

EMPIRE SECTION.

PAPER THAT LASTS 1,000 YEARS.

INDIAN INDUSTRY REVIVED.

The hand-made paper industry is being revived in India and information on methods of manufacture has been collected from various parts of India by the Botanical Survey of India.

A sample of hand-made paper obtained from Nepal is adjudged to last for 1,000 years or more.

Hand-made papers are prepared in Manipur State and being durable are still used for writing sacred or valuable documents. The Kashmir paper industry has remained unchanged ever since its introduction in the reign of Zain-ul-Abdel (1420-1470), who imported paper-makers from Samarkand. Its methods, appliances and products have been preserved unaltered because of the excellence and ingenuity of the original invention on which it was founded.

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