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YANGTSE KIANG.

WONDERS OF THE GREATEST RIVER OF CHINA.

Immensity of the Valley - A Vast Empire Cut Up by Canals and Diked Like Holland-Chinese Country Scenes.



Frank G. Carpenbeen riding for

days upon the great Yangtse River, and I write this letter in almost the center of the Chinese Empire. I am within

less than a hundred miles of the Chicago of the celestial land, the vast city of Hankow, and am passing through the country where the Chinese mobbed the foreigners a year or so ago, burning down the houses of the missionaries, and killing some of the English officers of the Chinese customs. Last night I left Kiukiang, a big trading center at the mouth of the Poyang Lake, and during the past two weeks I have passed a half dozen. cities of the size of Cleveland or Washington, and have traveled through about the same number of great States,

having an aggregate population of something like one hundred and fifty millions of people. All the towns I have visited I have found packed with a throng busier than you find on lower Broadway at noonday, and I am amazed at the immensity of this great Chinese Empire and its enormous population. I entered the Yangtse at its mouth, where it flows through the Chinese Province or State of Kiangsu. This is in the center of the east coast, and it has an area about as big as that of Pennsylvania. It contains more than half as many people as the whole United States, and its population is equal to that of the British Isles. The State of Ganhui, which I next entered, is no bigger than Kansas, but it sup-

ports twenty-seven million people. and the State of Hupeh, in which I am now traveling, has over twenty million. This great river itself has millions who are born, live and die upon its waters. and at every landing I see a thicket of poles, each of which springs from the home of one of the millions of families which make up China's boat population. I am amazed at the wonderful resources of the country.

My eyes bulged out at the muscles and industry of its people, and my head buzzes in trying to understand the curious sights which are crowded upon me.

China's great rivers are among the wonders of the world, and the Yangtse Kiang is the king of its kind. It has a greater volume of water than the Nile or the Amazon, and it has built up a greater country than Egypt along the low lands of China. In approaching it from the ocean I found the waters discolored by its muddy fluid many miles out at sea, and it turns the salty brine yellow for sixty miles from its mouth. Here it is about as thick as pea soup. You draw up a bucket and in a moment its bottom will have a thick sediment of mud. had been warned not to use the spigot which runs from the bottom of the boat into my bath, but this morning the boy had made it too hot and I tried to cool the barrel of filtered water in the tub with about a gallon from the Yangtse. I thought the amount was so little that it could not affect the rest. The result was that the clear water became the color of mud and my bare foot left an im pression on the bottom as marked as that of the savage which so scared Robinson Crusoe on the desert island. It is a sort of a gritty silt, but 1 am told that there is no river on earth which brings down a sediment more fertile. The whole of the great plain of North and Central China has been made by it. This plain is seven hundred miles long, and it supports more than a hundred million of people. The Yellow River runs through it a hundred miles north of this point, and this river, in combination with the Yangtse, has built the foundations of one-fourth of the Chinese Empire. To-day it is estimated that the amount of dirt they carry down from the highlands of Thibet and of China is so great that it forms every two months an island a mile square in the sea and at the mouth of the Yangtse. I sailed by the Tsung Ming Island, which is thirty-two miles long and about ten broad. It has been built up within a hundred years or so, and now has cities and villages and supports more

during the year from forty to fifty steamers as the Mississippi, and has one of the finest pagodas on the feet. The rise in the Yangste Kiang is so and junks of the Chinese. I could fill great that embankments have to be this paper with the mention of the dif-

built along its course for more than ferent kinds of craft and their loads. 1000 miles. All of the country I have and among the ships there are many passed through is diked, and this, not which would be a surprise to American only as to the river, but also as to readers. There are Chinese life boats. every creek and canal connected with for instance, everywhere. They are low junks with oars and sails, and they Central China is more cut up by

waterways than Holland, and there are | watch the river during the storms and more dikes here to the square mile than you will find in the Netherlands. Sailing N a letter to the along the Yangste you see these dikes Washington Star in every direction. They are about twenty feet high and from thirty to forty feet wide at the base, and their tops form the roads and paths of the dated on board a Chinese steamer 600 miles from the mouth of the country. Along them you see all sorts Yangtse Kiang, of Chinese characters trudging along. their figures silhouetted against the ter says: I have blue sky. Here goes the great freight car of China. It is a wheebarrow and a native coolie pushes it. Behind him comes another species of the same, a man carrying two great loads fastened to the ends of the bow like pole which rests upon his shoulders. Next you see a brighty dressed girl, wearing red pantaloons and a blue sack, carrying a parasol of paper and looking very gay as she hobbles up and down the

sort of a river police. bank. You note mandarins riding in blue chairs carried between two bare legged coolies, who trot along in front and behind, and among the nobles, the common people on foot. Here and there you may see a sheep or a hog, but the horses are comparatively few, and the only cattle are the

half hog half cow known as the water buffalo. You see these working in the fields pulling rude plows or turning the wooden water wheels, which are used in some parts of China for irrigation. They are for all the world like the Sakieyhs of Egypt, and there are many things about you which re-mind you of the land of the Pharaohs. You see no cattle or horses dragging place of roads. In all this part of China, it is said, you can go to every

cannot rely upon the honesty of his man's house in a boat. There are nuown officials, and so an Irishman, Sir merous creeks that empty into the Robert Hart, collects his duties for

A YANGTSE FARM YARD.

canals, which cut up the land like a net. you see the masts and sails of boats walkng, as it were, rapidly over the green Often there will be several fields. lines of these boats running parallel with the river, their white sails growing smaller in the distance, until they of the horizon. The cost of making and keeping up this series of embankments must be enormous. The Yang-

Yangste. The mouths of these are him, and his boats and officials are at all of the leading ports. You see their customs officers scattered all along the banks of the river, and at high water they sometimes use the little huts of bamboo, which are brought down in

the rafts from the upper Yangtse. This valley of the Yangtse Kiang is a vast garden. All along its course ter, and two or three crops a year are everywhere grown. In looking over landscape you see no fences or barns. then; it cuts away the soil and new thatched huts, with walls of plaited dikes have to be built. In many places reeds, which they plaster inside and

Yangtse, as shown on the initial illusin addition the thousands of odd boats tration. It is a seven-storied tower of rose pink, rising, as it were, right from the banks of the river, to a height, I judge, about half that of the Washington monument. It is manysided and its top is decorated with beautiful cap of bronze, which is built in rings, like those of some of the temples in Siam, to a point. This tower was being repaired when I visited it and a framework of pole scaffolding extended from its base upward to a height of more than one hundred feet. Upon this hundreds of Chinese masons and painters were working, and away up on the sixth story I could note little fly-like celestials clinging to the wall and patching up the ravages of the weather. I was glad to see it, for it showed me that there is at least one place in China where the monuments of the past are respected, and where both the religion and the temples have not gone to seed.

Service and

A WELL-WATERED LAND.

pick up such sampans and fishing

boats as are overturned. They are

Names of Children.

under the control of the districts Down to the early part of the presthrough which they go and form a ent century it was usual to name a child after the saint on whose day he Now and then they capture a smughappened to be born. A writer to gler or a pirate, and here and there Notes and Queries in 1853 states that outside of some of the villages I saw he had recently baptized a child by boats which had been cut in half and the name of Benjamin Simon Jude. set up on end. I asked what they On his expressing some surprise at this were, and I was told that they had besomewhat similar conjunction of longed to pirates and thieves. The names, he was informed that the birth culprits had been caught and behad taken place on the festival of SS. headed, and their boats were thus put up as warnings to their brothers to be-Simon and Jude, and that it was always considered very unlucky to take ware of the law. Such boats are usuthe day from a child. The custom of naming children after

any particular saint has fallen into general disuse, except in those countries where the population is composed almost entirely of Roman Catholics. The giving of a name in baptism is really no essential part of the rite, but is merely a custom derived apparently from the Hebrews, and which through long practice has be-come an important element in the ceremony.

Many instances might be furnished of children who have inadvertently received wrong names. The registers in Warminster Church contain the following entries

"1790, January 17, Charles, daughter of John and Betty Haines. This child ought to have been christened Charlotte, but, owing to a mistake of the sponsors, it was wrong named."

"1791, July 13, William, daughter of William and Sarah Weiddick. N. B.-It was intended that the child, being a girl, should have been christened Maria, but through a mistake of the godfather it was named William."-Westminster Review.

The Kabyles of Algeria.

Civilization has not yet made much impression on these gentry. They still live in wigwams of boughs, covered over with a patchwork of ragsin which you may perchance behold a Parisian pair of discarded trousers rudely incorporated—and they herd together in the smoky and flea-infested interior like cattle in a stall, or rather pigs in a pen. The Koran's injunctions for the repression of anger do not strike them as worthy of acceptance. In fact, they are as keen in vendetta as the Corsican.

A murder has to be atoned for by a murder. The man who refuses to exact blood for the blood of hisrelatives

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0118. Mme. Christine Nilsson, in her letter on this subject, mentions the case of a celebrated woman singer with whom she was appearing in concert some years ago. As they stood in the wings waiting for the first number on the programme to be announced, a friend sent a huge wreath to the singer, which was made of tuberoses. The singer buried her nose in the flowers for a moment, and three minutes later when she went upon the stage to sing she found that she could not raise a note. The vocal chord had been temporarily paralyzed. A doctor was called, the flowers were thrown out of

a window and the singer, after her throat had been treated, was able to sing later in the evening. Mlle. Emma Calve in this article also upholds Mme. Nilsson's opinion. "The only flowers that I ever admit into my living apartments," writes Calve, "are roses and violets. The tuberose is my particular abhorrence, not alone because it suggests death, bat on account of its injurious effect on the voice. Upon entering a room where lilies are I always have an irresistible desire to throw the windows open. They always irritate my throat. In my mind there is no doubt about all flowers being injurious to the throat except roses. Personally I can also exempt the violet, but other singRoll Your Umbrella.

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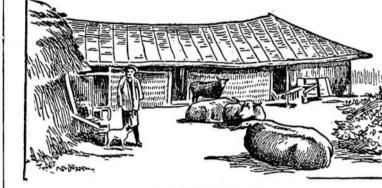
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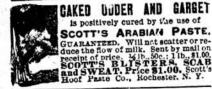
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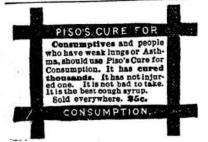
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than a million people. The sea at the islands, many of which have grown up within the memory of men now living,

the city of Hankow, about six hundred which at high water materially shorten not one of the treaty ports, and foreign and fifty miles from its mouth, ranges the course. It is as full of modern steamers cannot stop at it. It has

past floods, and here and there you

into, and you note the gaping holes left by the coffins. At one point about 100 miles from where I now am, I saw a coffin extending half way out of the bank. It undoubtedly contained a skeleton, and the wood was rotten with age. The water was then within a foot of it, and by this time it must have been washed out to sea. Here and there we could see men irrigating the soil by tread-mill pumps, worked by half-naked Celestials, and everywhere man seemed to be waging a brave fight with nature and getting the best of it.

The Yangtse to-day is one of the greatest trade routes of the world. China is said to have more boats on her waters than there are in all the rest of the world combined. She is the best watered country in God's green earth and has more wonderful waterways. Suppose you could stretch dirtier this is, the better it seems to a river wider than the Mississippi in an almost straight line from New York | clump of trees about it, and in lookto Chicago. Suppose it to be navigable for the biggest ocean steamers of these clumps, and realize the force for that distance from May to Octo- of the statement that the whole Ember, and let ships from Russia, Ger- pire is one vast village. Many of the

many, England and other parts of the world sail through it, and load at its family or clan, and the Chinese are wharves. This would be about what said to take better care of their relacan be done on the Yangtse Kiang be- tives and to work together better than low Ichang. If you wish to carry out

am, and sent to Hankow for sale.

mouth of the Yangtse is filled with little | fore you can distinguish the banks, | lies right on the banks of the Yangtse, and along the low banks of the river I to be a great inland sea, ranging from walls are twenty-five feet high and so can see the strata of soil which it has twenty to fifty miles in width. Our wide that you could drive a buggy brought down from year to year. At first hills were passed about fifty miles around the city on the top of them. some points these lines of sediment inland. Beven hundred miles from Nganking is well built and rich now, are from one to two feet thick, and the coast I found its width to be more though it was nearly ruined during they are of as marked colors as strata than a mile, and it holds that width the Taiping rebellion, back in the of rock. The river has a vast volume nearly all the way from Shanghai to fifties. At that time the rebels held of water. A line of freight water-tight Ichang, a distance of about one thou- it under siege, and food became so cars reaching from New York to Chi- sand miles. It contains many long, scarce that human flesh was used, and,

there are several rows of earth one be- out with mud. Sometimes the huts hind the other, and the remains of stand alone in the town, and at other discarded embankments are every- times they are joined together in where visible. In the summer the blocks. The best of them are not river rises and floods everything not more than twenty feet square, and the so diked. Houses are often swept average farm house has only one story. away, villages are destroyed and the The earth forms the floor. You could, land becomes a great inland sea. 'All I venture, build a good one for \$5. This money is set aside in a cow's along the course are the vestiges of The houses stand flush with the slimy horn, put in the corner of the dwellmud sidewalk, and the filthier and the murdered man's family has see graveyards that the river has eaten



which he can illuminate with a phosphorescent light or extinguish at pleasure. He does not use his lanplease the people. Each village has a tern to guide him on his pathless course in the dark depths of ocean; or to enable him to look around him; ing over the valley you see hundreds but, when meal time comes, he lights up to attract small fishes, which, mistaking the lantern for a phospohresvillages, I am told, consist of only one cent insect, dart straight for it, only to find their way into his capacious jaws. The mode in which the lantern is lighted and extinguished is not any people of the world. clearly understood. -Literary Digest.

the comparison, however, you must let the great river extend further to the river, and we have passed many west. If you could stretch it on in a walled cities, with pagodas and temples straight line it would go to Denver, rising above the other ridge-shaped and still be navigagle for large boats roofs. At some of the bigger centres and barges. You must push it on this ship stops to take on and disfurther west to San Francisco, and charge cargo, and I have gone through a number of cities since I came to you are still 500 miles from its source. a number of cities since I came to It is said to be 3500 miles long, and China the names of which I had never it has its rise in the mountains of heard. Take the city of Nganking-Thibet, and has tributaries all along not Nanking, the old capital of China, its course. It taps two great lakes, you have all read of that-but Nganwhich give it canal communication king. How many of you have ever with other provinces, and the most of realized that it existed? Well, we the tea of the world comes from the have just left it. It is a city of about lands south of it and is shipped across a half million people and is bigger the Poyang Lake, near where I now than St. Louis. It is the capitol of the State of Ganhui, which has a popu-In coming into the Yangtse its mouth | lation of more than one-third of the

is so wide that it is hours after you whole United States, though it is not see the muddy color of its waters be- as big as the State of New York. It and for the first fifty miles of our about 150 miles above Nanking, and journey we passed through what seemed it has miles of walls about it. These cago and carrying twenty tons each narrow islands, and it now and then it is said, was sold in market places could not hold its one day's discharge branches out into different streams or | for its weight in silver. The city has into the sea, and its rise and fall at | cut offs from the main bed of the river, | now a great native trade, though it is

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