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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Imperial Gazetteer of India, Vol. 2: Balasor to Biramganta Towards the coast, the soil has a distinctly saline taste, and the manufacture of salt is carried on to a considerable extent. The Arable Tract, which adjoins this sandy strip, is a dead level of rice-fields; the soil is lighter in colour and more friable than that of Bengal generally. There is no forest throughout this tract, and the only trees are those which cluster round the villages, with a few scattered clumps of palms and screw pines. The Submontane Tract is undulating, with a red soil, much broken up into ravines along the base of the hills. Masses of laterite, buried in hard ferruginous clay, appear above the surface as rocks or slabs. At Kopari, in kila Ambohata, about two square miles are almost with such slabs, dark red in colour, perfectly flat, and polished like plates of iron. A thousand mountain torrents have scooped out for themselves picturesque ravines, clothed with an ever fresh verdure of prickly thorns, stunted, gnarled shrubs, and here...

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