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Delhi Bridge

Bengal


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My dear Pippa

My no. 8 was sent on Feb 23rd so it ought to have arrived. I don't remember what it was about but nothing probably of interest. This reminds me of the tale of the young man of Lahore who didn't manage as well as the young lady of Crew —

There was a young man of Lahore who wanted to catch the 4.4
But they said "It's no good. You've missed it, you should have come before for ^{the} 4.4."

I am in the midst of a very painful press of business owing to points and crossings which are to be laid on the N.Y.R. on a new and beautiful system which has to be worked out by me. I sit surrounded by sheaves of papers covered with figures, tables of logarithms and weird diagrams, the floor being also covered with different samples of rails chairs fish plates &c. It is something like the 34

puzzle  only worse ~~_____~~

You may tell the Chairman that the Agent has agreed to refer the rent question to the Board and as in duty bound we will ever pray.

Yesterday was Scott's fourth day and we all had dinner with him - Sammy⁽¹⁾, Kelly,⁽²⁾ Lucy⁽³⁾ and Billy Barlow⁽⁴⁾ were all brought in and gambled round the festive board.

- (1) Neilgai stag
- (2) Sambar deer
- (3) Hyena
- (4) Bear

Billy Barlow is a most charming creature about the size of a large

cat, who is under the impression that you are a tree and must be climbed, which he does with amazing speed by the help of teeth and claws.

When reduced to earth by one tree he snorts with rage and rushes up another.

Please find enclosed one specimen (1) of portraiture.

Yr loving brother

Ralph

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