

by elements preponderantly non-Bengali.

It is to be earnestly hoped that our sociologists would turn their attention to this aspect of the problem of the Bengali and would try to indicate a solution.

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How Shorter Hours ?

IN his interesting note on "Rural Unemployment The Search for a Concept" (1957, Annual), Shri Dhires Bhattacharyya says "If the community is organised on capitalistic lines, the economic institutions will themselves ensure that what results from a shortage of capital instruments is not underemployment, but full work for some and no work for others".

How then does he explain the reduction of working hours in India's Jute Mill Industry? Is it so because it is not capitalistically organised or is it because not all the institutions (say, the Trade Union) are regarded as economic or are some of them just overlooked?

Would he kindly make it clear?

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Ganges flows into Krishna

FOR "Wei" read "Wai".

The Ganges begins to flow into Krishna on the Navami of the dark half of Aswin not on Basanta Panchami, etc., etc., but never mind, ethnography of Hinduism is a tricky business.

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WAS the Chinese spelling you adopted, "Wei" for "Wai", just a slip or was it deliberate to add atmosphere as also to express your appreciation of China?

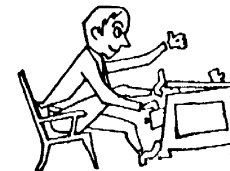
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"Dharma"

[Another reader suspected Germanic influence and was not surprised because German is much studied in Poona—so the two exotic influences cancel out, leaving a typing mistake which is regretted.—Ed J

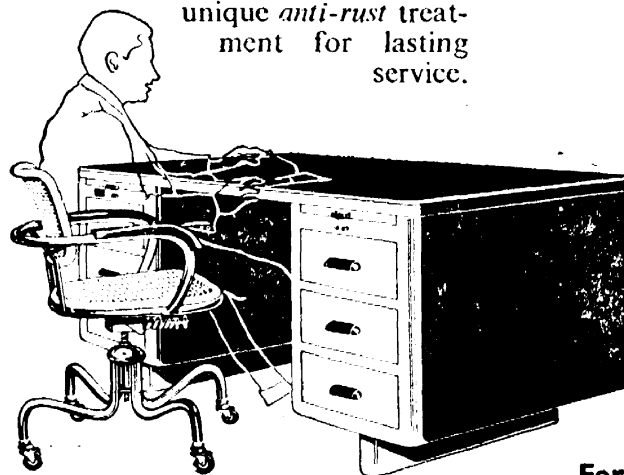


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