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Possessed by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Fair—It Was Gathered During Their Many Journeys Around the World—Lived Fifteen Years at Singapore.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Fair, a member of the Whig staff has had the opportunity of viewing what is probably the most valuable collection of antiques and objects of art in Canada, possessing the additional interest of being gathered bit by bit, by Mr. and Mrs. Fair in their many journeys around the world and their fifteen years' sojourn in the East, with Singapore as their headquarters, visiting India, Japan, Siam, Annam, Java and the Hawaiian Islands. Returning recently from Singapore by way of Italy, Mr. Fair brought his collection with him, and for the present it is in his home on Bagot street, where the visitor is transported from Canada in the twentieth century to "Somewhere East of Suez," and to the customs and superstitions of a bygone age.

There are great bowls of heavy Chinese brass, with hand-carved figures of dragons or chameleons, beautiful antique Chinese brass tea pots, weapons in miniature, and animals of perfect form made from highly polished brass, a beautifully formed bowl, hundreds of years old, bought by Mr. Fair in the interior of China, huge bowls from Java, the inside polished brass, the outside finely carved with legends of the country; a tall-covered jar of Burmese brass, of a darker shade; a tea pot from Siam, a great curio, the pot being the body of a hen with the brass carved to represent the feathers, every line instinct with life; brass jars from Malaya, with the fine work showing exquisite care and patience and high up over all the rest, is a Siamese Buddha of solid brass, buried for several centuries under the ruins of a temple in Siam, and bearing the inscrutable smile of the Eastern God. A large tray, of Egyptian brass, with the pilgrims on their way to Mecca is another beautiful piece of work. Bronze temple pieces, old when Christ was born; two six-foot pedestals of Java Toru; ancient tea pots and candlesticks; a curious jar with a demon guarding its contents; a devil with horns and tail, thousands of years old, are among the antiques. Bronzes and jars, with lotus and Iris blossoms wonderfully carved in bronze, are among the Eastern curios. Beautiful figures in old French black bronze, rare and costly, and some well cut modern green bronze are among the bronzes in this collection. A bowl of heavy Burmese silver, with outstanding figures of Burmese, a Malay sari box of carved silver, lined with wood, and fitted with small sambola of white malay silver, to carry the betel nuts and other necessities to the travels of a high caste Hindu; a great tray of Malay silver and a tall vase of the same lovely metal presented to Mrs. Fair by a native; a sword in a silver sheath, once the property of Salak, a Malayan Sultan; a tea set of Chinese silver of great antiquity are a few of the silver antiques. Then there is Chinese porcelain with its wonderful delicacy of tinting, gay but never gaudy, a laughing Buddha, the God of Mirth, and what the owner believes to be the only perfect collection of the figures representing the characters in the story of Chinese mythology of the eighteen pirates who wrought havoc in China for many years, till a wolf from the forest came and told them of their sins, with the result that they founded a monastery and became a blessing rather than a curse. The set is complete and the faces and robes are typical of the men of China to-day. Among the many vases, jars and bowls are some splendid specimens of Sang de Boeuf, perhaps five hundred years old; ginger jars of old blue and white porcelain, very rare, a large bowl of the famous old Ming porcelain; a tall jar dating from the time of the Kang Hi dynasty, whose only known mate is in the South Kensington museum; a tea-dust bowl; a Kung Lung bowl and jar, and a large jar of more modern ware, with the scholar, the money changer and warriors of the army and navy, painted with exquisite skill.

Some unique specimens of chine de blanc, and a fine specimen of black porcelain in a large graceful jar, pink porcelain with dainty painting rarely seen, some dishes of Imaro ware and a large, beautifully shaped bowl of cloisonne, with its marvellous coloring, and vases and a tea set of Satsuma ware, are among this wonderful collection.

From Italy came a tea and coffee set of exquisite Cap d Monte, a plaque, three feet across, of Florin-

tine marble, statues of the "Venus de Milo," "The Venus of the Bath," and Carrova's "Three Graces," in Carrara marble from Northern Italy. Cabinets and tables of ebony with exquisite carving, an ebony table and fine screen, inlaid with mother of pearl; a table and desk of cherry wood of wonderful carving and Hawaiian calabashes, hundreds of years old, fashioned with stone implements into a satiny smoothness, increased by centuries of use as the bowl from which the natives of the Island of Kawai took their daily food, are also among the curios.

Then the weapons; from Borneo comes the shield, the silver mounted spear and the blow pipe, about eight feet long through which the head hunters of the Island blow poisoned darts at their enemies. Small cannon, also from Borneo and a collection of knives, with scabbards of brass, silver or leather from Malay, with a Borneo Dyak, a kind of sword with a strand of human hair (and they were many) for every head captured, tied to the scabbard. Mrs. Fair who has travelled around world six times, has a collection of embroideries that has few rivals. Temple embroideries wrought by fingers crumpled to dust many centuries ago, with a skill unknown to-day, show a riot of gorgeous tints; robes of mandarins and gowns heavily embroidered by hand; the finest of linens with the wonderful stitchery done by the Anamites of Indo China, flet and honiton laces, a coverlet of linen and lace that sold for \$1,000, are among the priceless beauties of this part of the collection.

Pictures were not forgotten by these lovers of the beautiful, and here, as well as two marvellous Chinese silk pictures, are some from the galleries of Europe, among them "The Square of Florence" (Bertonecchi), "Farantello Bella Popolava Napoletana," (Giardiello) Sceno, "Del-la Campagna Romano" (Barucci), "Mediterranean Coast" (Oletto), "Fishing at Sunset" and "Fishing at Twilight" by Zonara, one of the greatest modern artists, which were hung in the gallery at Genoa, and other beautiful samples of Italian a copy of Raphael's "Madonna in the Chair" by Bertonecchi, with an exact replica of the frame of the famous original and an excellent copy of Titian's "Suzanna" with copies of Rembrandt, Van Dyck, and of some other famous Raphael's by noted Italian painters are among these works of art.

One must not forget the two enormous tiger skins from a Bengal tiger and tigris measuring ten and fourteen feet respectively from head to tail and adding to his great collection their own touch of the glamor of the east. Mr. Fair is also a conchologist and is the possessor of a collection of shells that has only one known rival which is in the possession of the Prince of Monaco.

Died of Blood-Poisoning.
Montreal Gazette: The death by blood-poisoning in London, England, on Wednesday, of Lieut. Melville Ernest St. Clair Ward, of the Canadian Grenadier Guards, was notified in a cable from Col. Hamilton, of the Grenadier Guards, London, which reached Col. F. S. Meighan. Had he lived another ten days he would have been back in Canada, as he was due to sail at the end of the week for home. Two months ago he left Montreal to be attached to the Grenadier Guards for a short course. Lieut. Ward had graduated at McGill University as a mechanical engineer, and it was his intention on returning to Montreal to settle down and start out in that profession. How he sustained the blood-poisoning that ended fatally is not yet known, and no arrangements had been made up to Friday as to the transportation of the body to Canada.

Left Them The Green.
The bowlers who were at Belleville bring back a good story with them. At the time when the local men were winning most of the prizes one of the Belleville club remarked that he hoped they would at least leave the green for the Belleville bowlers. But the local bowlers were satisfied with winning three cups and first in the doubles, so they did leave something for poor Belleville.

The biggest meteor that is known to have hit the earth fell at Coon Mountain, Arizona. It made a hole which even now is 560 feet deep and three-quarters of a mile across. The meteor itself is buried far below.

TWICE TOLD TALES

News of Kingston

TEN YEARS AGO.

G. L. Conley, son of Richard Conley, New York, is here to take part in golf tournament over the Frontenac Hotel links.

A. W. Wheatley, new manager of the locomotive works, has arrived in the city.

Miss Maude Cannem has resigned from the staff of Victoria school.

Boston capitalists may construct a large summer hotel in Kingston.

The much-sought George will has been located at last and will soon be probated.

Major Dawson and Staff-Sergt. McManus carried off honors in the shooting at Long Branch.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Once again the level crossing without gates is condemned by a coroner's jury in the case of the death of Rev. J. H. Stewart.

James Devlin has been elected president of the stationary engineers of Ontario.

The Board of Trade is in favor of a reduction to a two-cent postal rate by the government.

Granites defeated Cape Vincent 10 to 5 in baseball.

A branch of the Iver Johnson firearms works may be established at Carleton Place.

American silver, poor as it is, will still be taken at the churches as collectors cannot very well refuse it.

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\$2.95 Ladies' Black Kid Laced Boots—high heels, dark grey kid tops; also ladies' dark grey kid laced boots; all sizes 2½ to 7. Clearing **\$2.95**

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the mainmast. But if the seagull flies between the mainmast and the miszenmast fair winds will prevail. Most sailormen are superstitious.

"Lefty" Gallagher, of the Ponies, will pitch for the Knights of Columbus in a game in Watertown, N.Y., on Sunday.