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Romance in business still lives. It may be drab to balance ledgers, arrange stock, dust counters, trim windows or look after files, but there is the other side of trade which, though little known, is as romantic and picturesque as a Marco Polo could wish for.

It's more exciting than a blood-and-thunder novel, this business of scouting for rare rugs, says C. A. Bigelow, a Chicago business man back in the United States after an eighteen months in the out-of-the-way places of the Orient. During this period, as the representative of Marshall Field & Co., wholesale interested in rug research, he covered 40,000 miles by camel, donkey and automobile.

In Peril in India

In India, where nomads turn from the driving of their flocks and weaving of rugs to banditry at night, this trade pioneer was in constant peril of shots from snipers' guns. Even the soldiers, he says, were not safe from the bandits. The soldiers have their guns handcuffed to them but when taking a respite from their vigil, the bandits creep upon them and steal the guns by deftly removing the handcuffs. In crossing the Sind desert, Bigelow was in constant danger, not only of the bandits' bullets but the stings of scorpions and tarantulas as well. For weeks at a time, during his travels among the Hindus, he went without water, quenching his thirst only by the juice of fruits. Only a few days before his coming, he was told in one place, a convoy had been attacked by bandits and an Englishman slain.

Experience in Persia

It was in Persia that Bigelow had to comply with the peculiar customs of the people to keep in their good graces. At Chourveh he was invited to take luncheon with Amir Afghan, a relative of the Shah and ruler of forty villages. Seated on the floor, with legs crossed in true Persian fashion, he ate a fifty course luncheon with his fingers. Persians never use knives, forks or spoons, he was told, because they believe it just as important to "feel" the food as to taste it.

On another occasion the Sardar Sepah, premier of Persia, took tea with Bigelow in his tent outside of Sultanabad. To comply with the customs of the people, Bigelow slaughtered a dozen lambs upon the arrival of the distinguished guest and scattered the blood over the ground. Before entering the tent Sardar Sepah touched the tip of his boot in the blood to indicate that he was bringing with him peace and happiness. The slain lambs were given to the poor.

SEES RAPID GROWTH FOR SMALL CITIES

New York Regional Board Official Believes They Will Increase in Size

As the population of the country increases the smaller cities will grow faster than the larger one, and a population of 200,000,000 in the United States will call for thirty-five per cent increase in production and a twenty-five per cent decrease in consumption of 200,000,000 in the United States rich, of the Regional Plan of New York and its environs.

A population of 150,000,000, Mr. Goodrich, of the Regional Board declared, would take up the production of all the acreage now available. Few of the largest cities of the country would more than double in population during the next century, he predicted. The food supply of the United States will not permit much more than double the present city population. In order to gather a greater food supply relatively more human labor will be required and there will have to be a real back to the farm movement or the people in the cities will grow hungry.

Mr. Goodrich declared that as population density increases manufacturing becomes more widely disseminated and he gave as example the spread of the shoe industry, once centered at Lynn, Mass., to Cincinnati, St. Louis and other large cities.

"The larger cities," he continued, "will therefore, not be likely to grow proportionately as much as the smaller ones, and no one of them, including the New York region, is thus likely to increase more than fifty per cent. This is also indicated through a study of the history of shipping. While the Port of New York has steadily maintained its prestige as the major port of the country, it has decreased relatively in importance through the increased tonnage of the other ports. Not alone will manufacturing decrease in New York, but the same will also be the case with reference to, water commerce."

Movement to have fourth Friday in September celebrated as Indian Day. The boys will agree to observe it by bow and arrow practice on their neighbor's shed windows.

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