

Outwitting a Brahmin.

WESTERN IDEAS ARE MAKING PROGRESS IN THE MINDS OF THE HINDOOS.

The Brahmins are the sacred caste of India, and their sanctity is the basis of their supremacy. This is so powerful that to refuse a Brahmin food is to call down punishment from the skies, and to beat one is to consign the beater to an eternity of woe.

There are different kinds of Brahmins, and some of them lead a lazy, vagabond life, relying upon the virtue of their caste to secure them food and lodging, at whatever house they may visit.

Other villagers brought food to the Brahmin but he refused to accept their offerings, being determined to break the spirit of the grain-seller. One day passed, and neither had yielded.

On the second day the Brahmin, now very hungry, poured forth his curses upon the grain-seller's head, muttering spells, and bringing forth all manner of obnoxious words.

The Brahmin had thought that at last he had conquered, for his hands grasped the strong silken girdle which the grain-seller tied down, and suffered himself to be slowly drawn up.

Amid the lamentations of the shrieking crowd, the grain-seller hauled the half-drowned Brahmin to the nearest police station, and charged him with attempting to commit suicide.

Lower California to Go the Way of Texas. It is said that there is a scheme on foot to bring Lower California into the United States.

The general outline of the plan, it is claimed, was for the Mexican Land and Colonization Company, composed of wealthy Englishmen, owning concessions on the peninsula, to place \$100,000 in the hands of a well-known San Diego capitalist to be used in advancing the interests of the filibusterers.

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A Boon to Wives. Having used "Mother's Friend" I would not be without it. It is a boon to wives who know they must pass through the painful ordeal of childbirth.

COURTSHIP IN GREECE.

Quaker Marriage Customs Among the Modern Hellenes.

Courting by Proxy—Most of the Private Arrangements Made by the Stolen Kisses and Hugs—Pictorial Titles and Feats.

When a young Greek determines to take a wife to himself, he writes as follows to the London Standard: "I am a Quaker, and according to the custom of my race, I take his oldest female relatives into his confidence, and they at once go hunting for a suitable mate for him.

If the maiden's parents do not object to the proposed match they invite the visitor to enter the house and partake of their hospitality. The evening is spent in feasting and making arrangements for the wedding.

The bride is escorted to the church by a small party of her friends. The ceremony is performed by a priest, who simply has to tie the girl's small present from her wooer. Thenceforward, until the wedding takes place, he may visit her every day, but he will have no chance to be alone with her.

The bride's parents do not last long after a suitor declares himself. To get married is his object, and he easily persuades his betrothed to have the ceremony performed during the next evening feast.

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NOBLE SIX HUNDRED.

Personal Reminiscences of Colonel John Shakespeare.

A Survivor Gives Some New Points About the Famous Charge of the Light Brigade—How Brave Men Walked Into the Jaws of Death.

Colonel John Shakespeare, a retired officer of the British army, writes as follows to the London Standard: "The charge of 'The Light Brigade,' called 'The Six Hundred,' took place October 25, 1854, and is still a household memory with us, though many years have slipped by, and I have been asked by many to place on record some occurrences other than those galloping, out-thrusting and strong language, all of which are very similar on like occasions, and are often told in prose and verse.

In the pause that followed I deemed it desirable to learn what the Russians were doing, and as the horse I had ridden was wounded by a splinter of a shell, I mounted a baggage pony and rode up the grass slope to near the crest of the mountain.

At this time Lord Cardigan reined up and told me what had happened, at the same time pointing to a long rent in his cherry overalls made by a Cossack lanceer who had otherwise missed his aim.

Others rode or ran up to the guns. Among the last was Captain Godfrey Morgan, Seventeenth Lancers, now Lord Tredegar, whose horse had been killed and his helmet lost. However, he came to me, sword in hand, and speaking as cool as he would on parade, said: "Is not this an awful business, Shakespeare? What shall I do?" My reply was: "Quick! jump on a gun limber, and go to the rear with us, or to the front if we go into action, when you may help fight a gun."

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