

## HIS MAGNIFIENCE

SEVEN years—Have I been with his Magnificence. He loves me and Selia, who is my wife; and the two little ones.

I have Rupees now, in my possession; given to me, by Him, after swearing at me.

He always swore at me. No others would he swear at.

Once I had pains. His Magnificence alleviated them, by giving me bullets (which were white). He taught me to swallow them, without chewing. Once I chewed.—The taste was bad and bitter.—I do not chew them now.

He has often told me, I was the largest liar in all India.—And then he would swear.—That was his way, as he loves me as a brother.

At Christmas time.—He would give the two little ones, eatables, in Brown, Red and Yellow—In many shapes—Pleasant to the taste.

To myself and Selia, He would make a great oration and then we would receive many gifts from him.

Without me, he could do nothing. All the years, I spent with Him, were pleasant. It was horse racing and such.

And all night, and far in the morn. It was drink and smoke with his three friends.

At times.—Much silver and gold would pass from one to another.

Then she came.—Her hair was the color of the Sun.

She came from afar.

Her abode was on the Hill.

Then a change, that was great took place.

It was thus—His magnificence became fussy.

No more drink No more smoke No more three friends.

It was all day, Darie Dey Go here Go there. Many times I went to the Bazaar, to see if the habilments He purchased, were ready.

He would say to me—Darie Dey tell the brownheaded heathen, to send my habilments at once—Immediately.

He never gave me a moment's Peace, after She came.

Yes—She made great trouble for myself and His Magnificence.

Wherever She was, He was. On Sunday we went to devotions. Before She came on Sunday we never devoted.

It was Sleep—Sleep all day—We never devoted.

After one year of this laborious work She and He had a Celebration which to Behold was Sonething.

Then He brought Her to our abiding place.

To look at Her made me feel joyful.

But She gave myself and Him much to do.

She called Him a great lazy boy.

She would say to me.—Darie Dey—Go the Bazaar, and get which is written on the paper.

She would tell me to Make Haste. Make Haste means. Go quick and return the same way.

Then She would tell me, An extra Rupee I would receive from Her—on settlement day. Then She would smile—Her teeth was the color of Pearl. How could one refuse to make haste? She finally took His Magnificence away. To a place called England, which is merry. He will return as without Me He can do nothing.

WALTER GRIEVE.

IN the beginning the woman forsakes the world for the man; in the end the man forsakes the woman for the world.

## WAITING

HOW many minutes are there in a day?  
 The weary watchers know, and only they;  
 The clock ticks, and their quivering nerves are strained  
 For sound of steps that never come their way!

I think that when men die and go to hell  
 They do not burn in fire, as prophets tell;  
 But that they wait, and wait, and wait, and wait  
 For one who never comes, loved e'er so well.

ELSA BARKER.



## HIS CONDESCENDING COMMENT

SOILED SPOONER—Dat feller, Wabby Walker, uster be an actor, I'll  
 bet on dat.

SELDUM FEDD—What makes you t'ink so?

SOILED SPOONER—Why, when he saw de sunrise yesterday mornin' he  
 said dat it was "very clever."



## OUT OF FASHION

MRS. SHEM said to Ham,  
 "What a big fright I am,"  
 As they walked through Mt. Ararat park;  
 "Every nursemaid and cook  
 Will declare that I look  
 Just as if I came out of the ark."



## INEXPRESSIBLE INFAMY

LENA—I don't blame you for detesting Belle. She tried to make trouble  
 between you and the young man you are engaged to, didn't she?

BESSIE—It was worse than that. She tried to make trouble between me  
 and a young man who hasn't proposed yet.