

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## 1. "SHAH DAULAH'S RATS."

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DEAR SIR,—“Shah Daulah’s Rats” are alluded to in *North Indian Notes and Queries*, v, §311. “Shah Daulah cures barrenness. . . . When he gives children, the first is always a sort of dwarf, or mannikin, with a small head, like a rat. Such children are called Shah Daulah’s Rats, and are devoted to the shrine. These rats of Shah Daulah now form a special class of beggars. Each of them is said to have on his head the marks of the five fingers of the saint who brought him into the world.” (Note by Pandit Ram Gharib Chaube.)—The editor refers to *Punjab Notes and Queries*, ii, 27; iii, 27.

This note, if correct, explains the objection of Mr. Muhammed Latif. The parents expect to get more than one child; and the first is the saint’s due, as Samuel was Jehovah’s.

It is not stated that they are idiots.—Yours faithfully,

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## 2. "ANTIQUITY OF EASTERN FALCONRY."

SIR,—I should be much obliged to any member or correspondent who can inform me of any Oriental authority for the use of trained falcons in the East before the first century A.D. The modern falconers are apparently inclined