









A NOVEL FLOWER.—A peculiar kind of flower has been found at the Isthmus of Tehantepec.

STORY OF A SMUT.—A Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal one day was driving along the Red Road, and a lady with the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal wore a new dress.

WAR AGAINST RATS.—Says the A ban Times:—The crusade against these unfortunate creatures has become official—it has become so even in Akayab.

DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT ON ABDUL RASOUL'S CASE.

THERE appear to have been more questions and answers in Parliament regarding Abdul Rasoul, who was deported from Bombay on suspicion of being a Russian spy.

arrival in November, 1890, and he has been offered a passage to Bombay with permission to return to Kashmir. He was sent to London at his own request.

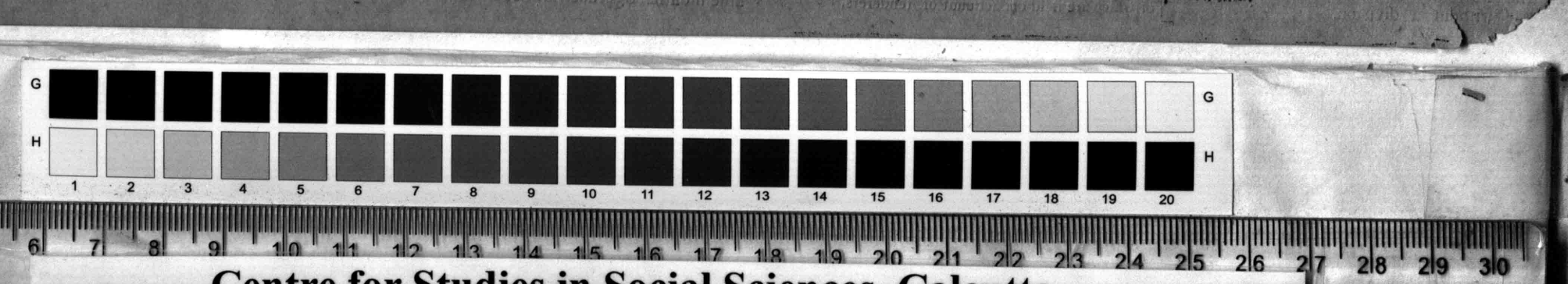
THE CHAPPAHATI RIOT CASE.

THIRTY-THREE persons were charged, on Monday last, before Mr. E. E. Forrester, Joint-Magistrate of the 24 Parganas, being members of an unlawful assembly.

Pialli bridge near the river where I saw Baira-gee Babu and others. Subsequently Gopal and Jogobundoo also came there. The police Darogah asked a man to get into a boat.

THE LATE BOMBAY RIOTS.

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION. The Bombay Government has issued the reports of the Police Commissioner and the Chairman of the Plague Committee on the recent riots in that city, and Government in a resolution says that the reports furnished by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, and the Chairman of the Bombay Plague Committee, contain full descriptions of the riots which took place in Bombay on the 9th March.





WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

SPEECH BY MR. RAMESH C. DUTT, C. I. E.

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Women's National Liberal Association was opened on Tuesday morning in St. Martin's Town Hall, London.

There was a large attendance, the hall being well filled. Lady Hayter presided at the morning session, and among those on the platform were Mrs. Bryce, Miss Shaw-Lefevre, Miss Orme, Mrs. Grimwade, Mrs. Crossley, Mrs. Reeves, Sir Francis and Lady Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Byles, Sir Arthur Hayter, Mr. Ellis Griffith, M. P., Mr. Herbert Paul, and Mr. Ramesh Dutt.

Mr. Dutt said: I consider it an honour and a privilege to be asked at this great annual gathering to say a few words on India, and I respond to the call with the utmost satisfaction, because there never was a time, probably within this generation, when India's affairs demanded your attention more urgently and when my countrymen needed a larger share of your help, your sympathy, and your good wishes.

Once tried, always used. If we sell one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, we seldom fail to sell the same person more, when it is again needed.

European and Indian alike. I will not go into the details of these Acts, but I merely allude to one or two of their clauses to give you an idea of this strange Draconian law.

Tramway System in Calcutta. The Secretary, Bengal Chamber of Commerce, has made the following representation to the Secretary to the Calcutta Corporation on the above subject:

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It is quite impossible for the present state of things to go on much longer. The system of horse traction is absolutely unsuitable for the climate of Calcutta, the state of the permanent way is in many places deplorable, and setting aside the constant delays and inconveniences to which passengers are subjected, it is intolerable, that year after year a vast amount of suffering should continue to be inflicted on the horses employed, and the Directors of the Tramways Company fully recognise this fact.

POISONING THE VOLGA.

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The greater part of it is transported in leaky tubs and vessels so that a large percentage of naphtha is lost in the river.

It is very noticeable that the fish are not so numerous as formerly, and in those places where a halt is made the fish have almost disappeared.

A few species of fish seem to have adapted themselves to circumstances, and taken a liking to the taste of naphtha and petroleum; but these are no longer eatable. Other fish are dying out.

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of England whether you will tolerate such repressive and retrograde legislation in your greatest dependency. Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you sincerely for the kind attention with which you have listened to me.

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THE GYA FRUIT-STEALING CASE.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—So much has been written in the Patrika about the Gya fruit-stealing case that I think you will pardon me if I come in even so late as now to say something which may throw some new light on the history of this petty case and its subsequent proceedings.

You object to boys stealing fruits being sent to jail. The culprit in the Gya case was represented, by your Gya correspondent, as a boy. He was more than 20 years of age, however; and in Behar men of his age are mature enough for any crimes.

You would, no doubt, have been very glad if the culprit had not been sent to jail. But, as I said above, the District Magistrate, after the culprit had been handed over to the police, had very little to do with the case.

I think, if you examine closely the circumstances of the case, you would agree with me in holding that very likely the man would not have been even made over to the Police if he had not run away when ordered by Mr. Oldham to stand and wait and had asked his forgiveness.

Lastly, in reference to your contention that fruit-stealing is not regarded as a crime in this country, and that such acts should therefore be overlooked, the idea is quite sound; but I hope you will not press it too far.

NO PARTY MAN.

Gaya, 29th May.

CORPORATION OF CALCUTTA: A STORMY MEETING.

A LARGELY-ATTENDED general meeting of the Commissioners of Calcutta was held on Wednesday at the Town Hall, at which, among other things, the question of sanctioning a temple on the bathing ghat at Kalighat, already erected, came up for final consideration.

The matter had been hanging fire for a considerably long time. Time after time it was referred to the General Committee as interests of contending parties were at stake. The parties to the contest were Babu Golab Das Ray, a wealthy banker of Barabazar, and the Chetty Brothers of the same place. Babu Golab Das Ray had obtained, about nine months ago, the sanction of the Corporation to build a two-storied house on a few chittaks of land a sanction supposed to be contrary to law—and that as soon as he commenced to build, the Chetty Brothers, who are proprietors of a contiguous piece of land, obtained an injunction from the Munsiff at Alipur, restraining Babu Golab Das from building his temple.

Babu N. N. Sen.—Who are your orthodox friends? Name them, name them. Babu S. N. Bannerjee—The orthodox of my friends is undoubted. I am not going to mention their names certainly. I still stick to the opinion I have expressed.

A great confusion then followed amidst which loud calls for vote were made. The Chairman then stood up and the house quieted down.

Vote and subsequently poll were then taken with the result that Babu Kali Nath's motion was adopted by a majority of nine votes.

THE MOUNTAIN ZEBRA.

THE arrival in England of a mountain zebra is an event of some importance, in view of the fact that this species is so nearly extinct that it is now only found in a protected condition in Cape Colony, where it was formerly so abundant that it was known as the "common" zebra.

The animal, a female about eighteen months old, the only specimen in the country, was purchased from the Amsterdam Gardens, where they are fortunate enough to have a pair. For the present it has been placed in the antelope-house at the Zoo, but will be transferred to the other side of the garden when the proposed alterations in the zebra sheds have been carried out.

It is remarkable that your Gya correspondent, while he has more than once tried to show up Mr. Oldham for this and that, has seldom noticed his hearty endeavours to do good to the people during the short tenure of his administration. He takes a keen interest in municipal matters, and the sanitation of the town is said to have considerably improved in his time.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Pain Balm has no equal as a household liniment. It is the best remedy known for rheumatism, lame back, neuralgia, sore throat, it is invaluable. Wertz & Pike, merchants, Ferdinandia, Fla. write: "Everyone who buys a bottle of Chamberlain's Remedies, come back and says it is the best medicine he has ever used."

