

The Supernatural in India.

It had been my fate to wander for many years in the jungles and waste places of northern India where also the "fakir" or religious mendicant, resorts to avoid the temptations of the world, and perhaps to pass years in silent introspection. My life was spent in carrying out the duties of a forest officer, and in hunting big game; his in the mortification of the flesh with a view to rising to a higher plane of existence; and I confess to a feeling of sympathy and respect for one who, unarmed and alone, could so completely camp out in forests infested with wild beasts, trusting to his divinity for his life and to the rare passerby for his subsistence. I had long known that some of these wanderers claimed the power of calling to a given spot any of the denizens of the jungle, but I had never put their powers to the test, for they invariably insisted on extorting a promise that the animal should not suffer for its obedience.

It was my good fortune in the month of April some fifteen years ago to meet with an individual who undoubtedly possessed a certain power over the wild animals in his vicinity, and who did not scruple to use it to his own profit. I had organized a small shooting party into Nepal in that year. We did not expect much sport in that land of swamp and forest; we anticipated a week's tour in a new country with a little shooting to enliven the march; and crossing the border we encamped near a village about eight miles in Nepal. My orderlies visited the village and returned with the usual news that the villagers knew of no tigers in the vicinity; they added, however, that they had discovered an old man who made his living by selling charms to protect the cattle against any tiger they might chance to meet in their pasture grounds. The two statements did not agree, but I knew that the villagers would give no information as to the whereabouts of a tiger, because, in the first place, they believed that the tiger would learn their treachery, and make matters extremely disagreeable in the future; whilst, secondly, they did not desire any strangers to camp near their village.

The charm vender readily appeared when sent for, and proved to be a wise, emaciated, feeble old person who made no promises save that he would join the hunt on the morrow, and asked for nothing but a goat and a bottle of rum to sacrifice to his deities. Both these delicacies were supplied; I am unaware how he disposed of them, but next morning his bleary eyes and shaking hand were evidences of a night passed in vigils, either festive or prayerful. He first begged to be placed on the largest elephant, as he remarked that the tigers would specially resent his appearance as their enemy, and next drawing from his girdle a small copper ball he suspended it, thinking from finger to thumb, muttering at the same time some unintelligible sentences; then after apparently receiving whispered instructions he silently led the way through the forest, followed by the sportsman, whose feelings varied between shamefacedness and contempt. I must explain that at this season of the year the forest has already been devastated by jungle fires, and only here and there patches of unburnt grass left either by accident or on account of the dampness of the locality. As a male tiger stands some three and a half feet high and weighs about six hundred pounds, I was both astonished and angry when the tiger charmer stopped at the edge of a small patch

of grass which might have concealed a pig or deer, but certainly could not, in my opinion, afford suitable cover for a tiger. When I represented this to the old man he merely replied: "The tiger is there," and we, traversing the grass, passed out on the other side without discovering any living creature. We again appealed to our leader to cease his fooling and take us to a more suitable spot, but were met by the same stolid reply. There was nothing to be done but to try again, and this time we discovered an immense tiger lying crouched between two elephants. He arose on being discovered, and walked slowly in front of the howdah to the edge of the patch of grass, there turning in a dazed way, he calmly regarded us, and tell at once with a bullet behind the shoulder. The extraordinary behavior of this tiger impressed me more as a sportsman than the proceedings of the old man; but we acknowledged that the incident was in every way uncanny. It was yet early in the day and, the bell again sounding, we were led in a bee line to another tiger, which suffered itself to be slaughtered in a similar manner. In five days we bagged six tigers, and only desisted because the old man explained that he had killed all the tigers his trade in charms would be ruined. The effects of the cyclone in September, 1899, penetrated far into the Himalayas; for three days, at an elevation of twelve thousand feet, we, a few natives and myself, lived in peril of our

lives amidst torrents of rain, sleet and snow, hearing the thunder of landslides and avalanches around us and deafened by the furious rush of water in the valley below. To light a fire was impossible, we waited wearily for annihilation, and subsisted on what tinned meat we still possessed at the conclusion of a hunting trip. On the fourth day the skies cleared, and we eagerly scanned the opposite hillside, to ascertain if the village was still standing. As the sun broke through the heavy banks of clouds we saw some forlorn individuals on their house roofs, apparently similarly engaged, and my companions at once opened a conversation with them, in spite of the distance, which could not be less than a mile and a half, and in spite also of the fact that the river which flowed between almost drowned our voices when in conversation with each other. There was no apparent effort on our side, and no reply was intelligible to my untrained ear. Yet we asked for assistance, and we received it when, a few days later, the water had subsided sufficiently to permit a chain of fifteen strong men to ford the river and rescue us from starvation. When one lives amongst a people who are absolutely convinced of the existence of ghosts and the bodily presence of evil spirits; when one finds as a matter of daily routine offerings displayed for the one and dwelling-places erected for the other, one wishes to be in the confidence of one's neighbors, and to learn the reason for the faith that is

in them. Up to the present time men and animals are "overlooked" in India, and it is unlikely to compliment your native friend on his personal appearance, on the beauty of his children, or on the superiority of his cattle; for it is an accepted fact that by so doing you may incur that which has excited your admiration. What we call coincidence, the native considers reality; he is content to communicate disease or trouble to man or beast in the belief that it will leave his household, if by exposing food or coin on the highway he can tempt the ignorant or unwary to accept it; he is a firm believer in a thousand unlucky acts, dates or maris, and he exhibits a childish dread of unusual sights or sounds after sunset. We find, in old-fashioned houses still standing as evidence of the first attempts of white men to establish home comforts, belated ghosts appearing in proof of long-forgotten tragedies. Such an ancient building was occupied by C. a government official holding a high appointment, and moreover a student with a well-balanced mind. To him appeared one day as he sat at his writing-table a pair of twinkling feet that whirled round the room in a giddy dance. No sane person could resist a feeling of astonishment at such a sight; in C's case great interest was also aroused, and after careful scrutiny he came to the conclusion that the feet were those of a native dancing-girl. The next step was to convince himself that this was no hallucination, and he called for his native servant and

watched the man's demeanor when he entered the room. Surprise was succeeded by horror on the man's face, that he had seen the dancing-girl and must die. Which he did next day. I have twice lived in haunted houses and twice pitched my camp on the site occupied by a spirit. My first haunted house was in a small hill station, and the spirit consisted in the perambulation of the stone flagged veranda by heavy footsteps. My second haunted house was in a deserted village in a dense forest. I desired to utilize it as a shooting-box in the winter, or a protection against the heat of the summer months. But I reckoned without my host, for each night was a time of danger and unrest on account of the valley of stones which descended from all sides. This I was aware was a favorite trick of the Hindustani servant to express disapproval of his master's actions or surroundings, but I took the precaution to have all my servants in the house at night, whilst I knew that no villagers would dare to cross the forest at that hour to play a trick on an official, and moreover the uneasiness of my servants acquiesced them of all complicity in the matter, and I was compelled to accept the verdict that my presence was distasteful to the shadowy tenant, and to leave him in undisturbed enjoyment of his own, lest he should proceed to further violence.—E. Searley-Wilmet in Temple Bow.

A WEEK OF GREAT HUSTLE AND BUSTLE!

EVERYTHING ON THE GO THESE MERRY XMAS TIMES.

NOTHING BUT BARGAINS, SUCH AS "F. AUERBACH & BRO." ALONE CAN GIVE. THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS HERE; THE XMAS SPIRIT PERVADES THE STORE; THE XMAS TOUCH IS ON EVERYTHING. The vitality of Tremendous enterprise is in evidence in the special Bargains offered here for this week's selling. They are such as will make this week the most brilliant and joyous of all the pre-Christmas days. They will impart to the people the spirit of the hour--and inspire with the desire to buy and give--because they can buy so well and give so gracefully. Notice

Special Prices GIVEN BELOW On Goods Beautiful and Useful.



Fancy Articles.

Especially adapted for Christmas Gifts, a well selected variety of choice desirable goods in part as follows:
TOILET SETS, SMOKING SETS, MANICURE SETS, GLOVE CASES, PHOTO ALBUMS, WORK BOXES, SHAVING SETS, JEWEL CASES, CIGAR CASES, SILVER BACK HAIR BRUSHES AND MIRRORS, EBONY HAIR BRUSHES AND MIRRORS, and best of all the Prices, they make your Purse do Wonders. FINEST QUALITY CELLULOID TOILET ARTICLES. In sets or single pieces; these are the greatest line ever shown this city.

Ostrich Feather Boas.

If you are thinking of making a handsome Christmas Gift, certainly to be appreciated, you should see those handsome Ostrich Feather Boas, made of long, beautiful curled, downy feathers, they are 46 inch long, in black or black and white, and sell regularly at \$17.00 each. Special this week at each.....

Liberty Silk Boas.

and other Ladies' Chiffon and Lace Neck Wear, in large variety, all specially reduced for this week. Some extraordinary bargains for your choosing.

For Baby's Christmas.

Those pretty Kimono, Knit or Embroidered Jackets, cute little Dresses, Toilet Sets, Rattles, Bottles and the many other useful things in our Infants' Department, will make pretty and useful presents for the little tots.

Silks For Xmas Presents.

You won't find anything that will give more satisfaction or be more appreciated than a handsome black or colored silk dress or waist pattern. Silk bought from us can be positively depended upon. OUR GUARANTEE GOES WITH EVERY YARD WE SELL, and our Low Prices cannot be duplicated.
BLACK PEAU DE SOIE SILK Elegant qualities, now on sale at \$9, \$4, \$7, \$1.19, \$1.59, \$1.90 a yd.
BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE, 70c, 90c, \$1.15, \$1.48, \$1.69 a yd.
Black Taffeta, warranted qualities and pure Dye, at 70c, 90c, \$1.15, \$1.50 a yd.
A COLLECTION OF PARIS NOVELTY SILKS including some nobby Black Fancy Weaves, Dress and Waist Silks, value up to \$2.00, now on sale at..... 98c.

Furs for Xmas.



The oldest custom in America. The preservation of fine pelts at festive seasons.
NO FINER. NO BETTER. than we have here assembled.
A LEADER 50 EXTRA fine Maine Mink, very choice neck scarfs, 6 tails each. A perfect match. Values that brought \$5.75, \$10.00 and \$12.50. While they last..... \$6.99
A handsome line of Electric seal Jackets and Capes, \$17.50 up to..... \$65.00

HOLIDAY INDUCEMENTS In our Linen Department.

Fine Linens is the joy of every Housekeeper and no gift receives more enthusiastic gratitude. Here are prices on them for this week that give money on a third more than its usual value. Largest size Knitted fringe. All LINEN SATIN DAMASK TOWELS, plain white or with colored borders, the finest 40c Towels on sale this week at (each)..... 27c
PLAIN WHITE SATIN DAMASK TOWELS with drawn work ends and knotted fringe, size 23x46, value 60c, on sale this week at (each)..... 44c
FIVE LOTS OF THE FINEST IMPORTED DAMASK TOWELS, some hemstitched, some with Brocade Borders, some scalloped and some knotted fringe. Value 85c and 90c, on sale this week at (each)..... 63c
Table Sets.
SETS HEMSTITCHED LINEN CLOTHS with Dinner size napkins to match, fine damask, new designs.
Value \$5.00, on sale this week, per set..... \$4.20
Value \$7.50, on sale this week, per set..... \$5.45
Value \$9.00, on sale this week, per set..... \$6.95
Value \$10.50, on sale this week, per set..... \$7.95
Value \$11.50, on sale this week, per set..... \$8.75



An Eiderdown Sale.

Just in Time For the Holidays. A Reduction, which will enable you to make some nice present for a little money.
JUST 12 VOLTS ALL WOOL EIDERDOWN, 28 inches wide, in red, pink, light blue, gray, Nile green, tan, and white—suitable for bath robes, lounging robes, kimono, baby's coats, etc. regular 50c. ON SALE TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT 10 O'CLOCK SHARP. 29c (a yard) at.....
The lot is none too large and you'd BETTER HURRY, if you care to share the opportunity.

Kid Gloves.

YOU CAN'T GO AMISS BY SELECTING KID GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. OUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY VARIETY MAKE THEM DOUBLY ACCEPTABLE.

The Sorosis at \$1.00. Ladies' P. K. sewed fine kid gloves in Suede or Gilt all colors; these are made with gusseted fingers, Paris point embroidered, and are equal in wear to any \$1.50 grade, every pair warranted.

The Superba at \$2.00. There is more beauty, elegance and wearing in a pair of Superba Kid Gloves, than in any glove made. French knit, with the prettiest gilt or silver tinsel mixed embroidered back, three pearl clasps, gusseted fingers, and are sure to please and be admired by the most fastidious dressers. You shouldn't complete your Christmas shopping without seeing them.

The Treville \$1.50 Grade at \$1.25. Ladies' three clasp fine kid gloves, in black, white and colors, made with gusseted fingers of fine French kid, perfect in fit and wear, all sizes. This is a special glove bargain.

Misses Kid Gloves at \$1.00. THE PRINCESS made of fine kid in sizes 4 to 6 1/2, all colors, there's nothing more pleasing for the little girl than a pretty pair of kid gloves, these are in extra good quality and every pair guaranteed.

French Waistings FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Practical Presents of this sort are gaining in favor. This week we had patterns in embroidered granite cloths—the latest novelty in French waistings, the prettiest shades, the newest patterns—ample lengths for a pretty waist will be for sale at prices much lower than by the yard prices. A better Xmas present would be hard to find. Men, too, can easily choose from the very large variety. Early Buyers will find assortments undisturbed.

XMAS IDEAS IN UMBRELLAS.

We've gathered up everything that is to be admired or desired in fine umbrellas for Xmas presents, hundreds of them, all the new styles of handles from the natural wood to the slightly pearl are here and prices are scaled to suit purses. Come and see them. They range in price 75c to \$10.00.

Purses and Chatelaine Bags.

A superb collection of novelties imported expressly for the holiday trade.

AT AFTER HOLIDAY PRICES. At 25 cents each. Ladies' combination purses in black and colors with strong steel clasp, regular 35c and 40c grades.

At 50 cents each. Combination purses in black seal or grain leather, alligator and fancy leather effects, all strongly made also a pretty line of the new seal pattern chain effect chatelaine bags, the regular prices ranging up to 85c each.

At \$1.00 each. Combination purses in genuine seal, alligator and many novelties, both black and colors, nobby chain purses in steel, silver, oxidized and French finish, worth up to \$1.40 each; on sale this week at \$1.00.

All the finer grades throughout entire line are equally as great bargains and include all that's pretty in bead, chain and leather chatelaines.

A PRETTY SILK DOWN COMFORT.

MAKES A USEFUL PRESENT. THREE AMAZING GOOD OFFERS. Finely covered down quilts, made of pure goose down, covered with silk; choice colorings; choice patterns; value \$14.00 on sale this week at..... \$10.50

Regular \$17.50 on sale this week at..... \$14.65

Regular \$22.50 on sale this week at..... \$17.80

Fancy Sheets and Pillow Cases. Are all the vogue. We have them in sets. They come in a box and will make nice presents. Ask to see them. They go at special sale prices this week.

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS CAN BE FOUND IN OUR

Cloak and Suit Section.

Let us quote a few things of interest and who they may interest!

For the Children.

Dainty little coats in all wool ladies' cloth, lined and interlined, prettily trimmed in heads, suits and blouses. Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. Prices \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.75.

For School Misses.

A great and grand assortment of Reefers and long coats, all the latest cut and colors. Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years. Prices \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95 and \$7.00.

For Your Sister.

An overcoat of course, something that will stay in her mind and on her back till next Xmas, maybe a Raglan? Why not? They're great this season, easily fitted. We'll help you choose. Prices \$7.50, \$8.75, \$12.00, \$16.50, \$20.00 and \$25.00.

For Mother.

Such a choice as never before, a jacket, a three-quarter coat, a skirt, a suit, a Newmarket, a handsome cape. The slim purse and the fat bank account can both find something here that will bring joy to the heart of MOTHERS.

For Bosom Cronies.

A dainty wool waist, a warm dressing sacque, a comfortable wrapper, a nice saten petticoat, all these are very acceptable gifts. Reasonably priced as follows:

Wool waists.....\$1.00 up.
Dressing sacques.....50c up.
Warm wrappers.....75c up.
Petticoats.....75c up.

NOTE.—Any garment sold during the coming week and intended for a gift will be exchanged for an article of the same value in our CLOAK DEPT only, after the holidays.

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A Sale of Fans.

The choicest and most carefully selected and greatest line ever placed before the Salt Lake public, choice, dainty, artistic designs all marked down specially for this week.

On Sale at 50c.

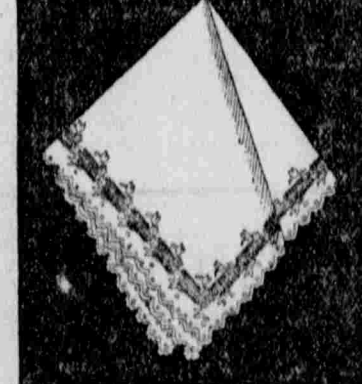
Ladies' fine gauze fans, a large variety to choose from, decorated in hand-painted floral designs, spangled lace, applique and lace-edged effect, sold regularly up to each \$1.00.

On Sale at \$1.00.

Beautiful gauze fans, in almost endless variety, including some of the most exquisite spangled and lace effects, ranging in value up to each \$1.50.

On Sale at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00.

The grandest variety of beautiful gauze fans, with carved ivory sticks, beautifully decorated in spangles, lace and hand-painted designs, including many extreme novelties.



Handkerchiefs.

FOR XMAS SHOPPERS.

Greater—far greater—than ever before is our Holiday Stock of Handkerchiefs, including all that's new, nobby and elegant, and we quote prices. POSITIVELY THE VERY LOWEST.

Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 4 or 1/2-inch hem, at 50c, 75c, 10c and 12 1/2c each.

Ladies' Hemstitched, all pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with 1/4 or 1/2-inch hem, at 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c each.

Ladies' Embroidered, Hemstitched, Scalloped or Lace Edged, Handkerchiefs, a magnificent variety, at 15c, 18c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 35c, 50c, 85c, 75c, \$1.00, and up to \$2.00 each.

Real Duchesse, Lace-edged Handkerchiefs, perfect gems, at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$7.50 each.



Our Shoe Dept.

Useful Holiday Gifts. Buy now while the assortment is complete.

Ladies', Misses', Boys and Children's Shoes. Men's Slippers, Great values. Ladies' Kid Slippers, elegant line, just received. Ladies' Felt Slippers, lowest prices. Ladies' Crochet Slippers, all colors. Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers. Misses' and Children's Crochet Slippers. Boys' Slippers, red and tan colors. IT PAYS TO BUY YOUR SHOES OF US.

XMAS OFFERINGS IN OUR

Gents' Furnishings Department.

MEN'S SILK MUFFLERS, made of heavy, rich silks, dark-colored grounds, relieved by bright stripes and figures, regular worth \$1.50, Our Price..... \$1.00 until Xmas.....

MEN'S SUSPENDERS, many styles, suitable for gifts, each pair in fancy box, in fancy colors, per pair, until Xmas..... 75c

MEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, in white, with fancy borders, 13 1/2-inch hem, regular 75c values, Our Price..... 50c until Xmas.....

MEN'S NECKWEAT, vast and varied, the collection in the latest patterns and shapes, tecks and bows, Our Price, until Xmas..... 25c

XMAS THOUGHTS In our

Boys' Clothing Dept.

Never before have we had such a bright and dazzling stock of goods in this department as we have this season. Our prices are about half what you're accustomed to paying. We name only a few.

BOYS' DOUBLE BREASTED KNEE PANT SUITS, in fancy, mixed and striped goods; pants double seat and knees, ages 9 to 16 years, regular \$4.00 values, Our Price, until Xmas..... \$2.75

CHILD'S VESTER SUITS, in the latest styles, very nobby, neatly trimmed, ages 3 to 8 years, regular \$4.50 values, Our Price, until Xmas..... \$3.25

BOYS' THREE-PIECE SUITS, in the latest styles, very nobby, ages 9 to 16 years, regular \$5.50 values, Our Price, until Xmas..... \$4.00

BOYS' WOOL SWEATERS, all sizes, Our Price..... 75c