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International Conference on "Elementary
Particles" held at Tata Inst. Bombay.

CONFERENCE, 1950.

(Dodlings by R.E. Peierls and L. Rosenfeld)

The meetings laid the greatest stress on
What can be said about the meson

Things would not work if Doctor Bhabha
Was not tough as steel but resilient as rubber
Here "chini" is the word for "sugar"
The word for "frankness" is "Vesugar"

This time, as many times before,
The first to speak was to be Bohr,
But Bohr, though he was chosen, failed
To come, so we had Rosenfeld

For this, of course, one had to summon
Such famous men as C. V. Raman
Pick any delegate you wish, none
Could smile more cheerfully than Krishnan

From Bristol we expected Powell, or
His chief collaborator, Fowler
We sadly missed Professor Møller
I think he ate too much - poor fellow

At night the sky is starry
With white dwarfs for Kothari
No nut in cosmic rays that Blackett
Would find so hard he could not crack it

I doubt if in the work of Wentzel
All singularities will cancel
We listened reaptly to the razor-
sharp logic of J. Eliezer

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Much praise deserves Leprince-Ringuet
His French is so dear his shirt so gay
From France came also Professor Fleury
He got here late so he was in a hurry

It seemed in the end very doubtful whether
We have yet found the anti-di-Feather
Balloons dispatched by Doctor Peters
Will float at 30,000 meters

At Poona Commissioner Perrin
Admired the atom station's terrain
To hold the formulae of Peierls
The blackboard must extend for miles

We all have heard the saga
Of the labs built by Bhatnagar
The counters of Mailvaganam
Don't seem to have a bug in 'em

The curve of Doctor Rao
Goes down we don't know how
Nobody here at all dis-
approves of the Amaldis

Statistics is made thorough by
The work of Doctor Sarabhai
No cosmic ray so far has
Proved the theory of Saha's

We leave but Doctor Seligman
The lucky guy can still stay on,

Bombay,
December 14-24, 1950.

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Dear Professor,

May I take up two minutes of your
valuable reading-time over my "Vishwamitras back from Bombay",
a topical of this week.

With best regards

Yours truly

H. S. Rao

Vishwamitras back from Bombay

H.S.Rao

Delegates returned, all radio-active,
From the Bombay Science Congress,
All full of isotopes on their tongue-tips,
And heavy-water on their heads.

Biologists panted while physicists ranted,
About the intricacies and merits
And the promises for the future
APSARA held if Vishwamitras were willing.

The Delegates were irradiated at Bombay,
Their enthusiasm became radio-active,
With a half-life period of exactly
The time taken for their return-trip from Bombay-City.

Half-of-half-life was expended
In enthusiastic talks to stay-at-homes,
And half of that half-of-half
Was spent in writing up their tour reports.

Half multiplied ~~by~~ half
No matter how many times,
Will never reduce these men to zero, but,
They 'tend' to zero when fresher men return from visit to Bombay's
APSARA.

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