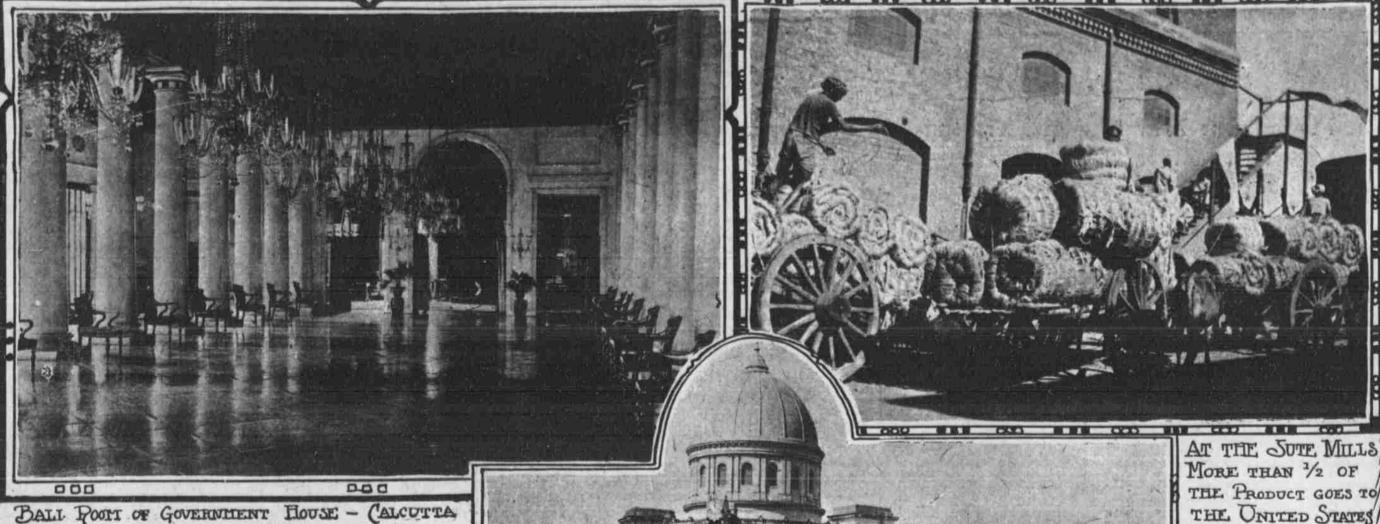
Queer Features of Calcutta, Gateway of India; City of Palace and Hovel



BALL POOT OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE - CALCUTTA

watered its deserts with irrigating canals, lowered its taxes and made two blades of grass grow where one grew before. They have brought order out of chaos and peace of Calcutta. It is a city of palaces, with

men out of those who, when they took hold of the country a few generations ago, were but little better than beasts. They have given them schools and stirred them up to think and plan for themselves, and now the Indians are ready to bite the hands that have helped them. This is one phase of the great unrest which I have come to

The World of India.

Do you know what India is? The country appals me, it is so big, so varied, and, withal, so strange. If you could lift Hindustan up and lay it upon North America, with one end at Seattle, it would reach as far east as Montreal and its lower apex would be wedged into the Panama canal.

space of tweive months.

The People Swarm.

farming localities where there are more man in the car? than one man to the acre.

villages than there are people in Boston, Baltimore or St. Louis, and it has cities hovel to the mansions on the Maiden and of large size the names of which we hardly the big government buildings of the British know. The greater Calcutta, including the officials. The mansion where Lord Minto suburbs and nearby towns, is as large as holds forth is of about the same age as the greater Chicago. Bombay is bigger than White House at Washington. It is far Boston, and Madras equals Cleveland in more magnificent and its surroundings have size. The population is rapidly growing ten times the style. West of it is the town It has increased 60,000,000 within the ist hall, a Dorle building which was finished thirty years, and is now 300,000,000 all told. up of one race of the same color and features, with the same language, religion and customs. It is composed of a score of nationalities and of so many religions and American Indians, others which resemble Chinese, scattering places where the people the following: have blue eyes and brown hair, and many localities where their skins are as black as a negro's. There are more races in Hindustan than on the continent of Europe, and as to tongues there are something like Fort 700 different dialects, and languages are spoken by millions which are not understood by the others.

A Lund of Many Gods.

As to religious, India has more strange gods than any continent upon earth. There is no place where the faith of the people so varies and none where man's belief means more to himself and his family, The religions are so strange that a book as big as a \$i Bible might be written about them and not tell it all. India has 200,000,000 Hindoos divided up into castes, many of which number millions. It has more Mohammedans than the sultan of Turkey has

subjects, and about 9,000,000 Buddhists. In addition to this there are several miltion Sikhs, more than 1,000,000 Jains and in the neighborhood of 100,000 Parsees, who believe in the faith of Zoroaster worshiping fire. There are among the aborigines of backwoods nature worshipers known as Anhnists, to the number of 8,000,000 and more. They believe in spirits and witchcraft and offer bloody sacrifices to their devil-like gods. There are also 18,000 Jews and 3,000,000 Christians of various sects. It surprises me to find so many Christians in India. They are mostly Roman Catholics and Nestorians, although there are Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and other branches of the Protestant faith. I see that Bishop Thoburn says that there are now about 1,000,000 native Protestant Christians and that the Christian population has increased 640,000 in the space of ten years. Our missionaries are alive and they are doing great good.

A City of Palaces.

ALCUTTA-(Special Correspond- unrest. I do not wonder at it. There is ence of The Bee.)-I am in Cal- no place where the difference of condicutta, the eastern gateway of tions is more pronounced. These Hindoos the empire of India, the front are among the poorest peoples on earth. doorstep of the home of one- Among them are millions who always go to fifth of mankind. It is a turbu- bed hungry, and in the slums here are peoent firth and is likely to stir up the ple who count their bites to see whether The British have kept this country they will have enough for the morning. At dead quiet for the last fifty years. They the same time Calcutta has its fashionable have inclosed it in a network of railroads, residence quarters, the homes of the British, where money flows like the Ganges and fortunes are spent in one season.

I wish I could show you the better parts out of discord. They have begun to make immense parks and wide open spaces. It covers about as much ground as Chicago in proportion to its size, running along the Hooghly with the great suburb on the opposite bank. The city has lakes and lawns, botanical and zoological gardens, and a public park known as the Malden, which runs through the fashionable quarter. At the beginning of this is the palace of the viceroy, a mansion as snowy as newly slacked lime, and several miles beyond it, haps, you have heard.

a race track with a two-mile course in Everest are colder than the frozen plays there of an evening and the people chambers of the Buddhist hell. The plains come forth and drive about in handsome the carriage or squats down there and just 33 cents a day, and he feeds himself. The country is one of great deserts and holds on. The latter position is precarious, mighty rivers, of soils which have been and I often wonder why the man is not cultivated since the dawn of history and joited out in going over a gutter or rut in of wastes which the plow of man has the road. In addition to such turnouts landed in Calcutta, Indeed, I was forced never turned. Physically speaking, it is a there are many automobiles. There are to do so, not only on account of my need several thousand dollars apiece and which It is also a world from the standpoint of go like the wind. Do you wonder that the humanity. It is one of the most crowded hungry Hindoo whose lean shanks have to

Altogether India has more towns and The Palaces and the Black Hole.

He feels the same when he compares his under the instructions of this viceroy's India is not like China, in that it is made grandfather in 1813, and near that the magnificent buildings of the high courts, which compare in size with those of our government departments at Washington. Another fine structure is the postoffice, which faces castes that they can hardly be numbered the lake in Dalhousie Square. I went There are tribes here which look like our through it today, and as I came out I stopped at the corner and read on a tablet

The marble tablet below this spot was placed here by
Lord Curzon, viceroy and governor general of India, in 1901,
to mark the site of the prison in Old
Fort William, known as the Black Hole, in which 16 British inhabitants of Cal-

the 20th, June 1756, and from

The pavement marks the exact dimensions of the prison and near it is an obelisk erected by one of the survivors.

The Black Hole is a monument of one of ruler, ordered the incarceration of these the country. He yielded, however, to the in-mailsts. victims and then drank himself off to sleep, sistent demand that he attend a banquet in The 146 British who were thrown in were largely officials. They were driven at the cisco. In a modest after-dinner speech he point of the sword into a dungeon twenty praised the career of the admiral. feet square. It was in the heat of the tropical summer, and the airholes were naturally turned to the sea and sallors. small. In a short time they gasped for breath. They cried for mercy and tried to break down the door. Then they offered bribes to their jailers, but the only answer was that the nabob was asleep, and he would be angry if awakened. The dying then fought for places at the windows, and raved and prayed and swore, while their jatlers held lights at the bars and laughed. slept off his spell, ordered the door to be opened. Of the 186 all but twenty-three water." -San Francisco Call. were dead, and the living were so far gone that they were barely able to stagger from the charnel house. Today that tragedy is remembered with horror

upon the heels of the ridiculous! Only last a visit from the school commissioner," said awhile the visitor glanced toward the sewweek a traveler was talking with the viceroy George S. Wells of Pittsburg at the ing table and exclaimed: about the sights of Calcutta, when his ex- Shoream. "At last he came in and the "Why, there are some buttons exactly cellency asked him if he had seen the fa- classes were called out to show their at- like some my husband had on his last mous Black Hole. "Indeed, I have," te- tainments. plied the visitor. "I am living in it. It Calculta is one of the chief neats of the was room 100 at the Grand hotel."

OUTSIDE THIS WAS THE DLACK TOLE at the opposite end, is the big house of the I live in the same hotel. It is said to be rushed aboard and attached themselves lieutenant general of Bengal. Both are the best in town, but it has numerous to the passengers. Of these two settled surrounded by beautiful grounds, and the black holes. Just now it is crowded, and upon me as their prey, and each deterlatter has a banyan tree surpassed only by it is almost impossible to get rooms. An mined to outdo the other. I supposed them that in the goological park of which, per- American admiral who came here last week servants of the Grand hotel, and handed The Maiden is bordered with club houses boarding house, where he is now living. each claimed that he had brought my bag-From north to south India is as long as and mansions. The most fashionable I got in only by cabling in advance from gage, and that this was an implied agree from the middle of Hudson bay to the homes of Calcutta look out upon it and it Burma. There are several big hotels in Gulf of Mexico, and from east to west it forms the social heart of the city. It has Calcutta. They are rambling three-story sheaves of letters of introduction, and each The land is one of extremes. The Hima- which now and then polo matches are sorts of inconveniences. My room, for inlayas on the north are covered with per- played, and also tennis courts and grounds stance, is locked with a padlock which a turbanned Mohammedan of forty or so. petual snows, and the icy wastes about for cricket and golf. The band always snaps with a spring. There is only one key The Hindoo's name was Nund Lal, and the

to the padiock, and when I left this after- follower of the proposition the key remained inside the room. I Mohammed, I tool chambers of the Buddhist hell. The plains come forth and drive about in handsome could not get it until I reported to the ing which time each dogged my footbelow lie in the tropics, and they are some-turnouts. The viceroy and Lady Minto may manager, and the servants then had to steps. I could not ask for anything, but times as hot as the burning deserts of sometimes be seen in their carriages with climb up the walls and through the window Australia, where Mark Twain says they their retinue and with native soldiers as to open the door. I have an electric bell, feed the hons ice to keep them from laying outriders. There are other officials and supposedly to call the hotel servants. I also rajahs with coachmen and footmen have rung it again and again, and one day India is the wettest land upon earth and in livery. There are Europeans, Parsees I propped my umbrella against the button the driest. It has provinces, such as Bika- and many Eurasians. Every one rides in and left it there for an hour. I could hear ner, where it does not rain for thirteen his carriage and every carriage has its liv- the bell ringing, but there was no response. months in succession and other places eried coachmen and footmen. The coach- So in self-defense I have had to hire a perwhere it pours all the time. There are ic- man is usually a bearded man with turban sonal servant of my own to lie on the floor calities in the Himalayas where six feet and gown; he is always barefooted. The outside the door at night, and to wait upon of water have been known to fall in the footman either stands on the step behind me during the daytime. I am paying him

I hired this servant two days after I

I can sympathize with that visitor, for the harbor a score of would-be servants failed to do so, and had to go to a cheap over my bag. As soon as I was settled ment to take him as my boy. Both had buildings, which cover acres, and have all seemed equally good. One was a straight Mohammed. I took a day to decide, dursteps. I could not ask for anything, but both jumped to get it, and when I attempted to alip out to inquire about them I found both on guard, ready to follow me. If I asked the hours of meals the two answered in concert, and if I wanted hot water they started on the dead run to get it. Indeed, I have been much in the same position as the man, who was adopted by a dog, except that I was adopted by

AT THE PACES CALCUTTA HAS A TWO MILE COURSE two dogs, and both stuck to me. I have dos saffore and we have The cabinet stew thick as my wrist. It was not all the way the places being swabbed off with a break settled the matter by paying Nund Lai ards were dark-faced, heavy-bessed men up the Bay of Bengal, and the air of the on the end of the stick, and wiped by a

silt that it turns the ocean to gruel. I took a bath when we reached the pilot brig, about a hundred miles from Calcutta, and upon draining the tub my footprints were as plain in the mud as those which frightened Robinson Crusos on his desert island.

The silt of the Ganges is as great as that Missourl, amounting to hundreds of milions of tons every year. It builds up great the easterner, as the boomer was starting bars along the shore and makes the work of piloting the ships dangerous to an ex-

A High-Paid Monopoly. The pilots of Calcutta are a close corporation. There are only fifty-two of them and they monopolize the Ganges, or, rather, the Hooghly, for it is on the Hooghly branch of the delta that the ships go up to the city. The trade of the river amounts was too much for me."-Philadelphia Tele- is a procession of boats always going up and coming down. The men receive various wages, the best getting as high as \$700 per month. To belong to this association Women have succeeded in passing them- one must have a first mate's certificate seives off as man not infrequetly, but, so and must have passed through his appren-"There was a Kentuckian-from the blue far as is known, there have been but two ticeship. He spends five years at low wages women pirates-Anne Bonney and Mary learning the river, and then graduates in Read- who were captured something over the full rank of pilot. The Hooghly cannot "Doctun," the Kentuckian said, 'what a century ago in the Carribean sea, charged be navigated at night and the ships go in shall I take, suh, to remove the redness of with having "piratical intentions." It was with the tides. As the latter rise there

Millions in Jute. they were in due course punished less se-As we coasted the shores of the Hooghly land is low and malarious and wild beasts The woman Bonney was the daughter of a roam it at will. A little further up the Carolina planter, who had disowned her by houses begin and palm trees are frequent. reason of her marriaga with a sailor. Even The population grows more and more dense, at that time Anne had a predilection for and then comes a region of mighty jute man's attire, inasmuch at the hour of her said then comes a region of mighty jute elopement she employed it for the purpose of evading her angry parent. Eventually smokestacks vomit black volumes into the said of evading her angry parent. Now, curious as it may seem, the ship cloth made here on the banks of the arts of the freebooter was one day boarded more than 60 per cent of the product and by several strangers, among them another today the thousands of Hindoos working lady pirate of the name of Mary Read, this fiber are dependent upon us for their followed that the woman became wages. There are now two score jute mills ignorant of the sex of the other. The dis- is worth about \$89,000,000. There are cotton covery that each was a woman came about factories here and there between the jute

cutta.

parts of the globe. It has three times as fly to get out of the way is mad when he many people as the United States and contrasts his condition with that of the Some Choice Selections from the Story Teller's Pack

DEPUTATION of three soldiers Smith, the star pupil,

soldiers with the following in- Johnny.

commanded you to shoot the burgomaster?" 'Why, Johnny, that isn't right.' "I would shoot him," said the soldier. "So!"_exclaimed Dr. Lasger, "and what is anyhow." "-Washington Post. your religion?" "I am a Protestant."

Dr. Lueger spoke to the second soldier. manded you to shoot the burgomaster?"

"And what is your religion?" "I am a Catholic.

"Would you have shot me if the kaiser noon, commanded you to do so?" "No," said the soldier.

"I am a Jew," he answered. What!" exclaimed the burgomaster. "Do She got the money."-Philadelphia Times. you not know that I am the greatest anti-

Semite in Austria? Tell me, why would you not have shot me?" "Because I have no rifle; I am the drummer of the regiment."-Jewish Chronicle.

A Confession.

honor of Rear Admiral Sebree in San Fran-

Because it was a naval banquet the talk "Sailors, as a class," said Lord Kitchener, "have a very keen sense of humor, I remember a story of a saltor, just back letter from Mr. Lloyd-George, and him from a six months' cruise. The young man Mr. Churchill saw gladly. had been celebrating his return to land all "Do you know, he said to the young very jovial, he danced along the street subject?"

waving a bottle of stout. 'For a sailor,' he said to his companions, answered, 'for I'm the whole forty- boomer into a corner and keep him there, When the day broks, the nabeb, having ut is disgraceful what I am going to say, seven."-Philadelphia Bulletin. but it is the truth-I have a horror of

"The arithmetic class was the first called, ton, too. Where did you get them?" and in order to make a good impression. The clergyman's wife smiled regulably. it into the easterner, and in the meantime stored to her falmly.-Harper's Weekly. year, FRANK G. CARPENTER.

to make some kind of a request and you pay the coal dealer \$24, how many use." Baltimore American. in their behalf. The burgemaster tons of coal will he bring you?" of Vienna turned to one of the " 'Three,' was the prompt reply from

quiry: "What would you do if the kalser . "The teacher, much embarrassed, said, "'Oh, I know it ain't, but they do it,

The Touch Effective.

"The young wife of a Philadelphia man, What would you do if the kaiser com- who is not especially sweet-tempered, one who said, when his wages were cut down: day approached her lord, touching the mat-"Then I would shoot him," said the soi- ter of \$100 or so," said George F. Bender of laid up sick I won't lose as much money Philadelphia,

'I'd like to let you have it, my dear,' began the husband, 'but the fact is, I The burgomaster turned to the third sol- haven't that amount to spare, inasmuch as I must take up a note for \$200 this after- ton, praised a Washington physician.

'Oh, very well, James,' said the wife with calmness. 'If you think the man who

for you than I can, why do as you say.' A Persistent Caller.

"I lunched with Winston Churchill in London," said a journalist, "during his remarkable campaign. This brilliant young cabinet minister, with his American blood the most terrible tragedies of the Unrest of Lord Kitchener had determined to avoid through his mother and his ducal blood India 150 years ago. The nabob, or native all public functions during his trip across through his father, praised American jour-

"He gave me an example of our perseverance. Not less than forty-seven American correspondents called on him at the Board of Trade offices for an interview one week on the American tariff, and as none of them had sufficiently good cre- ing cost, answered with a smile; dentials he refused to see them.

"Finally a correspondent came with a

evening in various public houses. Emerg- man, that I have refused to see forty- politician, who lives at Riverside, N. J., told ing from the last bar, a little unsteady but seven of your compatriots on this very a little story at the Turngemeinde hall at

The wife of a clergyman of a certain suburban parish was mending clothes the other "The teacher of one of the classes in a day when a visitor was announced. The school in the suburbs of Cleveland had hostess went on with her sewing, for the And still how closely the sublime tramples been training her pupils in anticipation of caller was a well-known parishoner. After and the health-giving ingredients of the their lots together in a buccaneer crew, out with the tide. The trade of Calcutta

winter suit. They are an odd kind of but-

Worse Than Pessimism. Andrew Carnegie, at a dinner in Wash-

ington, deplored the world's excessive agree with you." armaments. "All these billions wasted on battleships," he said, "are declared to do good in providing work, in creating prosperity. That is asked the easterner,

a shallow and false optimism. "That, in fact, reminds me of the man "'Well, there's one comfort. When I'm

as I used to." "-Detroit Free Press. "Uncle Joe" Praises a Doctor. Speaker Cannon at a dinner in Washing-

"The doctor has a neat way," he said, "of hitting off a case.' holds the note can make things any hotter grass region, you know-who called to be

treated for a red nose. mah nose ""

"Take nothing - especially between meals," the doctor answered."-St. Louis

Robert Goelet, during the Easter parade, in Fifth avenue, stood in conversation with

a group of friends, when a lady in a beautiful gown passed. 'Why, there goes Mrs. X," said a young "She was gray last year, and her hair is as black as jet!" Mr. Goelet, buttoning his smart morn-

Well, you know, she has recently be-

come a widow." Booster with Ready Wit.

Billy Stecher, a well known horseman and that place the other evening which demon-"I ought to know it,' the correspondent strates that you can't back a real estate Some time ago, Billy said, a friend of his went to California on a joy jaunt, and platform of one of the towns in the southern section of the state before a real estate Bonney person.

to supply their dally bread.

the teacher put the first question to Johnny "In the collection basket," she answered, the New Jersey party noticed that the real quietly, "I found a good many of the same estate boomer had just about as sneezy a once came to the late Dr. Lueger "Johnny, if coal is selling at \$6 a ton kind. I am saving them up for possible cold in the head as one could collide with of the Nile. It is said to be five times in the height of hay fever time. "The climate may be all right," remarked

> on the third hour, "but it doesn't appear to "You bet it does," replied the boomer. "What is the matter with me?"

"How about that cold in your head?"

"That was my own darn careleseness," was the ready rejoinder of the boomer. "I was walking along the road and thoughtlessly stopped too quickly under a palm tree. The sudden change from sunshine to shade

Heroines in Pirate Crews.

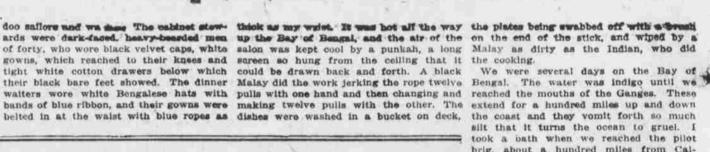
not known at the time that they were is often a bore which reaches as much as not men, and accordingly they were sen- seven feet, so that the risks are great. tenced to meet death in the manner generally meted out to gentlemen of their profession, when they confesed their sex and

she shipped with her husband and shared sky and near them are enormous brick in his piratical adventures. Among her structures where the rough bagging for shipmates, who were ignorant of her sex all mankind is made. Calcutta ships vast and also of her relation to the captain, quantities of jute to the United States.

Anne attained a reputation for courage, and much of our cotton crop is bailed in Anne attained a reputation for courage. whereon this female pirate practiced the Hooghly. A few years ago we were taking

fast friends, though at first each was in India and the jute annually produced hardly had his hoofs landed on the station through the declaration on the part of weaving establishments and mills of this Mary of a romantic attachment for the kind line the Hooghly all the way to Calboomer began to chirp to him about the Shortly after the two women met they be- The stream is filled with shipping. Ocean

beauty of the earth, the glory of the clouds came widows, and naturally enough cast steamers heavily loaded are going in and ozone. On the latter he was particularly Both were admired for the courage they is worth more account at the strong and told how acctors who had gone evinced in their unusual calling, and both part of the commerce of the empire passes atrong and told how acctors who had gone evinced in their unusual calling, and both part of the commerce of the empire passes atrong and told how acctors who had gone evinced in their seamen. Many this way, its total foreign trade at the ozone. On the latter he was particularly Both were admired for the courage they is worth hundreds of millions and a large out there had starved to death, while the were greatly loved by their seamen. Mary this way. Its total foreign trade undertakers were compelled to grow oranges. Read was an expert swordswoman and greatest of any country of Asia, the cono supply their daily bread. fought more than one duel. She died in ports and exports now amounting to more for two hours the California man pumped prison. Anne Bonney was in due time re- than \$1,200,000,000 and growing more every



waiters wore white Bengalese hats with pulls with one hand and then changing and reached the mouths of the Ganges. These I came here from Rangoon on a Brit-800 in the city and the most I have seen of him, but rather of his need for me. ish India steamer. The ship was one of bands of blue ribbon, and their gowns were making twelve pulls with the other. The extend for a hundred miles up and down are touring cars which at home would cost The moment our ship came to anchor in \$,000 tons, with English officers and Hin-

\$1.00 and by appointing Wali Mohammed of forty, who were black velvet caps, white salon was kept cool by a punkah, a long Malay as dirty as the Indian, who did my valet. From Burma to India.