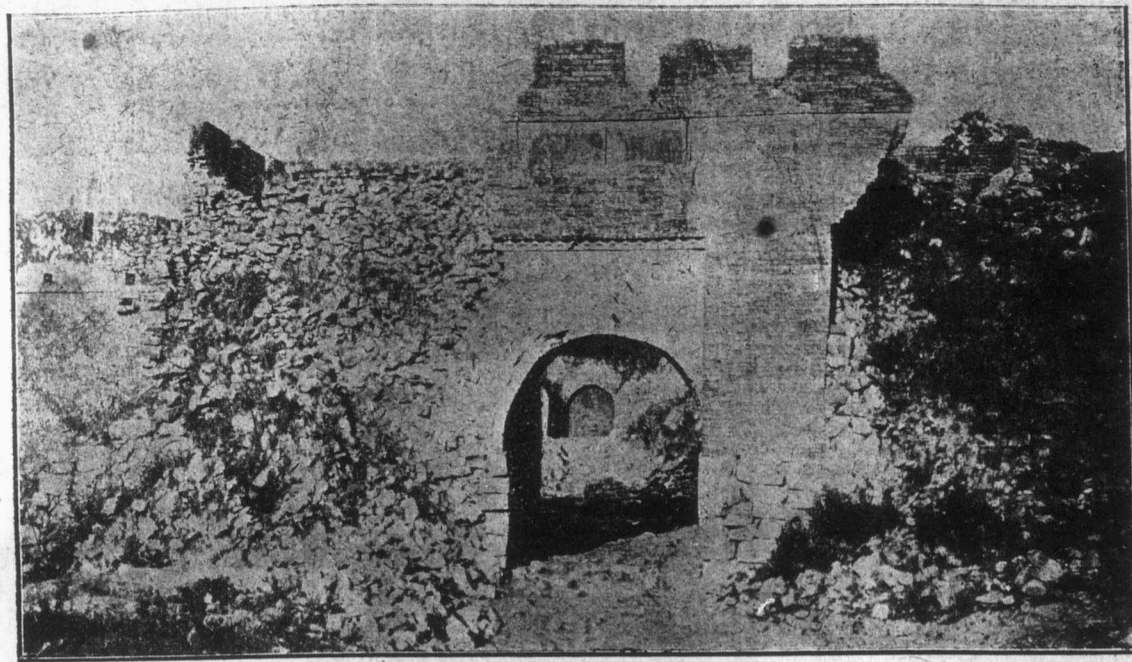


A. QUARTER OF A CENTURY IN CHINA

Experiences of a Victorian in the Flowery Kingdom With "Chinese" Gordon.



PA-TA-LING GATE—ENTRANCE TO MONGOLIA AND CHINA.

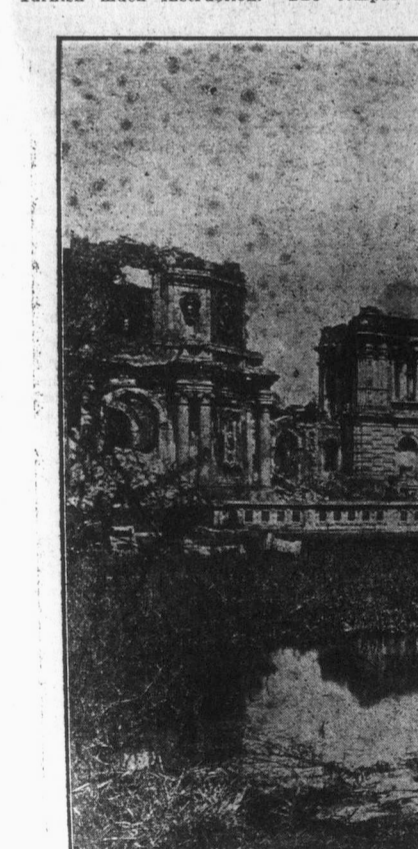
BY C. F. MOORE

Below there! Stand from under! This warning note is sounded to reach tourists travelling in China, especially by sea-board or on riverine lines; for it may, peradventure, conduce to the preservation of valuable and esteemed British lives. Should a knife be struck into the mast of the craft they are on, some ten feet from the deck, it would be well, nay, imperative, if only as an act of self-preservation, to look up defensive weapons and have them ready for instant use.

A little above Kinking, a city on the Yang Tze river, an "Child of Ocean" as I translate it, in a stream, numerous fishing boats were anchored, and as some were strange looking craft from the fore and aft pointed hull, with their wide spreading nets for catching the schools of small fishes, I decided to secure a picture to add to my collection. Engaged in focussing, I noticed on the screen a sailor climb the mast some few feet up and stick a knife into it. No sooner had this signal been placed (a signal which meant death and disorder) than like a swarm of bees an angry mob armed with knives and clubs made for me instantaneously. My servant, wisely I think now, laid hold of some tools, crying they meant to murder us; and, looking on them as they approached, it looked very much like it. I yielded the point, for a Chinese crowd when they have but one to deal with stands no moping, but goes in to win. Prudence at once placed the safety of the stream between us.

It will be my pleasure to show further on style and rigs of these vessels, as they furnish much instruction. The compart-

ment safety method is much used, and we have doubtless copied from them. These vessels are so common an object to the sight that one, unless some time in the country, fails to note place and district used. The pilots, both foreign and native, trading on the coast know exactly their position by the rig of the junks met with. From Hongkong to Taku they seldom make a mistake as to the part of the coast on their lee.



YUEN MING YUEN—FOUNTAINS, ETC.

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It also lay in my thoughts to say a word as to the attitude assumed by Canadians towards men, who, coming from China, Japan or India, purposing making their home amongst them. It even seems to me they raise a barrier of prejudice against us, and one surmises that their officials look askance, refuse employment to these long resident countrymen, even consider them probably as inimical to their own personal political spheres of influence. I often wondered when in China how it came about that men of means, after a short stay of a few years, returned to their Eastern compatriots, who met them with the ready sympathy of brothers. Now, however, I understand better. I am perfectly aware of being on dangerous ground, but, as I care not to offend or tread on the horns of sensitive minds, especially as I have before me the censorship to contend with, who strikes out offending remarks which prick

(Hill of Longevity), the Versailles of the Emperor of China. Here amid an expanse covering twelve square miles of ground all the ingenious diversities and embellishments of Chinese architectural and horticultural art had been exhausted to produce a terrestrial paradise; lakes, rivulets, cascades, marble junks, pagodas, rocks, open spaces and woodlands formed the varied setting to the numerous palaces of marble, porcelain and cedar wood which in turn surrounded the central residence of the Emperor. This beautiful monument of Eastern art, the garden of perpetual brightness, is now a desolate ruin—in retaliation for the imprisonment and murder of many British prisoners.

In connection with this looting of the summer palace there was published an Imperial Decree Relating to Yuen Ming Yuen.

"Tsal Yuan (the Prince of Yi) memorializes requesting correction for his own shortcomings and punishment for the officers who were on duty. It appears that when Yuen Ming Yuen was thrown into disorder, the Prince and other high officials who had charge of the place could not make preparation for its defence. Their fault is indeed inexcusable. Let a punishment for Tsal Yuan read

eight others (who are named) be determined by the board. Ngaling having already been stripped of his official rank and deprived of the "Peacock's Feather," but left in office, let his title as high minister be still further taken from him. As an act of grace, let him retain his rank in the second grade of nobility.

"Respect this." Dated about January 1st, 1861. Translated by W. S. T. Meyers. Oriental skittles explains the rise and affluence of establishments in foreign cities. This exciting game, confined to rulers and grandees of potentialities, is viewed with intense interest by foreign powers, who imperceptibly imbibe its opium influence and allurements into their own vigorous systems to its eventual deterioration and moral decay. It is beyond the reach of a feeble and halting pen to open up at length or show the inward workings of a mechanism of government crossed and recrossed by such innumerable lines of winding intricacies, often paltry in the extreme, at times even criminal by reason of unscrupulous natures. I can but hope to sketch lightly prominent spots visible to a discerning mind, musing with pain on a system of glittering baits set to catch the cupidity of man, ending, alas, often in disgrace and death. As a free lance, moving in the charmed circle of Imperial and monarchical principalities and powers in the legations of the city of Cambal, looked on as a somewhat privileged character, reticent in speech of the belongings of ministers, who treated me with confidence, a confidence never abused; I became, and was looked upon as, a means to while away time, which often bore heavily on their banishment from the gay pleasures and music of their own

beloved courts, slowly, surely, though imperceptibly crept on the knowledge, until imagination became charged with the certainty that Imperial ministers at foreign courts became surrounded, isolated, and permitted only to form conclusions from sources of information which were arranged, cut and dried for them, for use of their Imperial masters in their own lands. Need I go further and mention how this is brought to bear. Teachers, shopkeepers, merchants, dignitaries of the church, Anglican, Roman and Denominational, all impressed on the undertaking, all looking to advancement, all intent on viewing baubles, some even falling to the splendor and antiquity of rare china wares. Alas! for the integrity of high-minded men, to fall recreant, and possibly even assent, unwittingly peradventure, but none the less, in the rule of their country for a piece of rare clay.

SOUTH AMERICAN NERVINE tones the nerves, stimulates digestion, all essentials to perfect health. In no case has its potency been put to severer test than that of W. H. Sherman, of Morrisburg, Ont. He says: "I was completely run down, nerves all agog, stomach rebelled at sight of food, constant distress and generally debilitated. Four bottles made me a well man.—118."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 6.)
pany, Limited.
No. 52—An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Securities Company.
No. 53—An Act to Incorporate the Fording Valley Railway Company.
No. 54—An Act authorizing the Royal Trust Company to carry on business in the Province of British Columbia.
No. 55—An Act to amend the "Queen Charlotte Islands Railway Company Act, 1901."
No. 56—An Act respecting the Brunette Sawmill Company, Limited Liability.
No. 57—An Act to Incorporate the Slave Valley Railway Company.
No. 58—An Act to Incorporate the General Trusts Corporation.
No. 59—An Act to Incorporate the Golden Light, Power & Water Company, Limited.
No. 60—An Act respecting the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway.



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No. 61—An Act respecting the Kootenay, Cariboo & Pacific Railway Company.
No. 62—An Act respecting the Sumas Development Company, Limited.
No. 63—An Act to amend the "Medical Act."
No. 64—An Act to amend the "Royal Columbian Hospital Act, 1901."
No. 65—An Act to amend the "Investment & Loan Societies Act."
No. 66—An Act to amend the "Companies Act, 1897."
No. 67—An Act to regulate Immigration into British Columbia.
No. 68—An Act to amend the "Woodmen's Lien for Wages Act."
No. 69—An Act to amend the "Special Surveys Act, 1899."
No. 70—An Act to amend the "Municipal Elections Act."
No. 71—An Act to amend the "Land Act."
No. 72—An Act to amend the "Counties Definition Act."
No. 73—An Act relating to the employment on Works carried on under Franchises granted by Private Acts.
No. 74—An Act respecting Provincial Land Surveyors.
No. 75—An Act to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
No. 76—An Act further to amend the "Coal Mines Regulation Act."
No. 77—An Act respecting the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company, and the New Westminster Southern Railway Company.
No. 78—An Act to amend the "Water Classes Consolidation Act, 1897."
No. 79—An Act further to amend the "Land Act."
No. 80—An Act further to amend the "Supreme Court Act."
The formal bill of supply to His Majesty was then presented by the Speaker and received assent.

INTERFERED WITH FUNERAL

St. Petersburg, April 7.—The workmen of Smolensk made a demonstration to-day, the occasion being the burial of an employee of the Hahl factory, who was killed by policemen a few days ago. Six thousand persons assembled early in the morning in a heavy snowstorm and awaited the funeral procession. There were red flags everywhere, and a wreath deposited by Socialists on the coffin was inscribed, "Died an innocent victim in the struggle for victory." After the interment revolutionary proclamations were scattered among the people, and a procession was formed, headed by a Socialist carrying a banner inscribed "Death to the Czar, the autocrat."
At this juncture a large force of military and police interfered, dispersed the mob and seized the wreaths and banners. The workmen did not attempt serious opposition, and none were seriously injured.

THE POSTMASTER TELLS HIS SECRET

HIS HEALTH MAINLY DUE TO THE USE OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.
Postmaster Lee Looks Ten Years Younger Than His Seventy-Six Years and He Gives the Credit to the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy.
Tubercular, Cumberland Co., N. B., April 7.—(Special)—Horatio J. Lee, postmaster here, is now in his seventy-sixth year, so bright and healthy does he look, and so energetic is he in his movements that he would easily pass for ten years younger.
"How do I keep young looking," the postmaster says. "Well, I attribute it largely to my good health and my health is mainly due to the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills."
"I first learned the value of this Kidney Remedy some years ago. I was then suffering from Kidney Disease. My feet and legs swelled and I had to rise eight or ten times in the night because of urinary troubles. Six boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills restored my health at that time and I have used them at intervals since."
"To anyone afflicted with Kidney Trouble I say 'Dodd's Kidney Pills are all right.' Try them and you will be sure to find a benefit."

EMPIRE CANNERY IS NEARLY READY

OPERATIONS WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH

Five Traps Will Be Constructed in Straits by Owners for Use This Year.

The Empire cannery is no longer a mere prospect; it is a reality. By the 20th inst. it will be in operation. It is

Ragged clothes quickly—that's what common soaps with "premiums" cost; but

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar

favoured with transportation advantages on land and sea; that is vessels can approach without any difficulty on the one side and a spur of the E. & N. railway, past its doors, gives the owners the alternative of receiving freight or shipping by rail direct to most any point on the continent.

All the cannery buildings are up, and most of the machinery already installed. Men are busy on this work. It is the intention to have in this cannery one of the most complete and up-to-date plants of its kind on the coast. Nearly everything about a cannery is done by machinery these days. By means of an adjustable elevator, the salmon will be hoisted from the scows on which they are brought from the traps to the cannery floor. This floor is 25 by 80 feet. The salmon are then cleaned on a long table, separating this from other departments. From the table the salmon are placed in tanks and thoroughly cleaned before passing into big jaw-shaped knives. Cans are filled and in turn these are weighed, capped, crimped and soldered. Then the fish are cooked, and going through several more processes are tested again and the cans washed off, piled away and later are ready for the labels.

The main building is of course the cannery. It faces the water with a frontage of 240 feet, and a depth of 80 feet. A wing adjoins 50 by 140 feet. This, like all the other buildings connected, are constructed of wood, and are most substantial. Plenty of oil and light are provided, there being no part of the big building that does not admit of both in abundance. Convenient to the cannery are a Chinese house, which will accommodate 150 Celestials, a mess house and charcoal house. Nearly two scows are about ready for launching. Another has already been given the water, and it is the intention of the management to have five in all. These are good sized craft; they are intended for tendering on the cannery and traps.

The amount of labor that has been put in on the new cannery site shows how inostentatiously, and at the same time how rapidly the owners have been advancing the work. The whole will represent a very large present outlay, but is not all that is contemplated in connection with this important business. In the Straits, on the southern shore of this Island, five traps are to be constructed, which will be ready for service this year.

Captain Matthews, who is to have charge of these traps, left on Thursday for Sooke harbor. He took with him 22 men and an outfit to begin the swedding of the traps, and the work will be carried through to completion by the time the fishing season begins in July.

VALUABLE TO MOTHERS.

Baby's Own Tablets are for children of all ages—they are equally good for the new-born babe or the well-grown child. They will promptly cure colic, indigestion, constipation, teething troubles, diarrhoea, and simple fever. The Tablets break up colic, prevent cramp, and promote healthy sleep. They are guaranteed not to contain a particle of opium or any of the poisons found in so-called "soothing" medicines. Every mother who has used these Tablets speaks of them in the highest praise. Mrs. T. Timlick, Pittston, Ont., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets with the most satisfactory results. I can recommend them to all mothers as a remedy for teething and other troubles of childhood." You can get the Tablets from any medicine dealer, or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.



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