

the right~~er~~ ideas by the medium of our language only. Perhaps, when you read "Tongadriver" you have an idea of a well-dressed chauffeur. Actually he is a friendly but dirty individual, clad in a Dhoti (that is a piece of ^{or} formerly white cloth wound about his legs) and a shirt of indefinable colour. On his head he wears either a cap or a turban of an equally dirty colour. He has probably never sat on a chair at home but takes his meals on the ground, he has never used a handkerchief, he has never entered the front door of any building. The special point of the story, however, is that into "Valerio" not even British soldiers are allowed. It is out of bounds for B.O.R. (British ~~Other~~ Banks) only ~~British~~ officers can go there for dinner and dances. The B.O.R.'s have the "Bristol" another Café in Cawnpore for their amusement-purposes. ~~These~~

These strict divisions between officers and men in the British army, by the way, cause a great deal of argument and lead to a certain antagonism-not among the British themselves, but between the British and American soldiers. There are no restrictions in the U.S.A. army, at least not out here, so that the American G.I. can go everywhere, also to places where the British tomnies are not allowed. I talked to an English soldier in Cawnpore one day who said that this was one of the reasons why the British and the American boys did not get on well with each other. "Why should we not be allowed to go to a café or a dance-hall when every American chap can get in" he said. Why not indeed! I said to him: "But don't you see, it is not the fault of the Americans but of your own army regulations. Whereupon I got a warning glance from my father, which reminded me that as enemy-aliens we have still to watch our words carefully. The young British soldier, however, wanted to continue the conversation: "Another reason, he said, why we don't like the Americans is that ~~at~~ at home they take our girls away. I myself have read letters, in which English girls write to their boys in the services here, that they have changed their mind and are going out now with some American friends, for whose sake they have chucked their English ~~girl~~ fiancés or boyfriends. Why should they take our girls away, only because they have got more money and can give them a good time"? I thought that this reflected more on the character of the girls in question and could not be held against the Americans. But I did not want to hurt his feelings and did not say anything.

But it is not only the presence of American soldiers here which recalls your new home, dear Anne, constantly to our mind. We have many more connections with America.