

riding along on a comfortable, easy-going pony, with his leg thrown lazily over the high peak of the saddle, as he grew tired of riding astride, his falconers all about him ready to fly a hawk at anything which might appear, while he now and then turned round to his brothers, saying, "See how lucky I am! I have all that my father had, and have no trouble in looking after it, for Government sees that I am not attacked. I can go out hawking and shooting just as much as ever I please, and enjoy myself as I like." He was passionately fond of sport of all kinds, and as we rode through the country together he was constantly pointing up the hill-sides and telling me how he had shot ibex or markhor there. "A *splendid* day I had there!" he would say, and give a story of some great shoot he had had. He was also about the best polo-player in the country. All day long he used to talk of his shooting experiences, and then he would tell us that in the following year he was going to take me to another part of his country, and then I must take him to England. He said he would like to go as the guest of Government, as he was when he went to India; but, anyhow, he meant to go, and if Government would not invite him, he would save up money and go himself. Then, in the evening, as he sat in my tent with a few of his most trusted men, he would talk on every possible subject, and I was astonished to note his quick intelligence, his receptive memory, and his insatiable curiosity. He used to ask about our system of government, and I would tell him of Parliament and of the two great parties in the state; how Mr. Gladstone would be in power at one time, and Lord Salisbury at another. He at first thought this was a bad system, as it looked as if the country was split into two; but when I explained to him how the two parties kept balancing each other, the one preventing things going too fast, and the other seeing that they went fast enough, then he said he understood why it was we kept progressing so steadily. Asiatics have only one