

HAS RARE VOLUME

American Proud Possessor of
One of Oldest Books.

Believed to Have Been Printed in
China Before Western Hemisphere
Knew of Movable Type.

William Richard, former vice president of the American Numismatic society, who acquired two rare books during a trip to China several years ago, has announced after thorough investigation, his conviction that he has one of the rare books called the "Tanjur," or the Book of the Doctrine of the Tibetans.

For some time after he came into possession of the book, Mr. Richard looked upon it as only a curiosity without any particular worth, until he showed it to a friend, who urged him to investigate its origin. After more than a year studying the literature of Tibet and China, he found that the book was printed more than 1,000 years ago with movable type, at that time unknown in the western hemisphere. Mr. Richard says he has proved conclusively that the "Tanjur" was printed 700 years before the famous Gutenberg Bible, the first European book printed with movable type.

From an office boy for John D. Rockefeller Mr. Richard has come to travel in recent years in many foreign countries as representative of the Standard Oil company and other American firms. Before he left for the Orient, about eight years ago, he had one of the best stamp collections in this country, which he sold for \$16,000.

"About five years ago I came into possession of the manuscript in Sanskrit, or, rather, in Devanagari, which in Tibetan is called the 'Tanjur,' the Sacred Book of Doctrine of the Tibetans," said Mr. Richard. "I came across it in a monastery at the same time that I found the 'Kanjur' at the border of Tibet. As no one there appeared to realize the value of the documents, I had no difficulty in obtaining them at a very low price. The only other 'Tanjur' in this country that I have positive knowledge of is in the American Museum of Natural History.

"The value of this rare book is said to differ according to the ink used. For instance, a copy in red is worth 108 times more than a copy in black; one in silver is more valuable than one in red, and one in yellow or gold is more highly prized than one in silver. The Manchu emperor of China, Kienlung, who flourished in 1706, had a copy of the 'Tanjur' which was said to have then been valued at \$8,500."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Straws and Painted Lips.

"Somebody or other said something to me, about straws showing which way the wind blows," remarked a soda fountain boy who served cool drinks to matinee girls and afternoon crowds; "but I know something that these soda-water straws point to."

"What do you know?" asked the girl assistant.

"I know that it's the girls with the pretty painted lips that use them. When a girl has just dolled herself all up in a carmine Cupid's bow effect she can't afford to have it all washed off with a glass of soda water and a paper napkin—no sir! So she always uses a straw. Maybe that's how the poem, 'Frettiest girl I ever saw was drinking soda through a straw' started. Ask me about the girls who come here. I know."—Chicago Journal.

German Woman Lawyer.

A woman appeared as an attorney for the first time in the history of German criminal courts a few days ago, when Fraulein Dr. Munk of Berlin acted as defendant counsel for a man accused of a street robbery.

The incident was the subject of considerable comment, and it has been suggested that this may lead to the appearance of tailors specializing in the attire of feminine lawyers. In some quarters the view is held that the presence of woman attorneys may exert a moderating influence in courts, such as tempering retorts from opposing counsel, although others point out that such repartees may be intensified if both opposing attorneys are women.

Fraulein Munk's cleverness and assurance in court created a distinctly favorable impression.

Weaving Industry of Peru.

A considerable increase in industrial activity is to be noticed in Peru. On the whole the textile industries have been the most successful, since cotton and wool are produced locally in quantities and qualities sufficient to ensure profitable results. The only other industries that have attained much importance include the manufacture of cottonseed oil, soap and cocoaine. The cotton mills in Peru manufacture principally sail-cloth, filterpress cloth, towels and some other heavy goods. The total number of looms in operation is one thousand and fifteen, and the annual production is about fifteen million yards. The development of this industry will create a fairly good opening for cotton mill machinery. The woolen industry is also expected to expand.

Progress.

"Some day Crimmon Gulch will be a great metropolis."

"Maybe," replied Cactus Joe. "We've got signs of improvement already. How thieves have disappeared and taxicab robbers have took their place."

The best rulers are to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinions and value others that deserve it.

As wise precept for all who build is that the owner should be an ornament to the house, and not the house to the owner.

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