

company. Fortunately my Stanley hat of newspaper had gone into the fire the evening before.

And then the train crept on in innumerable winds among the hills. We mounted considerably, and the temperature fell hour after hour just as on our nocturnal ride. Never have I enjoyed a railway journey so much. I was alone in the compartment, smoked, read, and ate Mrs. Benn's breakfast. How delightful to be in really dense shadow after the long days of burning sun! Outside the country lies bathed in light and heat. Yes, shine on as you like, cruel sun, you do not trouble me at all!

Galangur, Kurdagap, Sheikhwasil — high-sounding names for these small dreary stations on this extreme western tentacle of the great Indian railway network. To the last the train winds up among bare, scorched cliffs.

There is a sound of drums. A bridal procession passes by—the women in red dresses and simple ornaments, the men in white clothes and white bandages round their caps. Most of them walk, but ten dromedaries are ridden by wedding guests. All are bathed in sunshine, and dark shadows lie beside the gaudy colouring, and round about extend the warm waste lands and the heated hills. The procession sweeps by like a dream, and I have hardly time to fix the scene in my memory before all has vanished, and the roll of drums dies away in the distance.

At Kanah we meet a train; at Mastung, gardens and green fields attract the eye. A woman, clad in yellow, sings in a low tone as she walks under the shady arches in a park. At five o'clock we are in Quetta, where Captain A. L. Jacob meets me, having orders to look after me.

Quetta lies at a height of 5512 feet, and therefore is quite fresh. At Nushki we were at a height of 3051 feet, so that we have mounted considerably during the day's journey: In Quetta all the conveniences of life are to be found, luxuriant gardens and parks, fine and elegant houses, broad good roads, where one can always ride or drive in a *tam-tam* for long distances. There is a garrison of 5000 or 6000 men, including two regiments of English soldiers, two batteries, and also heavy artillery. And there are amiable and excellent men, English officers, who, with their