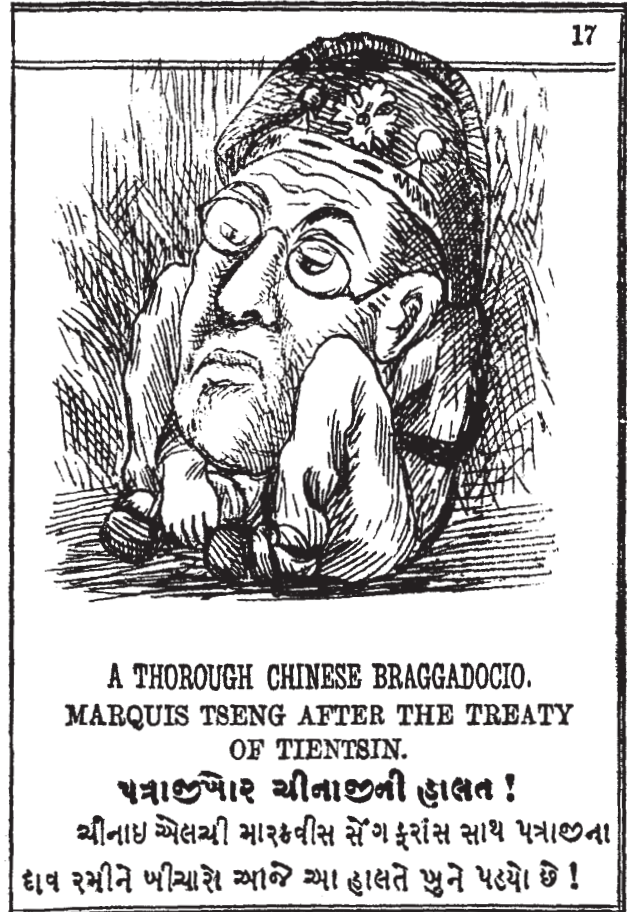




William Ewart Gladstone, the British Liberal leader, declined to place the affairs of Egypt under the supervision of the Concert after the British occupation of 1882 and the Berlin Conference of 1884, which had laid down the rules for the 'effective occupation of uncivilized lands'. By 1889, the 'veiled protectorate' had become a necessity for the imperial security in the world.



The Treaty of Tientsin, signed on 9 June 1885, officially ended the Sino-French War. The treaty, in ten articles, restated in greater detail the main provisions of the Tientsin Accord, signed between France and China on 11 May 1884. The treaty formalised France's victory in the Sino-French War.

The *Parsee Punch* appeared in four sheets, demy quarto, with English and Gujarati letter-press below the illustrations. The annual subscription was Rs. 6. Soon, a monthly selection of the cartoon, cuts and sketches appeared as the 'Pickings.' Like the *London Punch*, it contained 24 to 36 pages full of humorous illustrations. Four years later, it changed its name to *Hindi Punch* to broaden its base. It continued to be published until the 1930s.

'This is a Parsee enterprise,' the *Mahratta* reported while welcoming the publication, 'and we have hopes that the Hindoos would follow in the wake.' *Parsee Punch* was much more than that. If the cartoons were meant 'to enliven the dull monotony of our every-day lives,' then the *Parsee Punch* did just that. If, on the other hand,