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The Parsee in His Home—A Study of the Zoroastrian Theory of Religion—A Long Survival—Towers Which Have Stood Two Hundred Years.

They looked so human with their gentle eyes, so like other people, whether they talked Guzerati or English, whether one saw them in the market place or at a meet, that it was difficult to believe this horror of them.

So we arranged to see the towers of Silence on Malabar hill, whither the Parsee living here had been bidden to go.

Louis went up to one of them with inquisitiveness and showed him our passes. He shook his head and said something in his own tongue.

The old Parsee was not long in reappearing, tall red cap and gown, and girle and all. In his hand he carried a large key, with which he beckoned to us to follow him.

By ORDER OF ZOROASTER, They first arose 3,000 years ago by command of Zoroaster, as you doubtless know, that the elements, said Zoroaster, are sacred symbols of the deity.

We saw a model of the structures shown in the garden, and understood it with the help of the hotel hand book. They are built of solid black granite, and covered with white cheenam.

In compensation the work is highly paid. They carry the body, swathed in a sheet, to its receptacle, and lay it there without any clothing whatever.

the corpse bears go away, and the val-

tures come, and in ten minutes there is a clean picked skeleton where they left what had been a man or woman the day before.

Much interest is being awakened by a portrait of Burns now on view in Princes street. The picture has been quite recently discovered, and though the final word has yet to be spoken by the experts there is every reason to suppose that the portrait is by Sir Henry Raeburn.

There is much individuality about the treatment of the figure and face, and it is curiously different from Nasmyth's portrait, but as the latter picture was done as an order from the publisher for a frontispiece to the poems, it may be supposed that the face was somewhat idealized.

In this portrait the eyes are full of fire and the eyebrows (generally a marked feature in people of the artistic temperament) are broadly defined and have a stamp of marked individuality.

Monkeys as Crab Catchers, The way in which monkeys catch land crabs is described by a sportsman who made an expedition to the jungles around Singapore, and there enjoyed sport which gives the contemporary records of his own experiences pale into insignificance.

Reporting David Talk, "Speaking of rapid talkers makes me think of the time I was sent to report a case by Henry Ward Beecher," said the mayor's private secretary, Tom Neill, at the Press club the other day.

At the Government House, The lawn of Government house stretches away from the open doors and windows to the shade of graceful trees.

Mrs. Stockbridge, of Michigan, likes a good horse. She knows one, too, and can judge of an animal's points as keenly as a Kentuckian.

HAPPIEST OF MANY ISLES.

LIFE ON THE SUGAR CANE ISLAND OF BARBADOES.

Density of the Population—A Healthy Physical Condition—Englishmen Who Meet There—Hospitality and General Good Nature of the People.

The Barbadian, from a variety of causes, political principally, has developed a commercial activity greater than has so far appeared possible in the other of these islands. His island has become the distributing point of the region, and has, in consequence, attracted and held together a population large, proportionately, than any of the other islands.

Barbados has only 106,000 acres on which to support a population of nearly 172,000, giving only one square mile of elbow room to each 1,000 inhabitants—a state of density that should reassure the most pessimistic Chinaman of Malthusian disposition.

It is the one island of the West Indies that has the appearance of belonging to England; not only by the presence of British men-of-war in the roadstead and British soldiers about the streets of Bridgetown, but from the fact that the English people here control local affairs, take a pride in identifying themselves with the colony, and by their geographical position at the center of the best English social life in this quarter of the globe.

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To do all this the government allows \$3,000 a year for entertainment alone, \$15,000 a year as salary besides his residence, handsomely furnished, representing for this little island about double what is furnished to the United States minister to England.

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toeing. The black chief justice of the island was away on official duties, much to my regret. Officially he holds a most exalted post and receives the highest honors; socially he cannot enter the dining room of the meanest white trader.

A Man with a Lariat, A man was found nearly buried in the sand near San Francisco. Two deputy coroners could not pull him out. A horseman was sighted. This is what happened: He rode up to them, and when the situation was explained calmly alighted, untied a long lariat which was coiled at the back of his saddle, and without a word began to make one end of it fast about the upper portion of the dead man's body.

"What's the matter with that?" "What are you going to do next?" asked the deputy coroner. "I'm going to pull him out."

"Well, you might as well give up that idea," returned the deputy. "It would take half a dozen men like us to move that man."

As he said this he pointed to his steed, which had hitherto stood motionless, watching the movements of his master with evident interest.

A Funeral from the Tenements, From every window in the giant tenements human heads are thrust, in every doorway is a group of women, and clustered on every hand are little knots of children, on whose peaked faces is stamped the desire to lose no portion of what is going on.

There is a clatter of heavy footsteps on the stairs, and a rosewood casket comes bumping down on the shoulders of six struggling men. It is rolled into the hearse, which moves slowly away, and the first coach takes its place.

Are ye goin' to ride up there, Dinny? "Of course," was the reply; "ain't it my fadder's funeral?" And the somber procession moved slowly away.—New York Sun.

Safety Pilot for Railway Trains, An apparatus which promises to materially lessen the danger to human life in case of collision on railways has just appeared. It consists of a collapsible buffer, which, attached to and propelled in front of a train, will receive the force of the shock and permit the train to be brought to a standstill without being injured or derailed.

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