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I

INDIA

WHEN I was fifteen years old, my father, most generous of men, not unnaturally alarmed at a sudden swerve in my character towards the writing of poetry and the championing of advanced causes, decided in the manner of fathers that it was time I was sent about the world to "knock the nonsense out of me." I was promptly removed from school, where, being a precocious youth, I was already well started on my way towards my ideal of becoming a classical scholar, and sent post-haste to Germany, where, it was understood, a good beginning would be made towards knocking the nonsense out of me.

Something, however, seemed to go wrong with the programme. It had been intended that I should enter a "Commercial High School" and learn languages and commerce and other useful things, but within a month