

### SOLAR ECLIPSE IN INDIA.

Thousands of Hindu pilgrims make their way to the holy tank at Kurukshetra, one of the most sacred spots in all India. For an eclipse of the sun is on the way - and to countless devout Hindus, this means that because of the sins of the world, the sun is caught in the clutches of two great demons - Rahu and Kaitoo. The only way to release him is by prayer, charity, and good deeds. Bathing in the holy tank is both a penance for sin, and a protection against evil.

Many holy men, or Sadhus, come to Kurukshetra for the ceremonies of the eclipse. Nohang Singh is a Warrior Sadhu armed to the teeth - and to the top of his huge turban. A sadhu's hair may be as much as ten feet long, for he never cuts it - and he washes it only once a year, or on special occasions like this.

But he takes the utmost care with his make-up, for the sandalwood paste markings on his face indicate the sect to which he belongs and they have to be just so!