

a premier medical centre aided and abetted by grave diggers. The story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde was apparently inspired by an Edinburgh doctor who killed people and used their bodies for research. As the tale goes, when he was caught, it was decided that he should be put to death, and his body should be utilized just as the bodies of his victims were. In a particularly gruesome twist to the story, we are told that the good doctor was actually skinned, and books bound in his skin are still there in the medical section of the Edinburgh University.

tre, where one may not only observe the entire weaving process but also order a custom made outfit, of course, the costs in rupee terms would be astronomical. One can conclude one's visit with a welcome break at the centre's little café where scones, and cakes with a typical Scottish flavour can revive drooping spirits. However, as everywhere else in the UK, Edinburgh is very cosmopolitan now, and pizzas would be as easy to get as good old Scottish porridge. Indian restaurants are now popular and both North Indian as well as South Indian food is available.

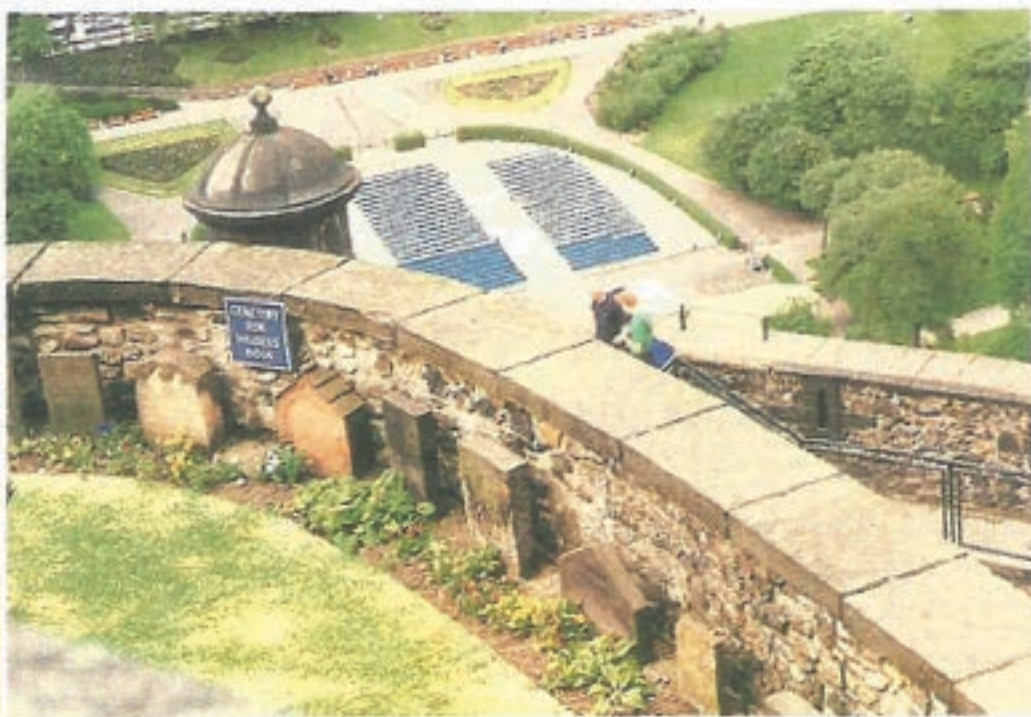
"This was a lake where women were killed as witches in the past. They believed that if you were innocent you drowned, and if you were guilty you floated, in which case you were put to death. You died either way."

But of course if you really want a taste of Scotland, you will probably want to take a drive down The Royal Mile. Its cobbled street links the Edinburgh castle with Holyrood Palace, taking in



Holyrood, jolly good — Inside the Palace of Holyrood

To take one's mind of this singularly disgusting piece of history, one can turn one's gaze and attention to the myriad distractions of the shops at Princes Street and the Waverley shopping centre, in the city centre, where one must definitely take in 'The Edinburgh Woollen Mills'. There is on offer a fascinating array of typically Scottish arts and crafts as well as tartans, sweaters in Aran pattern, and the most exquisite fleeces at prices a little lower than they are available for in London. Tartan aficionados can



Let sleeping dogs lie — A cemetery of soldier's dogs outside Edinburgh Castle

St Giles High Kirk, a host of museums, including one which captures the life of the ordinary person from the eighteenth century to the present day.

Tired spirits may be quickly revived with a break at the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre, where one can sample just about every variety of Scotch whisky. Thus fortified, one can venture forth to Edinburgh Castle, the most famous of Scottish castles. Here guides wear-