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**পদকপাতক।**  
দম্পণ হইয়াছে  
মূল্য ৩০ টাকা।  
পরিশিষ্ট রাখ।  
অমৃতবাজার পত্রিকা আফিসে প্রাপ্য

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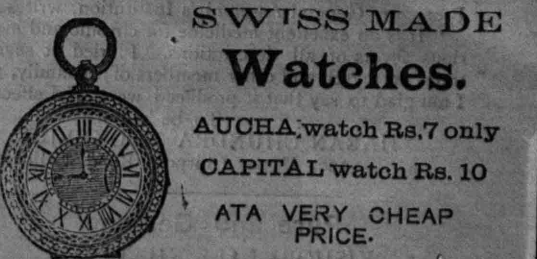
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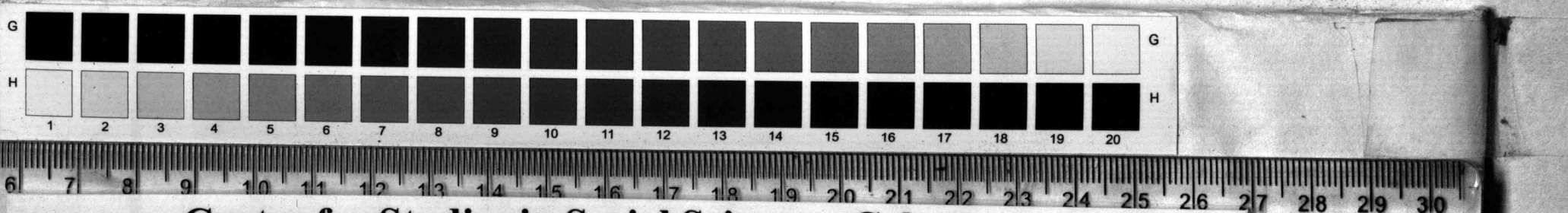
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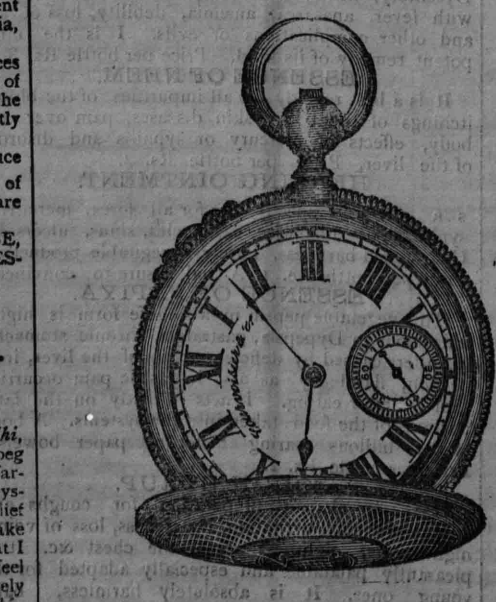
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A NEW RAILWAY SYSTEM. TWO MILES A MINUTE. MR. F. B. BEHR, the advocate of the "Mono" rail system, in a lecture at the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce the other day, gave some interesting details about the proposed "Lightning Express" railway between Liverpool and Manchester, over which trains are to run at a minimum speed of ninety miles an hour.

The new line will differ from the ordinary two-rail track, in that it will consist of a single rail elevated about 4 ft. from the ground, and supported on "A" shaped steel trestles. The coaches intended for the line are to be fitted with wheels in the centre and these will run on the elevated rail.

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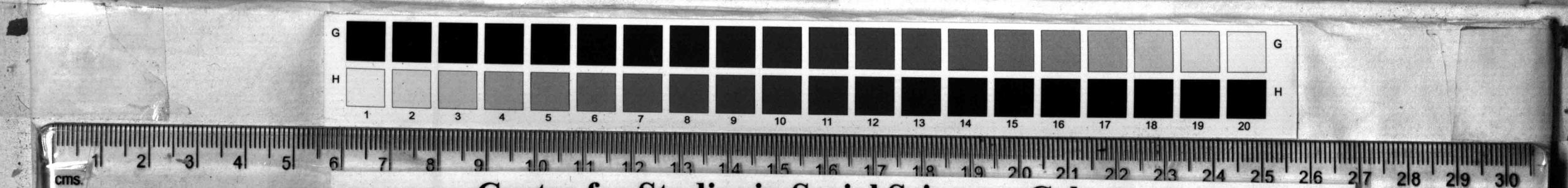
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SYD NAZR ALL, a Pleader of the Lucknow Munsiffs Court deposed on Saturday in the Judge's Court to the effect, that a document which he saw two days ago in the Record has been stolen by some miscreants.

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THE Amrita Bazar Patrika

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LORD CURZON AND THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION

THE Indian Association in its address to the Viceroy, laid down, in emphatic language, the theory that, we quote the exact language, "it would be altogether out of place in an address like this to discuss the great public questions of the day."

In reply the Viceroy says, (we quote also the language, forny paraphrase will spoil its beauty):

In your fourth paragraph you justly remark that it would be altogether out of place on an occasion like this to discuss the great public questions of the day, and that you would not be justified in citing an expression of my opinions with regard to them at so early a date.

If the Viceroy had simply said that he thanked them for the information placed at his disposal, and that they would receive his best attention, the reply would have elicited no comment. But, there is almost an imperceptible sarcasm in the reply.

INDEED, the Viceroy is not at all to be blamed for having taken this view of the address. The Association begins with the principle that, it is out of place in an address like the one it has presented, to refer to public questions. Then, the Association talks of other things and thereby manages to forget, or tried to make the Viceroy forget, what it has said before, namely, that "it is out of place &c."

To be fair, the Association was not absolutely sincere when it laid down the principle that it would be out of place in an address of welcome, to refer to the great questions of the day. What they meant and ought to have said was that, they did not think it would be out of place in an address like this, to let the Viceroy know some of the great questions of the day.

These men exhibited twenty-eight feats, each more wonderful than the one preceding. Here is the first:— First, they stated that of any tree that should be named, they would set the seed in the earth, and that I should immediately witness the extraordinary result.

It will be my duty to look into both sides and to decide, so far as decision is called for, impartially, and without fear or favour.

If the people of India seriously lay it down, that the supreme duty of the Viceroy is to please them, we humbly beg to urge that the Viceroy can not object to it.

THE fact was not, however, confined to the apple tree alone, for having made the other trees appear in the manner above described, they said that if I thought fit to order it, I should taste of the fruit of every tree, which did not fail to increase the astonishment already excited.

duty of Lord Curzon is to please himself. Let him please himself, and the people of India will have nothing further to ask.

TAKE the case of an honest and intelligent man, proud of his integrity of purpose, and strength of mind. What can be greater misery for such a man than to forsake a principle, do an unjust act, or to justify a wrong by false arguments?

INDIA, THE LAND OF MAHATMAS.

LORD CURZON recommended Europeans in India to elucidate and conserve "the priceless treasures" that are to be found in the researches of the Indian savants.

They produced a man whom they divided, limb from limb, actually severing his head from the body. They scattered these mutilated members along the ground, and in this state they lay for some time.

Of course, it may be alleged that Jahangir and his whole court were deceived. Anyhow the Emperor solemnly declares that he with his whole court saw these feats in broad daylight, and in an open field.

WHILE we were looking forward to a period of peace, happiness and rest under the rule of a Viceroy, who is day by day winning the hearts of the people, one or more miscreants at Poona have threatened to disturb this happy augury by committing foul murders.

MURDERS AT POONA.

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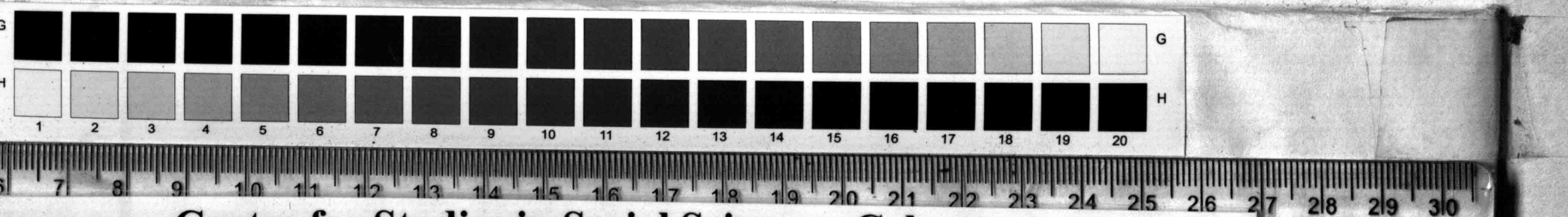
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in every country in the world always lead the van of progress, enter the learned professions, direct the commerce and trade of the country, man the Civil and Military services, and cultivate the arts and sciences. There is no class available for furnishing duly qualified employes for the public service and the Administration is compelled to fall back for its requirements in large measure on the middle-class population of the Surma Valley and Bengal.

Mr. Cotton, if he had been so inclined, might have said many other things in favour of the Permanent Settlement. If Bengal is the richest and most advanced Province in India, it is simply owing to this settlement. Above all, the Permanent Settlement has practically driven famine from Bengal. From this point of view alone, the Government of India should have hailed the proposition of Mr. Cotton with delight.

When the late Maharaja of Durbhanga died, his brother had already made a good deal of advancement in spiritual matters. While his brother was moving in public life, he was silently going through several spiritual culture. Suddenly he found himself heir to a vast property. The young Maharaja does not now know what to do with it. By his spiritual culture he has outgrown his love for wealth or any earthly ambition. It is of no moment to him, whether he is called His Highness, or whether a G. C. S. I. ship is conferred on him, or whether he is reduced to poverty.

WE learn from the Pioneer to hand that Mr. A. M. Markham, manager of the Hutwa Raj, is going on leave, and that a successor is to be appointed. Here is an opportunity for Sir John Woodburn to ask the Board of Revenue to appoint a competent native gentleman in his place.

INDIA offers to the Royal House of England her sincere condolences for the untimely death of Prince Alfred, the only son of the Duke of Edinburgh who is now reigning at Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. The Prince has been cut off in the prime of life by the relentless hand of Death, who owns no sovereign but his own iron and inscrutable will.

"I SHOULD have considered it as a public calamity," says His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal when addressing H. H. the Maharaja of Durbhanga at the latter's installation, "if another great Raj in Behar had passed into a long minority."

"WAR against War" is a penny paper, published under the auspices of Mr. Stead, who came back, after his interview with the Czar, a firm believer in the latter's peace project. Is the Czar sincere? How will he manage with his conquered subjects?

value of the pension according to the rules is approximately Rs. 67,000. The Maharanee has expressed her regret and disappointment that a more liberal reward for his services has not been given to Mr. Buskin.

(1) It is reported that the late Maharaja wished to give Mr. Buskin a liberal pension.

(2) The Maharanee expressed her regret that the gift was so small as only Rs. 67,000.

(3) It was done according to the rules of Government service, relating to commutation of pension.

"It is reported"—is it not? What grounds had Mr. Finucane for supposing that the report was correct? The Maharanee is brought under requisition. What grounds are there for supposing that she is a free agent and that she expressed any regret at all? And what justification had she to dispose of the money in this manner, which belongs to the minor and not to herself, the minor being a ward of the Government?

With regard to Moulvi Fuzal Karim, the case stands thus. Almost wherever he has been placed as Sub-divisional Officer, he has managed to come into collision with the people entrusted to his charge. In this way, we find him figuring in criminal courts in Netrokona, Madaripore and Munshigunj.

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of his country. Many of them have given their opinion on this crusade against war which is very interesting, nay, amusing reading. Lord G. Hamilton takes the opportunity of saying that "there is room in Asia for Russia and Great Britain."

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manner on the report of the local authorities, who have openly espoused the cause of the Moulvi, but order an open enquiry at Munshigunj, after transferring Moulvi Fuzal Karim to another district, or divesting him as long as the enquiry lasts, of all his powers as Sub-divisional Officer.

OUR Berhampore correspondent, whose letter is published in another column, says that the Magistrate of Moorshidabad, who sent Dr. Khudiram Ghose to three months' imprisonment and fined him Rs. 500, was found loitering in the High Court on the day the rule was heard!

ACORRESPONDENT at Colombo informs us that Mr. Tilak went there from Madras and was to have come to Calcutta, but owing to his presence being urgently needed at Poona, he had to leave for his native city on the 3rd instant.

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FOR years now has the question of tapping the industrial centre at Kotechandpur and the country around been before the Government and the public, but yet a satisfactory decision is as far off as ever.

ON the 24th January last, at a sitting of the N.-W. P. Legislative Council, Mr. Evans introduced a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Court of Wards in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

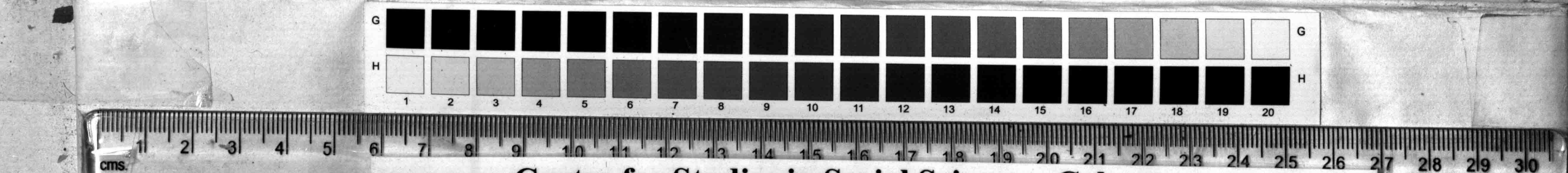
two classes—(a) those that affect the scope of the act of the Court of Wards, and (b) those that relate to the custody of the person and the management of the property placed under the superintendence of that Court.

(2) The second change made, is as follows:—As the law at present stands, a person may, on his own application, be declared by the Local Government disqualified from managing his estate.

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VIRJI IBRAHIM, a Mahomedan, was tried at the Bombay Criminal Sessions on Thursday last, for having on the 10th of January voluntarily caused grievous hurt to his wife, Munabai, by biting off her nose and ear, and by setting fire to her hair.

A TREMENDOUS crowd of people were attracted to the Queen's Statue, Sydney, to witness an open-air exhibition of strength by Sampson, the athlete, who had announced that he would forfeit £500 if he failed to break, with the muscles of his arm a chain used by two horses to draw a 5-ton load.







THE ENGLISHMAN IN INDIA.

IMPRESSIONS OF A WORLD WANDERER.

We extract from the Contemporary Review the portion relating to India of an article with the above heading written by Mr. John Foster Fraser:—

SOCIAL STILT-WALKING.

Here in London one can find people passably clever striding over the rest of humanity on social stilts. But social stilt walking is only pursued as an art in India. Yet it is not artistic. I fancy it must be disagreeable, and that is why after a limited study of the Anglo-Indian, I give thanks to Heaven that there is no room for me to be ambitious.

As a casual looker-on, the impression I got in India was that everybody was anxious to dazzle everyone else with his own magnificent dignity. So the rambling Philistine like myself may be pardoned the snigger that flutters in the sleeve. There is no cohesion among Englishmen in India except caste cohesion. In the social air there hovers a suspicion that your neighbours are conspiring to do you wrong.

Every Indian station on the hills or in the plains has its dozen or more cliques. If you are an easy-going new landed traveller, and you unsuspectingly take tea with any one belonging to the civil clique, it is likely you will be tabooyed by the military clique.

All this charges the social atmosphere of Anglo-India with narrow-mindedness. It is a repellent atmosphere, but one that is soon accepted and in time, even defended for though B may be snubbed by A, he has the consolation that he can snub C and D, and all the rest.

When a general Britisher arrives in India from home and sees the cold superciliousness with which the fifty other Britishers in the station regard each other, he hits upon the happy idea of starting a club. He goes round, and finds everybody is willing to help and to join. Then there suddenly comes a hitch, "you know, I can't have anything to do with it if so-and-so belongs," says one resident.

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or good fellowship would go there. But mark, How can Miss Smith, the daughter of the Commissioner, play tennis when that Miss Brown, the daughter of the Civil Surgeon, is having her tea on the verandah? It is manifestly impossible any Anglo-Indian can see that. Therefore only Miss Smith and Miss Brown's clique belong to the Gymkhana.

But here comes a situation that amuses the mere roving vagabond. The social barrier regarding admittance to the Gymkhana is a movable obstruction, and its exact point of obstruction is different in different stations. In a big military station the Collector will hardly be tolerated, and the Collector, being human, says nasty things about the uppishness of the military.

WHEN CARDINAL MONTALTO BECAME SIXTUS V.

When Cardinal Montalto became Sixtus V. he speedily threw off the disguise which had enveloped his former life, and made the astounding Conclave know that, in place of a docile instrument, they had elected an inflexible master.

It had been the custom of nobles coming to Rome to be escorted, whenever they went out, by a "following" more like an army than an escort; and it frequently happened that, when two such parties met in a narrow street, a violent struggle for precedence would take place, and blood be freely shed.

Just after the promulgation of the Pope's orders, Ranuccio Farnese, the only son of the Duke of Parma, arrived in Rome. His first care was to wait on the new Pontiff; and being presented by his uncle, Cardinal Farnese, the young prince met the reception due to his rank and to his merit.

On the evening after his arrival he was invited by Prince Casarino to a magnificent banquet. Wine flowed freely, and the night waxed late when the gay guests began to discuss the edict of His Holiness. Several wild young spirits, and among them Ranuccio, declared themselves ready to brave it openly.

Meanwhile, Cardinal Farnese was not idle. He consulted with his friend Count Olivares, the Spanish ambassador, and they resolved to obtain by stratagem what had been refused to their prayers.

His Eminence possessed great influence in the city, and at the appointed hour, Time changed his noisy course, as if by magic, into a silent flight. Two clocks, those of St. Peter and St. Angelo, were put back twenty minutes; their proximity to the prison requiring this change.

At last, if you will not delay, do not anticipate," interrupted Olivares. Despite the delay, it only wanted ten minutes to the fatal hour.

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ANGLO-INDIAN TREATMENT OF HINDUS. THE Britisher abroad is an arrogant person, and the arrogance of the Anglo-Indian is stupendous. As I am a Britisher, I suppose I am arrogant, and I dare say I were a well-trained Anglo-Indian, my arrogance would be insufferable.

Hindus are not necessarily vulgar animals. I believe some of them have English degrees, and may be said to be more cultured than good many of their English rulers. Some of them I would even call gentlemen. But I have heard subalterns deliberately make objectionable remarks about niggers in a Hindu's presence.

"Caste is the curse of India," says the Anglo-Indian. And thereupon he sets about to jealously guard his own caste. Most folks, I suppose, have a cold shiver down the back when they hear of marriages between English and Hindu.

Another phase of the same question. In India and Burma, more especially in Burma, many an official is well-known to keep one or two native girls as concubines. There is no hiding the fact; no attempt is made to keep it secret; his chief's wife knows perfectly well all about the menage, never a door is closed to him.

Let him be so foolish as to marry her, instead of making her his concubine—what happens? Go to Burma, particularly, and find out. Is not every door slammed in his face and his name wiped from every visiting list? Why? Still another phase of the same question—the blackest phase.

In the old times, before quick communication between England and India, when a man who went to India usually went for the best slice of his life, it was common, and even natural, that there should be frequent marriages with natives.

Now we have had some leopards prowling around our ways lately. Disappearances of sundry dogs and goats, wild howls of frightened deer—"deer standing still in the forest," as the old song puts it—shriek cries at night time and distinct pugs during the day, all told the one story, a tale dear to our sporting instincts—the must be caught.

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ANIMAL FRIENDSHIP.

A COLLECTION OF TRUE STORIES.

PERHAPS the most entertaining article with which the Strand Magazine starts the new year is one by Mr. Albert H. Broadwell on the subject of animal friendship. It is illustrated with some excellent reproductions from photographs, which serve to lend an atmosphere of reality to some of the strange stories the writer tells.

A New Zealand correspondent writes:—"Every one knows how deficient in sense of maternal responsibility are mother ducks, and some duckings of mine, appearing neglected, were put into a small box, with flannel, to add to their comfort. As one of our cats happened to be present, and inspected them with some interest, my wife said to her, 'Here are some kittens for you, Minna,' without more ado Minna jumped into the box, and there she remained as her very own.

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ANIMAL ODDITIES.

ONE might very naturally imagine that an animal which, like the familiar oxen, spends its existence in more or less calm repose between two shells, would possess some quaint peculiarities of structure.

And yet, again, how many lovers of the bivalve are aware of the fact that it passes its intestine right through its heart? Such is economy with a vengeance.

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