrap his head in a cloth of the clarest colours, usually magenta and smaragd green.

Head of Gujerat bullock. They are often painted green.

Beyond the fact that the first English factory was erected there Sural is chiefly remarkable for long bullocks and corpulent Boraks.
Street Studies

The Palace Hall
Some of the retinue of an Thakor Sahib
a minor chief
sheltered at
Melisana Junction

L.H.
To the English Visitor: The spectacle of the
Guild Hinduoo sight seeing was
a never-failing source of joy.
Punjabi
Police man

LRH
The Maharajah of Jodhpore
Tulip Ground
Delhi Durbar
Modern India

TheEveryday
Costumeof

a

native

gentleman

"LEAVEN-HILL"

DELTIN
One of the Thirteenth
lancers carried
a bow and arrows, an axe,
two swords, a shield,
knife, and dagger.
Naga
Swordsman of Kotah
Their bodies are painted yellow
Muhammad Khan
Killedar
(Bearer of the Fost)
82 years old
Patiala Camp
Delhi
A Scene before the Review of the Native Retainers

Native Retainer from Rewar
Pink and green with trappings
Silver set on horse's neck
Saddle hung with metal tassels
Akali Sahib

Fanciful Priest

Head dress covered with various branches and steel gradets.

Shirt of chain armor with breast plate.

Patiala Camp.

Raven Hill

(Delhi)
The cantharel have felted with wax or india ink.  To the right:

Elephant colored blue with design in thumbs in yellow paint + vermilion.

LEAVING 11/11 Delhi.
The kettle drums
of the Datia
Slate
LRT / Delhi
The Kashmiri Giant

Eminent war correspondent
endeavouring
to sketch him.
Peshawar carpet-seller

L. Rake P. Hill

Delhi
"an' I seed her first a-smokin' o' a shocking white cheroot."

LEAVEN III III
Missouri Camp
Many of the native titles are curious. This gentleman's official designation is Emperor of the Near East of Janagar. (Sketch by RE, Delhi, Oct. 17.)

The Dome of Jama Masjid, Delhi.
Stereosmiths Shop, Chandni Chowk, Delhi
like a few reception rooms among one of the temples. Don't describe it only
an ordinary display, being a plain one with a few bangles
and miscellaneous trinkets.
Marriage Procession, Jaisalmer
The horses are ornamented with silver ornaments and the saddles are hung with yak's tails.

L. Ravenhill
Going to the Festival, Jaipur. The little girl had a black silk shawl and yellow skirt, and her father a light green jupore, plain-coloured quilted coat and scarlet wrap.
The State Mahaut
Jaipur
The Nautch is about to come to an end. It was a form of entertainment unsurpassed by the usual kind of thing seen by the Indian householder.
Types of Devotees on the Banks of the Ganges

The priests sit under the date umbrellas.

Benares

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Mud Idol on the banks of the Ganges, Benares

Women with weak children pray to these idols to make them strong.
Fakir
Benares
This man had held his arm in this position until it could not be moved.
Guide Agra Fort
Craven Hall

His appearance was the one good thing about him. The pukkaas were very noble.
A Fakir at his toilet. He had erected a rude alcove close to a ford on the Jumna, and after smearing himself over with ashes, painted in his caste mark, with the aid of a small coothing glass.

LEVENHAM. 
AGRA.
The "Raja of chutney-pore"
Khilmagar
at Lomies Hotel
Agra

[Signature]
Room in cellar of Residency
where Jessie Brown heard the pipes
of the relieving Force.
Leverhill

Hole in hall of Residency, made by Shell that wounded Sir Henry Lawrence July 2, 1857.
A Little Game of Cricket at Lucknow.
"Mail day" in the Great day of the week.
Mohammedan
This man was an awful fraud & did nothing but adjust his shawl.

Surti
My own boy

Madrasai

Goanese

Types of "Boys"
Raven-Hill
Up country notes:
Soda water is usually to be found cooling on the standy side of the verandah in baskets covered with holiday cloths.
Street Studies

Rowins
"purdah" or screened from the eyes of men
Madras Ayah

L. Raven Hill
A Common type in rural India.
Maharatta Brahmin.
The mark on the forehead shows his caste.
Decoration on walls at Meharpur usually an elephant on either side of doorway, often 10 feet in height.
Bridegroom, age 14.
The plume in his turban is silver, and the turban itself typical of the Mevares, the inhabitants of Rajputana.

Signature of the boy. Sorry I don't know what it means.
station and station master in native style
Lunter Hill

Lanisa. Shopkeeper and clerk.
Making up accounts.
The ruined city of Chitor near Udaipur looks from a distance like a huge battle ship, ploughing its way through the plains above which it rises about 300 ft. The length of the city in 3 miles. The celebrated Gaurishankar is near the town in the centre of the hill.
The Gauimukh: a Cow's mouth
Sacred well, Chitra
The poet is crowned with green silence.

The Cow's mouth is in the shrine by the dead tree on the right.
The shrine
of the Gauamuleh,
showing the "Cows Mouth" with
water issuing therefrom.
P. O. Reeadius
Lascar, Punjake, and Sceene Boys

C Raven
as Egypt
Puttees do not suit the French soldier.

Laventille

Marseilles
The latter returning
on leave-catches sight-
His native shores
SS Oriental.