Early 20th Century South Asia

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Taj Mahal, Agra

A UNESCO World Heritage Site
One of 35 sites in India

Publisher: Unknown

Date: 1908
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Commissioned by the Mughal Emperor in memory of his favorite wife

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Commissed in 1632 and completed in 1648 A.D. by the Emperor Shahjahan. Wonderful Building in the world.

Publisher: H.A. Mirza & Sons
Date: ca. 1900-30
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Taj Gate, Agra

Royal Gateway of Taj Mahal

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown

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It is said that Shah Jehan designed a bridge to connect this last resting place of his wife with a similar Taj on the far side of the river. Masons, jewelers, and workmen spent 17 years and four million sterling on collecting materials for what still remains "The Wonder of the Earth".
Another view of the Taj Mahal

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
Summan Burj Interior Fort Agra

Built by Shahjahan in 1864 A.D.

Publisher: H.A. Mirza & Sons

Date: Unknown

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Tomb of Etmad-ud-doula, Agra

Mughal mausoleum in Agra. Possible inspiration of Taj Mahal

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The Tomb of Etmad-ud-doula, Agra.
Was a Wazir of the Emperor Jahangir. This building built during the reign of Jahangir in 1628 A.D.
Head of Tamil Lady

Portrait of a Ceylon woman wearing various jewels

Publisher: Plate & Co.

Date: ca. 1906
Tea leaves packed and loaded onto Double Bullock carts for transport to the Colombo Quay Wharf Harbour.

Publisher: Colombo Apothecaries Co.

Date: 1909
Temples on the River, Benares

Temples at modern day Varanasi

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown

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Raja Jey Singh’s Observatory, Benares

One of the 5 observations built by Maharaja Jai Singh II

Publisher: Unknown
Date: ca. 1909

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Sunehri Masjid or Golden Mosque, Delhi

Mosque built in 1721 A.D. by Roshan-ud-doula, a courtier in the reign of Mohammad-shah

Publisher: H.A. Mirza & Sons
Date: Unknown
Massacre Ghat, Cawnpore

Ghat where masses of Europeans were killed during the Indian Rebellion of 1857

Publisher: Raphael Tuck & Sons

Date: 1906

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On back of card: "Jeypore, the capital of the protected native state of the same name in Rajputana, is a walled city entered by a picturesque gateway. The Maharajah's palace is in the centre of the city, which also possesses a museum, a college, school of art, a mint, and many other institutions."

Publisher: Raphael Tuck & Sons

Date: ca. 1910
Water Maid, Jaipur

Native Hindu woman carrying gourd vessel

Publisher: Gobindram Oodeyram

Date: Unknown

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19th century conveyance used as a cab or vehicle for hire
Publisher: Gobindram Oodeyram
Date: Unknown
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Cobra Dance

Snake charmers, most of whom inherit the profession, “hypnotize” snakes by playing an instrument called a pungi or bansuri and are most often found in India.

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
Rickshaws were two or three-wheel passenger carts. Here the men who pulled them play a card game.

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
The sacred bull Nandi served as a vehicle for the Hindu god of Shiva.

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
Indigenous women in Darjeeling pick leaves and buds from tea trees, tossing them into wicker baskets on their backs.
Ancient Buddhist Temple, Gwalior

Built in 1902 by King Mahipala, the Sas-Bahu Temple is covered by carvings including four idols of Brahma, Vishnu and Saraswati above its entrance.

Publisher: Clifton & Co.

Date: 1908
Elephant Tower-Fatihpur Sikri-Agra

A tower covered in stone tusks, it was originally though to be a memorial to Emperor Akbar’s favorite elephant.

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Scene from an Indian village
Publisher: Unknown
Date: Unknown
Named after HRH Prince Alfred, the then Duke of Edinburgh, to commemorate his visit to Bombay in 1870, the Sailors’ Home provided accommodation for visiting seamen and officers on shore leave.

Publisher: G.B.V. Ghoni

Date: Unknown
The 2 story gothic Central Railway Station was built between 1868-1872 in Madras. It was designed by George Hardinge.

Publisher: Higginbotham & Co.

Date: Unknown
Maharaja’s Best Elephant with Umbabari, Jaipur

Royal elephant with a howdah or royal carriage

Publisher: Gobindram Oodeyram

Date: Unknown
Milk Woman

Painting by Devangana Kumar

Publisher: Clifton & Co.

Date: Unknown
Masula Boat, Madras

Because of their ability to handle rough seas, Masula boats met ships from the Madras shore.

Publisher: Unknown
Date: Unknown
Vishnu with his consort on a bed of snakes on the ocean before creation.

Vishnu is the second god in the Hindu triumvirate, preserver and protector of the universe.

Publisher: Gobindram & Oodeyram

Date: Unknown
Group of Parsi Ladies

Women of an influential indigenous group

Publisher: Raphael Tuck & Sons

Date: ca. 1905

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Jama Masjid, Final Ramzan Friday Prayers

Interior view of Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India - built by Shahjahan in 1658. Here, thousands of Mohammedans offer prayers on the Final Friday of Ramzan

Publisher: Lal Chand & Sons

Date: ca. 1918-39
Kashmir, The Dhai Lake

Summer resort of the ancient kings of Delhi
Publisher: Raphael Tuck & Sons
Date: Unknown
Lepcha Hut

Aboriginal dwelling in Sikkim

Publisher: Th. Paar

Date: Unknown

Part of the Ellen Semple collection
The three Great Living Chola Temples were built during the 11th and 12th centuries in dedication to Lord Shiva.

Publisher: Higginbotham & Co.

Date: Unknown
India: Benares. Palace of the Maharajah of Indore.

Maharaja of Indore’s palace in Benares, the religious center of Hinduism.

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
Riverfront steps that lead to areas in the Ganges River where people bathe and cleanse themselves.

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown

Benares. Bathing Ghat No. 3.
Built in 1848 and dedicated to the Dharmanatha, the 15th Jain Tirthankara, it is the most ornate Jain sanctuary in Ahmedabad

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
Structure where bodies, after they’ve been laid to rest, are left to be disposed of by birds and the sun
Publisher: Unknown
Date: ca. 1908

Parsee Tower of Silence
KMC building, Karachi, Pakistan

The Karachi Municipal Corporation Building built in 1930

Publisher: Unknown

Date: Unknown
Throne of Dewan Am

Built by the Shahjahan between 1638 & 1648 A.D.

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Indigenous Farmers in Darjeeling

A group of indigenous farmers in Darjeeling

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Himalayan peaks, Darjeeling and Lebong in foreground
Publisher: Th. Paar
Date: Unknown
The Burning Ghat. Benares

Stair leading to the River Ganges where the Hindus cremate their departed

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Maharaja’s Camel. Jaipur

- Publisher: Gobindram Oodeyram
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Charriot. Jaipur

Ceremonial vehicle for the Rathoutsava (Car festival)

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• Prayer Hall in 2\textsuperscript{nd} century Buddhist Temple
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