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THE YANG-TSE VALLEY.

A New Field for Civilized Enterprise—Gold Mining in Tibet.

Mr. Archibald Little, a gentleman who has spent the better part of his lifetime in China during which he has been largely instrumental in developing the navigation of the upper reaches of the Yang-tse-Kiang recently has been giving his views and experiences of China, more particularly with relation to the Yang-tse Valley. He was for some time established at Ichang but has moved up to Chung-King, an important trade centre in Sze-Chuen, at the junction of the discharge of several rivers into the Yang-tse. He describes the basin of the Yang-tse as comprising an area of about 700,000 square miles, and as being the richest sub-tropical region in the world, and inhabited by a thrifty, hard-working population. The whole region, except that part contained in the great plateau of Tibet, is cultivated like a garden, the mountains of Sze-Chuen being terraced to their summits. The soil is highly fertilized and yields a ceaseless rotation of crops that go to sustain a thickly settled population. The mineral resources of the country are great but quite undeveloped. Mr. Little, however, expects, and apparently with reason, a great industrial future for that part of China when mining and steam navigation are taken in hand by foreign capital.

Regarding the mountainous country to the westward of the Min River, one of the main tributaries of the Yang-tse that flow from the north,

SOME INTERESTING DETAILS

are given in a report by a British consular official. Mr. G. J. Litton, who has made a journey into that region this year. He speaks of the strategical and commercial importance of Tachienlu, also called Durchendo, as the gateway into the elevated plateau of Tibet from Central China.

This town has about 9,000 inhabitants, mostly Tibetans, who are engaged in the forwarding trade between Tibet and the Yang-tse Valley. The exports from the plateau are principally musk, wool, rhubarb, goatskins and gold, known as "huang-huo," or yellow goods. This last comes mostly in the form of dust, though nuggets are occasionally brought down. The chief centres of gold production are Litang and Chantu, the former producing the best and the latter the most gold. At no time, however, was the quantity very great that came from these workings in the way of trade, not much over 8,000 ounces annually, and latterly this has decreased to about half, owing to the chronic disorders in that part of the country. But it is known that considerable quantities are brought out in small parcels that do not pass through the hands of the regular "huang-huo," traders, the dealers from the interior demanding nearly the full value of the gold at Chung-King.

Tibetans are said to have the strongest objection to mining of any kind, but do not object to washings in the alluvial sands of the river beds. They fear the influx of large bodies of

CHINESE MINERS,

but there are also certain geomantic superstitions. The idea is that gold in the reef represents a vital principle which produces gold dust by some mysterious process of generation; if the reefs were worked, it is believed that not only would the alluvial gold disappear, but that the prosperity of the whole country would wither away. The Chinese hold similar views for in a Censor's Memorial it is stated that as certain mines had not been worked since the time of Yung Cheng, from 1723 to 1735, the quantity of gold must have increased largely.

Concerning the political situation, Mr. Little appears to be of the opinion that the best policy to be pursued with regard to China is to maintain its territorial integrity, but to insist on the perfect freedom of trade with all the world. Of the Chinese people he evidently has a high opinion, for he speaks of them as loving their country and its independence, though their ideas of patriotism differ somewhat from those that prevail in other countries.

If only the hinterlands of the harbors and fortified naval stations now held by European powers remain open as before. Mr. Little sees no reason why diplomacy should not bring about common action to achieve a result that would be for the benefit of the people of China and advantageous to the commerce of the whole world.

SEASICK SAILORS.

Russia's "Jackies" Are a Lot of Land Lubbers.

Any man who believes in the Russian Navy should keep his eye off the Russian bluejacket. A real sailorman has fingers bent up like fishhooks, from the life-long habit of gripping things. The Russian sailor carries his hands like a soldier, and cannot possibly be "handy." A sailor's gait ashore has a slight roll. This arises from the need at sea of keeping up the windward side of a rolling ship. And the rolling gait marks one of a sailor's finest qualities—balance. Unless the body poises and balances to meet every motion of a ship the result is seasickness.

Now, the Russian bluejacket does not roll in his gait ashore, but marches. Neither has he any sense of balancing at sea, and seasickness in the Russian fleet is a source of actual weakness and danger. The Black Sea Squadron can only put to sea in the three calmest months of summer, and the so-called maneuvers take place ashore on the Kenal Peninsula, consisting mainly of battalion drill.

One more trait of the real sailor is his self-reliance, which makes him fit for facing emergencies single handed. But the Russian bluejacket has none of this. He is not a machine in himself, but only a little bit of a machine which cannot work without the other bits. He is huge in stature—a giant compared with our men—but in his winter overcoat it is impossible to distinguish him from a soldier. Unhandy, seasick and reliant only on drill discipline, he is utterly unfit for active service.

AN ELECTRIC OMNIBUS.

An electric omnibus has lately been put in service experimentally in Berlin. It has accommodations for 26 passengers, measures 23 feet in length by 6 1-2 feet in width, while its weight, including the battery, is 6 65 metrical tons. The battery, which consists of 120 cells, contained in 24 boxes, weighs about one and three quarter tons, and is stated to have a capacity sufficient to run the vehicle a distance of 60 kilometers, 37 1-2 miles, at a speed ranging from six to twelve kilometers an hour. The morot is geared to the front axle of the omnibus.

PRINCESS AND DEAN.

A story relates to Princess Beatrice, who, when a little girl, used to play at cooking. She had on one occasion made some cakes which were more than usually bad, and all her friends declined to taste them. "Very well, then," said the little Princess, "as Dr. Stanley is not here I shall give them to the donkey." The late Dean Stanley was a great favorite with the Queen's younger children; he had so many entertaining stories to tell. Princess Beatrice was well aware that he had neither taste nor smell, hence she considered him a most proper person for the consumption of doubtful pasties.

Grippe Epidemic

Again Sweeping Over Canada With Unusual Virulence.

The most Violent Attack Since 1890, Leaving Behind a Host of After Effects that Make Life Miserable.—Prompt and Effective means should be Taken to Strengthen the System.

La grippe, now sweeping over this country in one of its periodic epidemics, is one of the most treacherous and difficult diseases with which medical science has to cope. It is in its after effects that it is particularly disastrous, and these assume many forms, prominent among which may be mentioned heart weakness, bronchial and lung troubles, nervous prostration, alternate chills and fever, a feeling of constant lassitude and an indisposition to either mental or physical exertion. Often the sufferer does not recover from the after effects of la grippe for months, and in cases of previously enfeebled constitutions and among those of advanced age, the number of cases terminating fatally is appalling.

Even after a mild attack of la grippe it is imperative that the system should be thoroughly toned up, the nerves strengthened and the blood enriched. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the only medicine that can be depended upon for promptness and thoroughness in this emergency. These pills are a true blood feeder, bringing to the vital fluid the constituents that give it richness, redness and strength, thus driving out disease and acting as a tonic and bracer to the whole system.

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If you have suffered from an attack of la grippe procure a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at once, and they will put you right. Insist upon getting the genuine, as imitations never cured anyone. If your dealer does not keep them, send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be mailed post paid, at 50c. a box or six boxes for $2.50.

Winter Warnings

We never know when an apparently healthy system may succumb to a cold or an attack of pneumonia, typhoid fever or the grip. The only safety at this season is in keeping the blood pure, the appetite and digestion good and the bowels regular. Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills are the most effective and valuable winter medicines. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, enriches, and vitalizes the blood, tones and strengthens the stomach, creates an appetite and gives good digestion, and Hood's Pills keep the liver and bowels in a healthy condition, cure biliousness, constipation, indigestion and headaches. Remember

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THE QUEEN'S SERVANTS.

Queen Victoria brought up her children to treat servants with consideration and fairness. A strict mistress, she is also just and considerate.

The Princess Royal, now the Dowager Empress of Germany, was, as a child, overbearing in her manner fo servants, and the queen frequently punished her for speaking rudely to those who waited on her.

On one occasion the Duke of York, then a lad, was severely reprimanded by the queen before a number of people for an inconsiderate remark made to a servant.

"The result of her wise training," writes a member of the royal household, "is that the royal family make the best masters and get the best servants in the world. Until the day of her death, the Prince of Wales visited his old nurse, while the young Duchess of York never omits, when she is at White Lodge, to see those humble folk who were kind to her in childhood. Many of the most loving and thankful words ever added by Her Majesty's own hand to the 'Court Circular' have been tributes of esteem and gratitude to some good servant who has 'gone before.'"

A strange institution, but one that works admirably, was organized by the queen and Prince Albert early in their married life at Windsor Castle. It is known as the Committee of the Queen's Household, and is composed of the higher officers who serve in the royal establishment. All domestic differences and back-stair bickerings are laid before this little court. Its members go to the root of every quarrel and complaint, and give judgment upon them. Very serious cases are laid, with the judgment of the committee, before the queen herself.

In addition to modern rules for the guidance of the queen's servants, there hangs in the servants' hall at Windsor Castle, an old black-letter document, on which is printed the following twelve good rules, found in the Study of Charles I, of best Memory.:

Profane no divine ordinance.
Touch no State matters.
Urge no healths.
Pick no quarrels.
Maintain no ill opinions.
Encourage no vice.
Repeat no grievances.
Reveal no secrets.
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Keep no bad company.
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Lay no wagers.
These rules observed will maintain
Thy peace and everlasting gain.

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It is an unexplained fact that glow-worms are much more brilliant just before an approaching storm than at any other time.

A writer in "The Stockbreeder" assigns to Thomas-Phosphate Powder something approaching the important place it is evidently destined to occupy in agriculture in the future. "Possessing as I do keen sympathy with our cattle breeders, graziers, and farmers generally, I would esteem it a privilege to add, through you columns, my quota of testimony to the splendid manurial qualities of this somewhat recently introduced form of phosphate. I have used it on my land, where it has transformed pure grass into a beautiful clover-bed, of the greater feeding and meat-producing of which, compared with the former condition of the herbage, it is needless to expatiate upon, here and now. But to refer for a moment to Mr. Wallis' able criticism of the Glasgow Technical Collegs report, I am one with your correspondent "J.W.H." when he says: "In the closing paragraphs the difference in albuminoid feeding value, of the turnips, I take as the pith of the whole experiment. If there is a benefit in Thomas-Phosphate Powder, as here shown, why do not professors attempt to lay it before us?" I beg to hazard, with some deference, a conjectural reply to this question: that certain professors of agricultural science may possibly fear that if the recuperative and wealth-producing properties of this Thomas-Phosphate received the full appreciation which its merits deserve, it would simplify so many problems which it seems their delight to harp upon—as constituting their raison d'etre—as to render many of their formerly accepted dicta at an inconvenient discount.

BADEN RAILWAY TELEGRAMS.

When a traveler in the Grand Duchy of Baden wants to send a telegram while he is on the train he writes the message on a postal card, with the request that it be wired, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message sent.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. W. Rowe, of Woodstock, Tells a Thrilling Story.

Prostrated by Female Weakness, Kidney and Liver Troubles—Her Doctors Gave Her up to Die—Saved by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 23.—Mrs. W. Rowe, who keeps a grocery store at No. 311 Dundas street, here, and who is known to, and respected by, a very large number of people in the town, had a very narrow escape from an untimely death, recently.

To our reporter, who called on the lady, and asked for particulars of the incident, Mrs. Rowe said:

"I have had an experience such as fall to the lot of very few women. Twelve years of my life were made almost unendurables by 'Female Weakness,' together with Kidney and Liver Complaints.

"My physicians did all they could for me, but they could not give me either relief or cure. They finally announced to me that I could never get better.

"Then I began to try what the various proprietory medicines that were advertised in th epapers, would do for me. I took a good many bottles of one remedy and another, but my case continually grew worse.

"One day I was advised by a friend to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. 'They will cure you, I know, for they saved my daughter's life, and she was worse than you are.'

"Well, I took her advice. In two days a wonderful change for the better had occurred. I felt myself growing stronger daily. My appetite returned, the dull, heavy, weary ache went out of my back; the terrible leaden weight from my legs, my headaches, vanished, my sleep became sound and refreshing. To-day I am healthier, stronger and better every way than I have been for twenty years.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine on earth for weak, sickly, suffering women."

It is a popular belief in England that a holly bush, planted near a dwelling, protects the house from lightning.

To Our Readers.

The editor desires to inform his readers that he is authorized, through the courtesy of N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont., to offer each one suffering from Catarrh, fetid breath, bronchitis, &c., a sample outfit of Catarrhozone. Catarrhozone is a liquid which, when inhaled reaches every diseased spot, cleansing and invariably curing catarrh and all nasal and throat diseases. For a short time these samples will be given free. It never fails to cure. So write at once to the above address.

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