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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.
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London and Tonbridge.
Sailed 30th June

to England on

s.s. Eagle
The Third Officer regards Gils with the eye of a lover.

The Governor of the "Rock" and staff come aboard.
a light load

a Git. beauty
Pot said at 4 am in December is not hot but Baba takes every precaution against sunstroke.

Sketches at Port Said.
Between yard & am I was the time to see what bloom can achieve in the way of costume on board ship.

[Signature]

5th Nov 1921
Zanzibar Storer

[Ravenhill]

[SS Egypt]
A thing of beauty at the Club, Aden.
Aden Types

Somali

hair turned yellow

Sudanese

Arab

SS Oriental
I land in India.

When an Anglo-Indian returns to his Indian home, the head men in his consequence welcome him by hanging garlands of flowers on his neck, and spread him with smith bouquets glittering with silver thread. "Being for the time being one of the family," I was included in this welcome on the Apollo Bunder, but not having been warned, I felt my costume and mental appearance was unworthy of the historic event.
The gharrin wallah
a cab driver
Bombay
His favourite attitude when waiting
for a fare
Plaque marks on houses in Bombay showing that a case of Plague had occurred here on 8th and 9th of 1902.
One of the first things that strike you in Bombay are the vultures on the dead palm trees near the Tower of Silence, where the Parsis deposit their dead. The vultures are then devoured by the birds.
A stolid Tommy regarded it for some time in silence, then remarked, "Looks like good old Marie Lloyd."
Tommy in India
Having consumed vast quantities of beer at the date bungalows after seeing the Cames the Tommies proceeded to swing it off under a tropical sun.
Exercising racing horses on Bombay race course

Australian Jockey

Arab horse dealer
Faraj al-Isa: Small lips
A study in the local Slattes Bombay
The children's party so round
Luisa Gómez Bowery
ayah and chaupassi
The Indian Bathroom. A sponge would be too convenient a lurking place for scorpions so a tin cup sits on its place.
all times of the day natives
may be seen spitting out a stone
and with two fingers
lift water from the small
water pot a lotah held
in the left hand of the
man he shown

The native usually
makes a mouth piece
for his pipe with his hands
and after drawing a
free coffee hands to
pipe to his neighbour

Raven Hill
My first glimpse of the Indian monkey watching the train go by.

L.H.T.

Ahmedabad
Safeguard
Bombay Harbor and Central Indian Railway
"Kim"

A small station passed on the way from Bombay to Delhi, to complete the picture a boy might have been Kim himself squatting under the name board.
Next to the empty kerosene tin which is everywhere and becomes everything, the whisky bottle seems to appeal to the native mind. Least of all does he see as alone wherever he travels.
The Bazaar shops is little more than a square hole with shutters, sometimes not larger than a cupboard. There an old woman will sit her stock in trade, often consisting of a few plantains (bananas).

LAZENBY HILL
AJMERE
During the cold weather the natives delight in to wrap his head in a coif of the clarest colours, usually magenta and smewed green.

Beyond the fact that the first English factory was erected there Surat is chiefly remarkable for tiny bullockes and corpulent Brahms.
I don't know that this man was I never saw another with a similar head-dress or beard trimmed in the same fashion.

The turban was scarlet and gold, the winter jacket with yellow and green flowers, the shoes bright green with gold sequins.

CRAVEN HILL

Mehsana
June.
To the English visitor, the spectacle of the
Ghilf Hinduoo sight seeing was
a never faltiring source of joy.
Punjabi
Policeman
The official photographer & The Official photographer & The
Oxton, an announce to join in
advertisements of the Final of the
International Polo Cup
Todhure & Alwars
He was clad in
samine yellow

British Museum
Deli 1908
The Maharajah of Jodhpore

drawn by

Dilip Doshi

[Signature]
Odd Costumes at the Dunbar
a sketch on the Polo Ground
Modern India
The Every Day Costume of a Native Gentleman
One of the Thinda
warriors carried
Bow and arrows, axe
two swords, shield
Knife and dagger
Naga
Swordsmen of Kotah.
Their bodies are painted yellow.
Muhammad Khan
Kullahar
(Holder of the Fort)
82 years old
Patiala Camps
Delhi
Native Retainer from Rewa.
Pink and green with trappings. Silver met on horse's neck.
Saddle hung with gales tuckas.
Akali Sikh
Formal Head Wear
Hooded turban with
various hangings and steel
accessories.
Shield of chain armor
wth flared metal
Patiala Camp

Raven Hill
Delhi
The camels have been fitted with noses on the same model.

Colored design on Elephant.

Te top panel being drawn so that the elephant's eye becomes the eye of the drawing.

Elephant colored blue, with design in trunks in yellow, green, and vermillion.

LEAVE Hill Delhi
The kettle drums of the Oatia Slate.

Delhi
The Cashmere Giant

Eminent war correspondent
endeavouring to sketch him
Manipur Polo player. The ponies are decorated like red and white camels. The Manipuris claim to be the originators of Polo.
"an' I seed 'er first a smokin' a whacking white cheroot."

[Signature: Annabel Cam}
The "Lord" sketch at the
Review Delhi
1947
Many of the native titles are curious. This gentleman: Official designation hearing The Jain of Jainagar Reviews.
Private, 1st Italian Regt. Afridi.
a little trouble with the barrel
Schmooth the Shof, Chandni Chowk, Delhi with its four receptacles, for one of the teetotal democracies. Its only customer displays, being a fan once with a few bangles and (unknown) furnishings.
Marriage Procession
Jaisalmer

The horses are adorned with silver ornaments and the saddles are hung with yaks' 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 Persian flannel quilted coat and scarlet turban.
The State Maharaj
Jaipur
Mawari Nautch Girl

The distinguishing feature of the Rajasthan women is its full skirt.
The Nautch is about the dulllest form of entertainment imaginable. The above represents the usual kind of thing seen by the Indian householder.
Types of Devotees on the Banks of the Ganges

The priests sit under the chief umbrellas.

Benares
A fakir and his disciple

Benares
Fakir of Benares

This man had held his arm in this position until it could not be moved.
His appearance was the only good thing about him. The puttees were very mobile.
A Fakir at his toilet. He had stuck a mullah alom close to a fire, row the Jumma, and after smearing himself over with ashes, painted his caste marks with the aid of a small hollowing glass.

VLADOV

AGRA
The "Rajah of Chutney Pore"
Khilmagar
at Laurie's Hotel.
Agra.
Room in cellar of Residency where Jessie Brown heard the pipes of the relieving force.
Hole in wall of Residency made by Shell that wounded Sir Henry Lawrence
July 2, 1857
A Little Game
& Cricket at
Lucknow

at the long field
"Mail-day" is the great day of the week.

CRANFORD.
Borah
Mohammedan Trader

Kalhiwar
Shikari

Mohammedan
servant

Lavana
Country merchant
Ahmedabad

Jalawar
Turban Gujerat

Jaipur type
Jaw bound against dust

Lucknow
Trader

Udaipur
Rajput

LRaven Hill
Mohammedan
This man was an awful fraud and did nothing but adjust his shawl.

Sutti
My own boy

Madrasai

Goanese

Tycoo of "Boys"
L. Ravenhill
Up country notes.
Soda water is frequently to be found cooling on the shady side of the verandah in baskets covered with a cloth.
Woman
"purdah" or screened
from the eyes of men.

Sheet Studies
L. Ravenhill
A common type in Western India.
Maharatta Brahmin.
The mark on the forehead shows his caste.
Decoration on sides of a temple usually an elephant on either side of a doorway, often 16 feet high.
Bridegroom, age 14.
The plume on the turban is silver, and the turban itself typical of the Mewaris, the inhabitants of Rajputana.

Signature of the boy. Sorry I don't know what it means.
stallion and stallion master in native state
Enna. Shopkeeper and clerk.
Making up accounts.
The ruined city of Chitor near Udaipur, viewed from a distance, looks like a huge battle ship ploughing its way through the plain, above which it rises about 300 ft. The length of the city is 3 miles. The celebrated Gomukh, is near the temple in the centre of the hill.
The Gaumukh
a Cow's mouth
Sacred well cluster
The pool is covered with green slime
May 5th, 1931

The Cow's mouth is in the shrine by the dead tree on the right.
The Shrine of the Gauri Murti showing the "Cows Mouth" with water issuing forth from.

Ravenhill
Chlor
Pto O. Beuties
Lascars Punjahi
and Seadie Boys

CRAVEN 111
as Egypt.-
The Ship's Bell

[Signature]
Puttees do not suit the French
Soldier. L. Ravenhill
Marseilles
The Subaltern—returning on leave catches sight of his native shores.

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