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Friday Evening, January 2, 1903.

The Entomological Club of the A. A. S. was called together for its second regular session on Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock, in the Columbia Law School, with the President, Mr. Schwarz, in the chair, and the following members present: Messrs. Althouse, Barber, Bradley, Burke, Currie, Hines, Hopkins, Mann, Marlatt, Herbert Osborn, Osburn, Quaintance, Webb. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President called on Mr. Mariatt for some entomological notes, and the latter responded by giving an account of an entomological collecting trip on a tour of investigation made in the interior of China, west of Shanghai, on a house-boat, in the late autumn of 1901.

A HOUSE-BOAT COLLECTING TRIP IN CHINA.

BY C. L. MARLATT.

Mr. President, I can give you some account of conditions in China, partly entomological. This is an informal meeting, with no set programme, and what I shall present will not necessarily relate to insects. I had some very interesting experiences in China, and perhaps the most interesting of these was a trip that I made on a house-boat into the interior from Shanghai. I have alluded to this trip on one or two earlier occasions without having gone at all into detail. The trip was an entomological exploration, but the entomological features were not very rich.

The region explored in this trip is the flat country lying between the Yang-tse river and the Bay of Hangchow and the great interior lake, Ta-Hu. It included a trip up the Whang-Poo river, on which Shanghai is situated, to its head waters, where it is continued in the considerable canal, passing several Chinese cities of some importance until the Grand Canal is reached at Ka-Shing. From this point the Grand Canal was followed as far as Samen, and then a detour was made through smaller interior canals to Haining, a considerable town tributary and in sight of Hang-