

JAVA AND HER NEIGHBOURS

**A TRAVELLER'S NOTES IN JAVA,
CELEBES, THE MOLUCCAS
AND SUMATRA**

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of which we could look down a long avenue of graceful rain-trees to the road and see beyond, rising high above the house and tree-tops, the great, bare mass of the "Thunder Mountain," Goenoeng Goentoer, 7400 feet high.

Garoet, although the seat of one of the native regents, is a comparatively uninteresting village in itself, but its situation in the very centre of a family group of volcanoes gives it pre-eminence for its wonderful surroundings and its variety of excursions of peculiar charm. Garoet is 2300 feet above the sea, and nearly encircled by volcanoes, of which there are fourteen, each over 6000 feet high, within a few hours' ride or drive. Its elevation, cleanliness, and excellent hotels, in addition to its volcanoes, have made Garoet a favourite health resort as well as a favourite headquarters for excursions and starting point for hunting trips. To the south, the big-game hunter finds panther, wild boar, rhinoceros, the dangerous "banteng" or wild cattle, deer, and even tiger, though this last animal is found in greater numbers and is more easily hunted in the vicinity of Smeroe, the great volcano of the Tenggers.

The present Czar of Russia visited Garoet when he was still Crown Prince and is said to have exclaimed upon his reluctant departure, "See Garoet and then die." Remembering this, the new arrival is apt to feel somewhat disappointed. Before coming to a conclusion, however, he should