

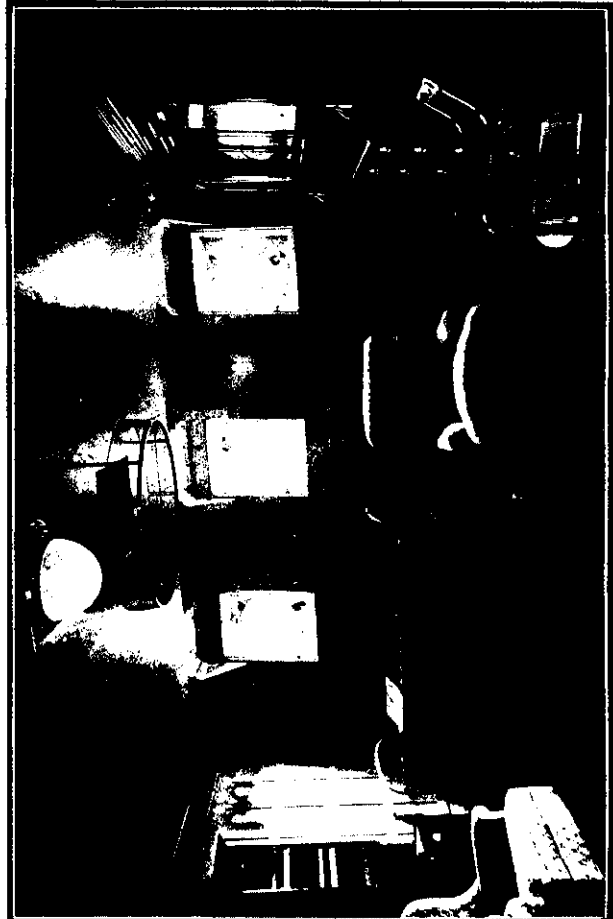


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A PALACE AFLOAT—MAGNIFICENCE OF THE DURBAR YACHT, THE P. AND O. LINER MEDINA, ON WHICH THE KING WENT TO INDIA.



SMOKING-ROOM.



THE KING'S BEDROOM.

"The prettiest vessel that has ever put into Portsmouth Harbour" was the vessel which the King and Queen for the voyage out to India. From the smart liner made a pleasure particularly pleasing to the eye. She was fitted with every convenience to make the discomfort of the hot weather experienced in the latitudes to which she was bound. Describing the fitting up of the vessel the "Daily News" says: "The King, being a true sailor, will not sleep in a bed, but in an electrically swinging cot. It is ingeniously constructed, something like a hammock, designed to lessen the effects of rolling and pitching. The rough weather cabins, plated, of course, and the Queen's apartments is of solid satinwood. In the King's sitting-room, where he will conduct State business from day to day—for which purpose a very powerful wireless apparatus will be installed enabling him to be in direct communication with London and the escorting warships throughout the voyage—there are writing tables, bookcases, and a telephone. There were from the Royal Farms at Windsor, in charge of a dairyman, are to be kept on board to supply fresh milk every day for the Royal table. A miniature farmyard and "ranch" for five fish are other luxuries to be provided. There will be a recreation room for the ladies and gentlemen in waiting and for the distinguished guests who will accompany their Majesties, and cricket, hockey, croquet, deck sports and other games will be played. An astonishing assortment of electrical wonders and time-saving appliances is to be found in every nook. If the King desires light in any part of the vessel it will be done by means of an electric fan, and electric radiators, and electric lamps, and electric wire, electric fans, and electric hammocks."

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