

what he says: "But not so is the climate where dwell the Scythian natives, where flow the waters of the Palus Maotis, or the turbid Danube whirling along his yellow sands, or where Rhodope bends round, stretched under the polar axle. There the herds remain shut up in their stalls; for there are no herds on the plain nor leaves on the trees. The earth, without form, lies buried under a heap of ice and snow, which rise to the height of seven ells. There reign always winter and the north winds breathing frosts."

"They live," he says, in caves dug deep in the ground, and clothe their bodies with skins and furs. They catch the deer, not with hounds let loose, nor toils and nets, but sinking in the yielding snow and incapable of escape. Their garments stiffen on their back, and the icicles hang from their beards; even the wine which they drink is distributed in frozen masses and cut with their hatchets." This description would apply to the Esquimaux, and we are bewildered at the fact that it is a true delineation of a country now covered with vines and roses.

Juvenal tells us that the Roman matrons, even in the depth of winter, and early in the morning, were obliged to bathe in the sacred waters of the Tyber, and for this purpose the ice had to be broken. The Tiber to-day is no more bound by such fetters than the Ganges or the Nile, and cannot furnish to the moderns such opportunities of showing their zeal and devotion. (See Letters of Agricola.) Such is the mighty change wrought by the hand of man. Steady, continuous, long and patient labour have changed a howling wilderness, buried beneath arctic frosts and snows, to be one of the most fruitful and delightful portions of the globe. If anything were wanted to reflect honour and dignity upon husbandry, surely this would suffice. The Scientist may smooth mountains and level valleys, he can cover the land with a network of railways, and carry over them the produce of the world with terrific speed, he can draw upon the clouds for their lightning, and use it to convey his thoughts around the globe, a complete victor of space; he can carry the electric wire beneath the mighty ocean, and stretch it over vast continents of land. But the husbandman can do more. Under the guiding hand of the Great Creator, he can make the earth yield food for man and beast. He can change the biting north wind to the soft and balmy zephyr, the frosts and snows of winter to the refreshing showers and dews of summer. Under His mighty arm the vast howling wilderness is transformed into fruitful, smiling plains, and fields once barren and desolate, wave with golden grain, or rejoice under the groves of the orange, the olive and the lemon.

From our own Correspondent, at Prome, Pegu:—A railway train was going out driven by Mr. Stone, Locomotive Superintendent, assisted by Mr. Stewart, Loco. foreman, when, about the 35th mile from Rangoon, a large elephant was seen to break through the fence and get on to the line. Steam was shut off, and Mr. Stone tried to open the blow-off cock, which, being in front of the engine, would by ejecting the hot water to some distance ahead induce "Tusks" to leave the line. The cock was slightly stiff and could not be readily opened, and the engine was soon on the unfortunate beast. The brute had turned tail and fled on seeing the engine, but was speedily caught. The buffer blocks of the engine being very low, the beast's hind legs were taken from under him, and he was forced to sit down as it were with his hind quarters against the smoke box door, which was of course nearly red hot. The poor beast managed to keep his fore feet going, though hustled along faster than ever he had gone in his life before, and in a few minutes the train came to a standstill, and he got away. He moved off the line at the double, uprooted a clump of bamboos, then wreaked dire vengeance on a tree, and was last seen rushing through the jungle, tearing and smashing everything in his path. He was sadly cut and burnt in the hind quarters, and will probably never be of use again. The mahout luckily escaped with his life, while those on the engine may safely congratulate themselves on their escape. Thanks to the coolness, bravery and skill of Messrs. Stone and Stewart, not the slightest damage was done to the train, and no one on board sustained even the slightest shock.

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