

IT IS A CITY OF AMBER

A BEAUTIFUL BUT DESERTED PALACE IN NORTHERN INDIA.

The Wonderful Palace Gives Evidence of the Barbic Splendor Enjoyed by a Noble Race of Hindu Kings Who Lived Long, Long Before Modern Times.

The renowned and now deserted city of Amber, in northwestern India, flourished with its countless thousands of inhabitants and untold wealth and splendor in the time of the Ptolemys.

It is situated in a mountain nook, about five miles from the present city of Jeypoor, and is one of India's jeweled possessions for antiquarians.

The great Amber palace is built of solid red sandstone and variegated Jeypoor marble and inlaid with costly gems. It has stood for centuries as it now stands, upon an elevated mountain slope overlooking a picturesque lake and surrounded by steep and rugged fortified peaks, with the walled and long since doomed and ruined city below.

The palace is a masterly structure of Hindu architecture, solid and secure, yet ornamental and beautiful. Entrance is gained through a massive and strongly fortified gate which leads into a spacious central court richly adorned with rare carvings, mighty trees and flowering shrubbery.

The grand divan—am or audience hall is reached from the spacious court by a massive flight of carved marble steps. This hall is a noble example of Rajasthani art, with its double rows of shining marble columns supporting a massive entablature, above which are latticed galleries of marble worked in rare designs.

The ceiling is of sculptured freestone, while the floor is made up of huge slabs of polished marble.

It was upon this floor that the ancient kings and nobles of this once royal city witnessed many gorgeous scenes of gayety and cruelty. Here they applauded the royal tilts and sports, and here they reviewed the many fierce conflicts between men and beasts and between royal Bengal tigers and noble fighting elephants in the grand courtyard below.

It was also upon this spacious floor that the kings and queens of this ancient realm gathered together at sunrise every morning for many centuries to witness the sacrifice of a living human being on that huge, black, blood besmeared stone altar in the small royal temple just over there to the right of this marble hall.

Here they would sit on their gold woven rugs and hear the dying moans and see and smell the smoke of these sacrificed victims, in order to appease (as they devoutly believed and believe to this day) the divine Shiva's wrath.

It is here that one may see every morning in the year an innocent goat burned alive as an offering to heaven to appease the destroyer of man. How very like our early biblical history.

From this hall, echoing with memories both gay and sad, we wander through spacious halls and galleries, elaborately carved apartments, up and down long rows of splendid stairs, through sculptured galleys covered with mosaics and doors inlaid in ivory and precious stones, until we reach the highest terrace in the palace.

This was exclusively devoted to the royal's personal apartments, contrary to our modern rules of sanitary arrangements, for now we place on the floor the airiest and best ventilated rooms and remain ourselves in the lowest, dampest and unhealthiest parts of our houses.

These kindly apartments are beautifully constructed with marble lattices windows and pavilions, gilt and carved ceilings and spacious arched porticoes.

On our left is the joy mandir, or hall of victory, adorned by panels of alabaster inlaid with flowers in alto relievo and ceiling glittering with mirrored and spangled work, for which Amber was long renowned, and which the conqueror's successor is now justly celebrated.

Opposite this grand hall of victory is the suk navas, or hall of pleasure, with its doors of sweet scented sandalwood inlaid with ivory and its gorgeous paintings of pleasures on earth and in heaven.

Here are groves from which issue cool, clear streams of pure mountain water, which is perfumed and made to run in carved channels the whole length of the marble floor to cool the heated atmosphere and the gay occupants of this hall.

Adjoining this beautiful hall are the sumptuous bathing apartments, once occupied by the noble and rich, where the kings and queens of this ancient castle had defiance to old Sol's burning rays during India's hottest days.

Here they whiled away their happy days amid love and pleasure in an atmosphere rendered sweet by the aroma of costly incense, listening to the strains of Indian music, gazing now and then upon the beautiful girls as they performed in scanty attire—as they do to this day—the famous nautch dance of India.

Next to these pleasure halls and groves are the spacious apartments once occupied by the harem—an indispensable adjunct to all eastern palaces.

It was here that the mighty maharajah, Jey Singh, in the early part of the eighteenth century ruled supreme in this jeweled spot on earth among his hundreds of carefully chosen wives like King David of old.

From every hall and terrace, from every arched pavilion and cavern latticed window of this wonderful old palace, we get glimpses of this picturesque spot, this historic city, surrounded as it is by all that nature and art can do to make it beautiful.

Mirrored in that clear, blue lake below one sees the ancient gilded domes and shrines of many costly temples. There are the noble trees planted so many centuries ago.

Yonder are the strong old city walls with their frowning towers and ramparts, their massive gates and splendid fortifications built so long ago, and on each side tower and castle and fortifications are so majestically and in conscious of their own strength and power.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Dimensions of the Coliseum.

The largest single structure in the world for audience and spectacular purposes is the Coliseum at Rome. It is in the form of an ellipse. Its long diameter is 615 feet, its short, 510; the height of the outer wall, 164. The arena is 381 feet long by 178 broad. The tiers of seats accommodate 100,000 spectators.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Valuable Cook.

Knowit—My cook is a treasure. Want to know you're in better luck than most people are? Knowit—I wasn't till lately. You see, she had a row with the grocer, and to revenge herself she is very saving with the groceries. The bill is only half what it used to be.—Exchange.

A Lawyer's Defense.

Your honor and gentlemen of the jury, I acknowledge the reference of counsel of the other side to my gray hair. My hair is gray, and it will continue to be gray as long as I live. The hair of that gentleman is black and will continue to be black as long as he lives.—Exchange.

A Cabman's Retort.

Irascible Old Gentleman (putting head out of 4-wheeler that is crawling along at an unconscionable pace)—I say, cab by, we're not going to a funeral. Cabby (promptly)—No, and we ain't going to no bloomin' fire either.—London Tit-Bits.

In a list of 163 different firms and professional people who were engaged in business in Bay City, Mich., 25 years ago there is not one but who has undergone a change either in name or in partnership.

LOS ANGELES LOCAL MARKETS.

The quotations given below are current wholesale prices.

Flour—Per 100 lbs. L. A. XXXX, \$4.20; Capitol Mills, \$4.30; Sprague, \$4.30; Drifted Snow, \$4.60; Victor, \$4.60; Crown, \$4.60; stockton, \$4.60.

Wheat—Per 100 lbs. No. 1, \$1.55; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.45.

Barley—Per 100 lbs. No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.45; No. 3, \$1.40.

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Butter—Per 100 lbs. No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.45; No. 3, \$1.40.

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SOUTHERN ROUTES.

TIME TABLE FOR MAY, 1893.

LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, May 2, 11, 20, 29, June 7, 16, 25, 34.

For Redondo..... S. S. Santa Rosa, May 7, 16, 25, 34, June 2, 11, 20, 29, June 7, 16, 25, 34.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, May 4, 13, 22, 31, June 9, 18, 27, 36.

For San Francisco..... S. S. Santa Rosa, May 9, 18, 27, June 5, 14, 23, 32.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, May 9, 18, 27, June 5, 14, 23, 32.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, May 12, 21, 30, June 6, 15, 24, 33.

For San Francisco..... S. S. Santa Rosa, May 17, 26, June 3, 12, 21, 30, June 8, 17, 26, 35.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, May 17, 26, June 3, 12, 21, 30, June 8, 17, 26, 35.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, May 20, 29, June 4, 13, 22, 31, June 10, 19, 28, 37.

For San Francisco..... S. S. Santa Rosa, May 25, 34, June 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, 46.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, May 25, 34, June 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, 46.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, May 28, 37, June 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, 46.

For San Francisco..... S. S. Santa Rosa, June 2, 11, 20, 29, June 7, 16, 25, 34, 43, 52.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, June 2, 11, 20, 29, June 7, 16, 25, 34, 43, 52.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, June 5, 14, 23, 32, 41, 50, 59, 68.

For San Francisco..... S. S. Santa Rosa, June 10, 19, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64, 73, 82.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, June 10, 19, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64, 73, 82.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, June 13, 22, 31, 40, 49, 58, 67, 76, 85.

For San Francisco..... S. S. Santa Rosa, June 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90.

For Fort Harford..... S. S. Corona, June 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90.

For San Diego..... S. S. Corona, June 21, 30, 39, 48, 57, 66, 75, 84, 93.

Southern Pacific Company

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF TIME. APRIL 23, 1893.

Trains leave Los Angeles (ARCADE DEPOT), Fifth street, daily, as follows:

Table with columns: Leave For, Destination, Arr. From. Lists various routes to San Francisco, Sacramento, and other cities.

Trains begin at 10:10 a. m. There are no hourly trains between Los Angeles and the mammoth wharf at Port Los Angeles. Last train leaves the mammoth wharf at 5:50 p. m.

CATALINA ISLAND.

Southern Pacific company's trains connect at San Pedro with the fine steamship Falcon:

Table with columns: Leave, Arrive. Lists train schedules to Catalina Island.

Take Santa Monica train from San Francisco street, New York Commercial, Los Angeles, Arcade depot, Jefferson street (Whittier station), Grand avenue, or University.

For other branches: Arcade, Commercial, Santa Monica, San Pedro, San Gabriel, etc.

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