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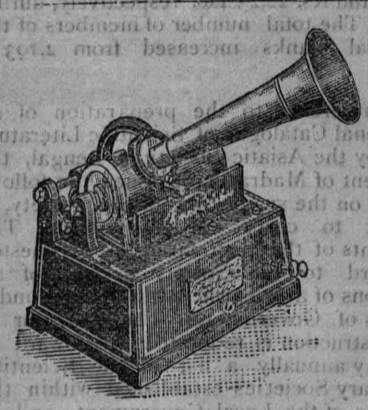
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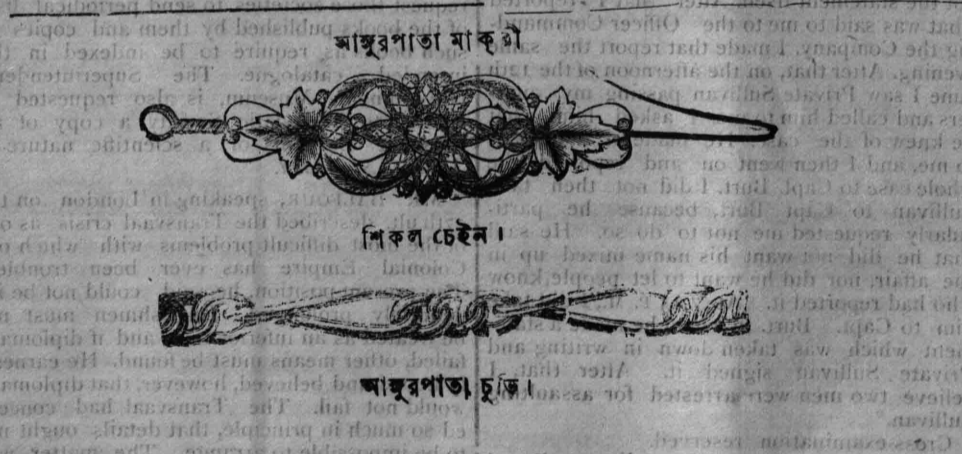


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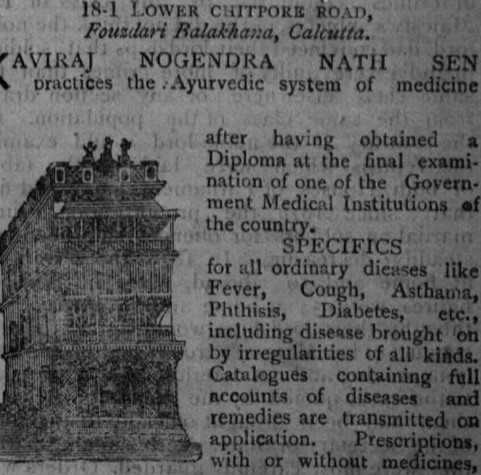
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AGITATION IN REGARD TO THE MUNICIPAL BILL.

"WRITE good, strong and argumentative articles," says a Commissioner, and thus he tries to shift his own responsibility upon the shoulders of the Editor.

Another Commissioner says, "let us hold a public meeting." Yes, that is the panacea for all evils,—the Holloway's Pill for the cure of all our political diseases.

The fact is, the Commissioners have an important part to take in this matter. For, it is they whose representatives were in the Council to watch the Bill.

Our correspondent, "To Arms," is a fighting man as his pseudonym imports, and his letter, therefore, is not published elsewhere.

But to return to the Municipal question. Our correspondent says that the Municipal Commissioners are discussing the propriety of resigning.

We agree that there is some temptation in the membership of the General Committee. It means, at least, two gold mohurs per sitting.

The Government, however, cannot interfere with the four seats allotted to the rate-payers. It is quite possible, we think, that the Government is anxious to give the General Committee, at least, on the first occasion, a popular character.

The correspondent is very anxious that the Commissioners should resign. He says that there are many reasons why they should resign.

Referring to point third in the above, our correspondent says that "in spite of all, there is no likelihood of the Commissioners ever resigning."

Our correspondent makes another statement. He says the Government is going to prosecute a particular Commissioner, the one least able to help himself, and prove corruption against him.

explanation, for the imputations cast upon them. Of course, we publish this statement of our correspondent without vouching for its correctness.

"EATING THE SALT." To do Lord George Hamilton justice, we must say, he did not directly charge the native press with falsehood.

Sir W. Wedderburn has more than once explained his position as regards India. He says that as an Englishman, he is responsible for the good government of India, as every Englishman is; and, as an Indian official, he has "eaten the salt" of the country, and is thus bound to protect its interests.

Dumas had some knowledge of this Eastern instinct as would appear from a chapter in his great book, "Monte Cristo." In Western countries, it would seem, "eating the salt" is not considered much of an obligation.

But what struck us most was the attitude of Lord Kimberley. He is a Liberal, and had no business to oppose Lord Stanley, especially, as everybody knows, when the cause which the latter had taken up was a just one.

As regards the feeling of horror expressed by those who opposed Lord Stanley, it is possible that they do not know that Indians need the protection sought for? That the Indians need protection, can be proved from one single case, viz., that of Rangoon.

Naturally, therefore, whenever this question is raised, the authorities betray ill-temper. The outrages, however, can be stopped, if the perpetrators are punished for their crimes.

We have seen instances in which the Government has tried its best to bring the European offender to justice; yet he has escaped. Just see the case of Ross. The Assam Government was no doubt convinced of his guilt.

The scheme of Mr. Pedlar, Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, on the vernacular education in this province, has, as expected, caused a great stir, for the changes suggested by him are of a revolutionary character.

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ject of the Government of India is that the teaching of the most useful branches of natural science should form a part and parcel of our system of vernacular education.

When the subject was referred to the above Committee for careful consideration, and report, Mr. Pedlar proposed and justified his thorough revolution on the ground that the principles formulated by Government in their letter of appointment of the Committee, could not be acted up to unless a radical and thorough-going change were brought about.

As regards Mr. Pedlar's report, it is nothing if not read with the appendices. The report seems to be all right, but one must study the appendices to understand its real character.

OUR readers are already aware, that Gunner Love, who stood charged with having caused the death of one Shadayan has been let off. Of course, none need wonder at this result.

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only witness for the defence; and mark what he says in his cross-examination. He said "that assuming that no... was made, the results of his personal and careful examination of the girl Gungamah might be consistent with the theory of an attempt at rape."

THE Anglo-Indian community is in great joy. After twenty years of patient suffering they have at last got what they were striving for. It pained them to see the Municipality of the capital of the Empire in the hands of the Indians.

THEY love power, and we have said, that we are willing to oblige them in this matter, though, of course, they are strong enough to help themselves, and are not in need of our help.

THE two races are in this country under the same sovereign. The Englishmen are here for two hundred years. But an impossible barrier divides them.

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the statute under which he has been sentenced until he is released by the Board of Managers on their judgment that he is a reformed man."

JUDGING from the published reports of the Vandalur shooting case, its abrupt conclusion appears to us simply astounding. The case for the defence entirely depends upon the evidence of the medical Officer, Dr. Dalma.

MR. STEVENS of the Daily Mail did not gain much by his abuse of the Bengalees. The Englishman denounced him, and then Mr. Oldham followed with his ever-to-be-remembered letter.

THE Englishman, referring to Lord George Hamilton's attacks on Sir W. Wedderburn, charges the Congress with "basing their argument on false issues."

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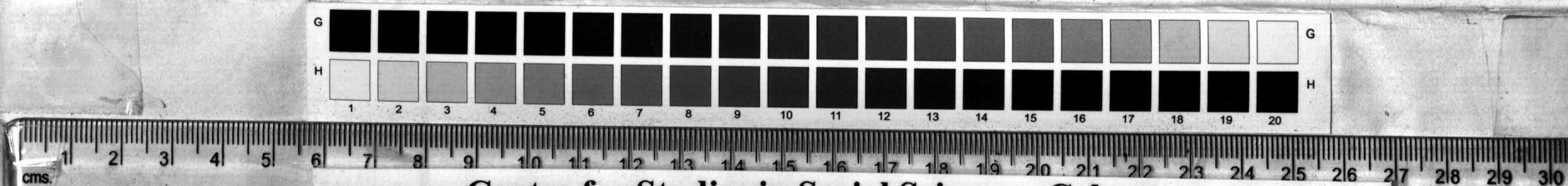
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OCEAN GOLD ROBBERIES.

SOME UNSOLVED MYSTERIES.

THE intelligence that a boy containing specie to the amount of £5,000 is missing from the quantity of gold coin and bullion shipped from Sydney to San Francisco by the R. M. S. Alameda...

The vessel had reached Melbourne from Sydney, where a large quantity of gold and bullion was shipped. Directly the consignment was placed in the strong room, the door was locked...

The precautions adopted at Australian ports while gold is being shipped are of such a stringent character as to make the chances of successful speculation somewhat remote.

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A MONKEY'S SUICIDE.

WHETHER animals ever really kill themselves intentionally has often been questioned, but well-authenticated cases of dogs and cats compassing their own death, have been known...

This room had been used for an entertainment, and hanging from a beam was a rope, with a noose at the end, which had been used for holding a lantern.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

MR. J. C. STEVENS sold on July 19 at his rooms in King Street, Covent Garden, a good specimen of the egg of the great auk (Alca impennis)...

Two days ago, says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily News, the first attempt to make use of wireless telegraphy from a balloon was made by three Austrian officers...

UTILISING WATER POWER.

A SCHEME which marks a completely new departure in locomotion in the Himalayas is now maturing in Simla and is likely to be shortly put into execution.

INSTRUCTIONS are now being issued for curtailing the administration and other reports issued by Departments.

Mr. Ratiram Durgaram Dave B. A., has been chosen to represent the Bombay University at the Twelfth International Congress of Orientalists which opens at Rome on the 2nd October.

PLAGUE MEASURES IN POONA.

THE Bombay Government have sent the following answer to a petition recently forwarded by a public meeting in Poona:—

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the petition, dated the 9th instant, signed by you on behalf of a public meeting held in Poona.

The first prayer in your petition relates to the "disinfection and consequent detention of passengers arriving at the Poona railway station."

The second prayer in your petition is that the Poona City Municipality may be allowed to take a more active part in the management of plague measures.

LOBSTERS ARE NOT FOOLS.

"THE lobster may be a cannibal, but he is not fool," said L. B. Spencer, who has a more intimate acquaintance with lobsters than any other man at the aquarium.

Where the notion originated that lobsters don't know enough to get out of their own way is more than I can tell, but it did not originate with men who had experience with lobsters.

When he is ready to get out of his shell, he splits his armour across the back at the first joint of the carapace.

"In the water the lobster is as graceful as any fish that swims. In sudden alarm he gives one flirt of his tail and shoots from 20 to 30 feet backward.

"The lobster is a cannibal, but he is made so by his environment. Cannibalism is practised by the most respectable fish and crustaceans, and the lobster observes the fashion.

"The lofty mentality of the lobster is further proved by the strength of his emotions. This is shown in love, war and the chase.

"Lobsters have fierce duels with each other in which they shed injured parts in order to stop the bleedings from them.

GODAKAWELA KRAAL.

AN EXCITING TIME WITH ELEPHANTS.

"A VISITOR" writing from Godakawela on August 2nd says:—Both the elephant herds having been brought near to the stockade, it was suggested that the driving in of the nearer herd should be effected on the morning of the 28th instant.

At about 12-30 P. M., on the following day (30th), noosing was commenced by admitting 4 tamed elephants, one of them being a tusker to the stockade.

When he is ready to get out of his shell, he splits his armour across the back at the first joint of the carapace.

On the 31st at about 8 A.M., again the noosing commenced, and all the remaining elephants were noosed except the big two.

DR. GEORGE WATT, Economic Reporter to the Government of India, arrived in Simla on Thursday.

NINE of the principal ringleaders in the rising which occurred in the Chin Hills at the end of May have surrendered unconditionally.

INDIA GAZETTE.

THE services of Captain H. A. L. Howell, R. A. M. C., are temporarily placed at the disposal of the Bombay Government for plague duty.

The services of Captain W. T. Barry, 2nd Bengal Infantry, are temporarily placed at the disposal of the Bombay Government for employment on plague duty.

Mr. W. E. Jardine, I. C. S., First Assistant to the Governor-General's Agent, Central India, is granted three months' privilege leave.

Mr. J. Shaw, Government Examiner of Accounts, Assam-Bengal Railway, is permitted to resign the service.

Mr. H. J. Holland officiates as Superintendent during the absence of Mr. R. D. Oldham.

Mr. C. Pitman, Director-General of Telegraphs, goes on 3 months' leave from the 23rd instant.

Mr. F. A. Maclean officiates as Director-General and Mr. J. J. Allen as Deputy Director-General.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS:—It is notified that an open competitive examination will be held for the admission to the Indian Civil Service on the 1st August 1900.

MONSOON AND AGRICULTURE.

A BOMBAY telegram of the 11th instant says:—Over an inch of rain has fallen at Secunderabad (1.89), Mangalore (1.83), Karwar (1.55), Goa (1.30), Amraoti (1.34), and at Ratnagiri (1.02).

The crop report for Madras states that agricultural operations are at a standstill in the Deccan and West Coast, but where rain has fallen there has been some improvement in the condition of crops.

SERGEANT MCGUIRE, of the 22nd Connaught Rangers, having been bitten, by a mad dog, has proceeded to Paris.

THE VICEROY will not improbably make a short trip into the interior in the direction of Narkanda before leaving Simla for the plains.

THE construction of the Cambay State Railway from Cambay to Pellad has been sanctioned, and the work will commence soon.

No cases of plague having occurred at Penang since the 22nd of July, and the Government of Burma having withdrawn the Venice Convention regulations against that port, the Government of Bengal has done the same.

ADVICES from Mombassa state terrible scenes have been witnessed in that town of the effects of the famine in East Africa.

A Mother Tells How She Saved Her Little Daughter's Life.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form.

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