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Work and Wages Among Hindus; Millions Toil for Ten Cents a Day

Shampooing on the Hooghly



Copyright, 1910, by Frank G. Carpenter.) this, some of the laborers are bond zer-OMBAY, 1910 .- (Special to The vants, who get only their living, and a Bee.)-The unrest of India is cent now and then for a feast.



with a vengeance? I refer the question to Brother Gompers for answer.

largely a matter of wages. Sup-

Low Wages in India.

to the British houses of parliament, and ters, blacksmiths and masons are now per head as the Hindoos. The Russians lead to damnation. receiving less than \$6 a month; and that pay eight times as much and the Engwould be a high average for mechanics lish twenty times as much. throughout Hindustan. In the Province of Oude, they are paid less than \$3 and at

Agra only \$1 more.

pose you had to work for 1 or 2 are mortgaged up to their eyes, and the cents an hours? Suppose you money leader and the tax collector give could have only one square them no peace. The government levies meals every day, and night after night on real estate have been advancing. The your family should go to bed hungry? ugitators claim they are exorbitantly These are the conditions of millions high in comparison, and a current book Hindus. Suppose they existed on India states that one-eighth of the at home? Would we not have an unrest entire farming population of Madras has been sold out of house and home within less than a decade. Not only their farms, but their furniture and personal belong-

The farmers who have their own lands

ings, have been taken for taxes. On the rice, and that the majority live on flour I have before me a list of the wages other hand, it is claimed that the tax- made of coarse grains, which they cook up the natives are paid. I take them from ation today is less than it has ever been, into unleavened cakes called chuppattis. the statistical abstract sent by the viceroy and that it is lighter per head than the I have never eaten with the Hindus. They taxes of any other country of the world, would not tolerate my touching their food, therefore reliable. At Calcutta carpen- We pay thirteen times as much taxes for this would make them lose caste and

India's Famines.

Barbera

The whole nation seems to live from hand Oppressed by the Money Sharks. to mouth, and the result is that a short Indeed, we shall have to look outside crop always causes a famine. This has Oppressed by the Money Sharks. At Patna able-bodied farm hands receive the government for the causes of India's been so for centuries. One hundred and

less than \$2 per month. For this they poverty. We can find one in the nature forty years ago a famine in Bengal caused work twelve hours a day and in some cases of the people, which leads them to; bor- the death of 10,000,000, and seventy-odd years are public lodging places, have to take grain for their wages. The row whenever they can, and in the money dations cost

government itself has recently been lend- they drop off like sheep. In some parts

ing the farmers something like \$10,000,000 of India the population is so dense that



Goverment Clerks are Poorly Paid

average income for all Hindustan is only sharks, who lend at usurous rates upon ines are so common that the British gov- night. The ordinary farmer saves his cent. from one place to another in baskets. They and many foreigners are paying 3 per and notwithstanding that almost 1,000,000 should stretch out their legs their feet short of labor, and have hardly enough a cheap garb of white cotton. The babu all who have fixed wages or fixed inworked from daylight till dark. The chil- cent a month and upward. In the in- died of disease or starvation. The people would hang over. Sometimes the children used to break up the clods and smooth over as 10 per cent per annum, although the force, and when their food is cut down the ground.

The Rich and Poor at Calcutta.

The truth is-the Indian empire is largely an empire of paupers, and that of pau- much of a business. There are castes rest of the world, being absent. city of hovels. It has its thousands of of the country belong to them, and in splendid carriages and automobiles, with others 40 and 50 per cent. coachmen and chauffeurs in the most gor-

geour liveries. It has rich Englishmen and native rajahs and nabobs who are loaded The average home of the Hindu peasant

pers aurrounded by plenty. Tantalus-like, here who thoroughly understand the A striking evidence of the poverty of "The wages have almost doubled in the they are up to the neck in the waters of breeding value of interest, and there are india is the absolute lack of comforts which past generation. When I came to India poverty with rish fruits of all binds here. poverty, with rich fruits of all kinds hang- altogether in India 400,000 bankers and is everywhere seen. The peasants live thirty years ago, the syce who took care

at 5 or 6 per cent.

Live in Mud Huts.

with jewels; but with them is want so is not as good as the average American keen that it cuts to the heart. There are stable. It is often a mud hut from ten to thousands upon the street who go almost fifteen feet square, without doors or winnaked. The dress of the common people is dows. The floor is plastered with cow such that the legs of the women are often dung, and the furniture is a rope bed and bare to the knees and of the men to the a few pots and pans. The house is usutighs. The bones are clad only in sinews ally thatched with straw and its interior is and skin. There is not enough meat on hit as bare as a barn. It seldom has more than lags to tempt a hungry dog. They are as one room, and in this the whole family straight as a pipe stem, the swelling of the accommodates itself as it can. The stove calves being absent. The poor Bengall cor- is a fireplace made of three or four bricks that it is responsible for the death of the responds to Kipling's description of the set on end and the cooking is done in pots little one no one doubts for a moment. woman who was "a rag, a bone and a hank and pans. There are no chimneys and the For several weeks Mrs. Tull had noticed of hair," save that there is now and then smoke finds its way out of the door and that her baby, which was nearly a year old, consumed an unusually large quantity a stringy muscle thrown in. from under the eaves.

These people work almost naked, and The most of the farmers live in villages of milk without deriving any benefit from their whole forms may be seen, I have of such huts. In riding across India you it; in fact, the more milk the baby conapent some time watching them bathing see these everywhere doiting the land- sumed the thinner in flesh it became. Local in the Ganges. The water glues the clothes scape. They are built along mud roads physicians declared that it was the strangto the skin, and you see inousands of and have none of, the surroundings or est case that had ever been brought to their skeletons bathing and graying. conveniences of American towns. There attention.

And then the homes of the people. Outside are no big schoolhouses or churches, no the manalons of the rich, which face the street lamps, no gutters and no sidewalks. day meal the other day Mrs. Tull heard Maidan and the fine buildings of the gov- There is an absence of painting and white- her baby cooling and laughing in the siternment, and the palaces of a few rajabs, wash, the only outside decoration being ting room as though some one was in the sative quarters of Calcutta are largely lumps of brown cow dung of the size and there "playing the clown." When Mrs. Tull composed of homes no bigger than packing shape of a fat buckwheat cake. These are dooked in to see who it was that was crecases. The stores are mere holes in the the fuel of the people, plastered upon the ating so much mirth for her little one, she walls. Whole families live in one room walls of the hut to dry. This stuff is beheld colled up in the crib by the side of and even in the country the huts are so picked up by the women and girls who her baby a five-foot blacksnake, with the small that the beds are set outside in the follow the cattle. They carry the droppings rubber connected with the nursing bottle in to their houses and mix them with dirt, its mouth, holding its tail aloft and whirldaytime. patting them into shape with their bare ing it around as if to amuse the baby, while

engaged in stock grazing and two or three melted butter called ghee.

-The Farmers.

so little.

of various kinds.

hands. Such fuel is used all over India and it stole its dinner. the women invariably collect it. I have traveled extensively among the farmers of many countries, but I know

A Starvation of Diet.

of no place where they work so hard for' The Hindu peasants have made feeding a return and gave every evidence of having

This is an agricultural nation, science. They know just how much will lost its only playmate and companion and Two-thirds of the people rely upon farm- suffice to keep them alive and they eat from that time on the baby wasted away ing as their principal business, and this little more. They save everything and even more rapidly than before until it died. means about 200,000,000. There are more cook just enough. Their diet is chiefly than 100,000.000 here who work in the soil, beans, millet and coarse grains, with chili

Headstone for Cat. and there are \$0,000,000 men, women and peppers and other condiments. They sel- In memory of Tabby, a cat, who five

woman and child in the United States of them are such that they would die Smith, a newspaper editor, 1150 Halsey by stopping before a fireman or a mail should go out in the fields every day to rather than eat beef or pork. They con- street, Brooklyn, his wife and three chilto dig up the land or harvest the crops, sider the cow holy and would as soon dren, a small granite headstone was erected and children, and once in his only runayou would have the farming situation in think of chewing their grandparents as over the pet's grave in the rear of the way, he came to a stop very gently on India. In addition, there are some millions a tenderioin steak. They use a rancid Smith home.

Strange Death of Baby.

While in the kitchen preparing the noon

In a jiffy the snake was dispatched,

When it was taken out of the room the

child seemed to realize that it would never

HAT a blg blacksnake of the

bothe will be attested by Mrs.

Maty Tull, wife of Samuel Tull,

a w.M.-to-do farmer living up

Wiczmico creek, Maryland, and

seeing a woman raise her hand. millions who take care of domestic animals The Indian farmer rises at daybreak and day when he was killed by a Halsey street per was signally honored at the time of the the mountain on an ordinary bottle. He cents worth of food. takes with him a snack of cold foed to trolley car. His death was witnessed by work horse parade last Memorial day, win- placed the bottle, filled with Manitou soda. The wages of these farmers are low be- the field. At noon his wife brings him a Mr. Smith, who tried to rescue his pet from aing the police blue ribbon, the police on the talls of the org road and had rolled yond American conception. The employee hot dinner. He eats first and she takes the wheels of the oncoming car. The cat medal, the last being pinned on his bridle some distance when the bottle exploded, are often paid in kind, getting in some what is left. At home the people cat off had been deaf and nearly blad for a year, by Mrs. Speyer herself. On that occasion precipitating him over a precipice and hor-

the crop. Where money is paid, the wages eral large dishes; if poor one or two. In trolley, do not average \$2.55 per month, and no- addition there are small dishes for curry where, except in Assam, do they rise to and codiments. All eat with their fin-Horse Dying of Grief.

12. In the valley of the Ganges, where gers, and the men always first. the soil is as fat as that of the Nile, the It is a well-to-do family that has two tion laughed or was in the least skeptical but himself, observes the Stockport (Ia.) There was a curious accident at the average wage is \$1.30 monthly, and in the good meals a day. I am told that not in New York City when the department Cyclone. As we go out to solicit subscrip- Lyric theater in Minneapolis. The house

about 4 cents a day. Not long ago there their crops and lands. In many such ernment keeps a fund in reserve which it and camps outside. The most common bed was a famine in southern India, during cases the interest is taken in kind, the adds to every year, and it has a regular is a rude framework of wood over which which the government relieved the people shark having his agent on the ground system of taking care of the people by a netting of ropes of the size of a clothes by giving them labor on public improve- and grabbing a share of the grain as it employing them on public works at such line is stretched. This is the bed of the as sixpence a day in most localities, while in. I saw there a big, fine looking babu or Tis increase of prices, which is a comments. It paid 4 cents to the diggers and 3 comes from the threshing. The usual times. During the family. They in the Punjab, at harvest, he will get a native official dressed in a long white coat mon complaint in the United States, has cents to the women who carried the earth rate of interest is 21 per cent per annum, than 1,000,000 rations were issued each day, lie upon the bed spoon-fashion; for if they shilling and three pence. In fact, we are and gold turban, cursing a lean Hindu in extended all over the world. It has affected

Conditions Improving.

ing to him for over an hour.

he was recalled from patrol and put in

the stall to die. The veterinary surgeon

in stopping runaways on Westchester

fences in intercepting fugitives across the

could find no physical aliment in him.

sick stuper.

open country.

Notwithstanding all this one of the cab-There is no country where banking is so natural growth, which goes on over the the farmers are much better off now than they were in the past. Said he:

to harvest the crops. The farmer raises shook both his fists in the little man's face, comes, and especially those government dren were paid 2 cents a day. They were terior of India the banks charge as much live so closely that they have no reserve and always the widows sleep on the floor, a large part of his own food and he is and denounced his ancestors to the seventh clerks who have to dress well for the now profiting by the high prices of grain, generation. The little fellow protested and station. As to the government employ On the other hand, the professional men, apologized; but the babu only cursed him I will give you only the wages of postment clerks and employes of the government the louder. He ended by shoving him back They vary in the different provinces, but it does not increase from year to year, the inct ministers of the viceroy tells me that have had their incomes materially reduced to his place at the sorting table. As I they are seldom more than \$4 a month. by the rise in prices of goods of all kinds. asked what the matter was, the weighing while the postal runners get half that. In clerk whispered: "The mail is late and Bengal the postmen receive less than 13

This is one of the causes of the unrest." Poorly Paid Clerks.

that clerk is partly the cause. It is not cents a day; in Bombay they get about 15 his fault, though. He is poor and has not cents, while in the central provinces their

This remark of the official reminds me had enough to eat. Hungry men cannot wages are less than twelve. ing over their heads. When they grasp for money lenders, of whom more than 0,000 more like animals than men. They will of my horses got about it rupees (\$4) a of an incident which occurred at the post- work rapidly. That clerk gets only nine In India something like two million peothe fruits they vanish, and they strive and are women. Much money is loaned upon sleep anywhere. I see them lying on the month, and I now have to pay that much office here this morning. I was waiting rupees (\$3) a month and one cannot buy ple are supported by government jobs of strive and strive in vain. I was struck by this at Calcutta. That capital is known as the City of Palaces, but it is also a city of hovels. It has its thousands of

The Beebive of India.

The Chinese are usually considered of all the world the most industrious thrifty. As far as work is concerned the Hindus are a close second, and they make this peninsula hum like a beehive. There &

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Some Quaint and Interesting Features of Every-Day Life per, the station's pet police horse who had red-hot democrat paper I will take it, the mostly women, come to see the Lyric play- are all told something like 300,000,000 of them been drooping for two days in his stall, next one says if you say any thing about ers in the dental farce "Billie." Every ref- and nearly every one has his own trade or "mouser" tribe is fond of baby's announced that the horse was dying of a polatics yo ucan take me off your list erence to the hero's faise teeth produced profession. A man's business is fixed by broken heart. Instead Lieutenant Edwin now what is the editor to do every man rippling feminine laughter, but the princi- the gods. He must stick to his caste and West, who for six years and until very woman and child has their political prefer- pal center of merriment was seen to be a has but little chance for outside employrecently had ridden Hesper as Sergeant ence and all talk polatics why not the edi- young woman attired like a bride who sat ment. The banker is the son of a banker

West, went out to the stable and patted tor you a litake political papers of all par- well forward on the left hand side of the the shoemaker the son of a shoemaker and his old comrade's mane and talked sooth- ties for the purpose of reading why not house. Every line about Billie's missing the beggar the son of a beggar. Begging is have your home editor contrible some of teeth evoked shricks from her. Beside her a fixed profession here and it is followed means of a rope swing, block and tackie, the cyclone will become popular or notor-looked up at him and tried to rub its nose lous? I anounced in my first editorial my the women. It means the back as much as much as two-thirds are men and the rest are women against his blue coat. West was the only position on the rights and wrong in the the woman. It was noted that every time and children.

against his blue coat. West was the only position on the rights and wrong in the one whom Hesper could recognize or who political arennia and I repeat it I am with protectingly. There are more than 800,000 shoemakers The barbers shave the heads, faces and the people first last and all the time to At last came the scene where Billie in the people first last and all the time to At last came the scene where Billie in bodies of their customers. Boys have to West was promoted to a lieutenancy on accomplish this end shall be my aim while desperation steals the false teeth of his be shaved as well as men. The native June 1 and had to part with Hesper. He editor of this paper this be wrong and give prospective mother-in-law out of the glass prices are I cents for shaving head, face June 1 and had to part with Hesper. He editor of this paper this be within head, face prevailed upon Captain McAuley, however, offence to any then we should not publish of water where she had confidingly left and neck and 4 cents for a clean shave over to put the lightest rider he could on the a paper, to this end we have labored for them for the night. This seemed to pro- the body, while it costs 8 cents to get a horse. Even then, however, it was noticed many years sink or swim survive or perrish duce disastrous consequences to the bride, shave, hair cut and shampoo. The barbers that Hesper saddened and drooped steadily, we expect to containe along this line who She laughed aloud and then suddenly are also shampooers and they will knead clapped her hand to her mouth. It was your flesh from your toes to your crown

noticed that she and her husband lingered for 2 or 3 cents per time. after the final curtain and that she was

apparently searching for something on the Factory Hands.

In the past all the manufactures of India Then the truth came out. She had were made in the houses and there are still laughed her false teeth out, and she could millions of weavers and workers in wood not find them. She authorized the box and metal who labor at home following office to pay a liberal reward to anyone the trades of their ancestors. Within the who should find and return her precious past generation, however, hundreds of mills teeth. Also she seemed much embarrassed and factories have sprung into being, and to have her husband learn that her pretty these are equipped with modern machinery. teeth, which he had always praised so The natives can handle machinery quite as well as we can, and many of those formally in the textiles trades are nowy working in the cotton mills, jute mills and

other such institutions. These people are Holden is from Shamrock, Tex. Harts- An electric fan has been put up in the paid what are high wages for this part of stall of Missouri Chief Josephine, the Hol- the works. In Bombay the cotton mill men in the mills, its earnings sometimes amounting 50 or 75 cents a day. Such are esteemed very weil off.

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on his face so he'll be here when I'm done " Onde it is \$1.28. In addition to one-third of the natives can afford to eat veterinary surgeon, after inspecting Hes- tions one man says if you will make it a was crowded to the doors with an audience, countin' the hundred."-Houston Post. as can be. FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Taking No Chances.

- Read

"Why, I---" "Did I not tell you to always count a

minutes.

Laughed Her Teeth Out.

"Johnnie!" 'Yes'm?

much, were partiy false.

hundred before you gave way to passion

and struck another, boy?" "Yes'm, and I'm doin' it; I'm just sittin'

"Why are you sitting on that boy's face?"

These factory hands usually live near the mills in mud huts or in buildings made

for the purpose. At some of the Bombay factories their dwellings are over shops. A single family will usually have but one room. The room will be small, and its only

air and light must come throught the door. some other localities the dwellings are better, but as a rule they are about as poor

Electric Fan for Cow.

floor.

The distance down the peak over the atein dairy cow owned by the agricultural get 30 cents a day and the women 14 cents cog road is nine miles. Harry Robinson. college of the University of Missouri, which and under. Children are paid 2 and 10 cents. carrier. He was especially fond of women keeper of the Summit house, has a unique is being sent after the world's record for and those who work half time frequently

toboggan on which he makes the trip, it is milk and butter production. Josephine get about 5 cents per day. In the Delhi said, in eleven minutes. Buch a trip is ac- made a new mark for the first 120 days of cotton mills the wages for the men are companied with much danger. Six : ars her test and is now giving an average of about 7 or 8 cents, and in other places they

cases their food and a small percentage of the floor. If they are rich they have sev- and neither heard nor saw the approaching Sergeant West rode him for the last time. riby lacerating him. He died in a few

The Editor Explains.

Not a man in the Westchester police sta- No one knows the trouble of an editor

to let his sergeant chat with them. But he children who actually farm. If every man, dom have meat and the castes of many years ago saved the lives of Mr. Melville deference to other than police uniforms. never made the mistake of paying such

the cog road and the two men slid down He could pick out patrolmen on post and the ralls on them. would stop before them of his own accord horne's home is in Walter, Okl.

could rouse him, even slightly from his the man who is with the people and for protectingly,

He refused to feed until he grew so weak can say na let us be American citizens, .

Hesper, a large chestnut colored horse, 17 and doing it in twenty minutes is the

years old, has been in the police service unique claim of C. I. Holden and Harry

for nine years. For two years he was rid- 1. Hartshorne, tourists, who are spending

den by Sergeant John T. Smith at Far the summer at Manitou, reports the Denver

Rockaway and Prospect park, alding in News. They came down the mountain at a

many rescues of drowning persons in the great pace, and to prove their statements

surf. In his six years of service under exhibited a toboggan that was nothing

Sergeant West he made an enviable record more than an old shoe and a rock. The

boulevards and hurtling over ditches and rock. The rock and the shoe were so

Down Pike's Peak on a Shoe.

Sliding down Pke's Peak on an old shoe

one sat on the shoe and the other on the

shaped that they fitted into the grooves of

Tabby had just passed his fifteenth birth- in consideration of his long record. Hes- ago a young man attempted to come - on fifty quarts of milk per day on about to are more. Often a whole family will work