

# Queer Things in Tibet



PALACE OF THE DALAI LAMA

TIBET has had for centuries a fascination which has led many explorers to their death. It occupies an immense area of the oldest of the continents, and it is inhabited by strange Monoloid people who have vainly tried to live a hermit existence. Several centuries ago a law was enacted and made part of the Tibetan religion prohibiting any European entering the country, and this law was rigidly effective until the British expedition under Colonel Younghusband captured the capital of Tibet several years ago. The remoteness of Tibet, the hardships to be met in crossing the immense ranges of mountains, the hostility of the barbarous tribes of the country and the jealousy of the lamas or priests aided in keeping this region unknown to the rest of the world, writes Henry L. Peterson in Grit.

Tibet is practically treeless and bitterly cold, for the mountains here reach great altitudes and nature presents her wildest and most repellent moods. The ruggedness of the landscape is reflected in the people themselves who are very low in the scale of civilization. One explorer of this little-known country says in describing the inhabitants:

"Among the varying scales of humankind the Tibetan is entitled to the lowest position; it would be impossible to imagine a people more unenlightened and barbarous, savage and degraded in all the terms savagery and degradation imply. One who has never seen a Tibetan nomad on his native heath can have no conception of his unpleasant appearance; the swarthy complexion, long black hair, piercing coal-black eyes, half-naked figure with an enormous spear slung on his back and a rusty matchlock in his hand, makes the best figure for a painter I ever saw. When opportunity presents itself to attack and plunder a small caravan without chance of resistance he is a perfect embodiment of valiant aggression, or even the feeblest of real dangers, he is the veriest coward."

### Many Small Tribes.

The Tibetans are composed of many small-tribes, varying in customs, manners and even language, but held together by the religious domination of the Dalai Lama; for in government Tibet is a theocracy almost pure and simple. Their habits of life are indescribably filthy, and morals, according to Western standards, have no existence. Says one writer who has lived among them for a time:

"The love of eating is common to all Tibetans. For many months I lived among them to bear witness to their dipping their hands up to their wrists in one dish, eating sheep's insides, and sleeping under tents crawling with vermin engendered by their filthy habits. They are gluttonous and will eat at all times until gorged, then lie down and sleep like brutes."

The pest of vermin is widespread, for their religion, particularly among the more educated, forbids the taking of life, and to kill a louse is considered a moral sin which may condemn the slayer's soul to an eternity of horrible punishment.

### Wretched Lot of the Women.

The traveler cannot fail to be struck by the hardness and misery of the Tibetan woman's lot, says the writer just quoted. Although, owing to the disparity between the sexes, a woman is a valuable commodity, she is treated with contempt and her existence is indefinitely worse than that of domestic animals. Polyandry, several husbands for one wife, is generally practiced, increasing the horror of her position; for she is required to be the slave to a number of masters who treat her with rigorous harshness and brutality. From the day of her birth to that of her death her life is one protracted period of degradation. She is called upon to perform the most degrading and menial of services and she is obliged to perform almost the entire manual labor of the community, as it is considered degrading for a man to engage in other labor than that of the chase or warfare. The woman has no

voice in the selection of her numerous husbands. She is sold like a horse or a cow to the highest bidder.

The rites of death and burial are very curious. When a chief or other influential member of a tribe dies his body is fastened to a stake and exposed to the attacks of beasts and birds in the belief that all the evil parts of his body will be consumed. After that, what remains is cremated and the ashes placed in magic bowls mixed with charms and portions to be used as medicines.

The most disreputable quarter of Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, is occupied by the famous tribe of Ragyabas, or beggar scavengers, the men whose repulsive occupation is to break up the bodies of the dead. A more brutalized type of humanity cannot be imagined, and they live in the foulest of hovels. Filthy in appearance, half-naked, clothed in obscene rags, these people live in houses unfit to house a hog.

The veil which has for centuries hidden Tibet from the rest of the world has been lifted, but the spectacle revealed has not been a particularly savory one.

### MAN IS TAKEN AT OWN VALUE

**Humility is Called a Virtue but it Ceases to Be One if it is Carried Too Far.**

Humility is called a virtue. It is so unless carried too far. A man is usually taken at his own value. If he makes too little of himself, he is likely to be thought of little worth. The unduly humble man will lack the strength of character needed for success. He will have little influence in society and will not be fitted to hold responsible position.

While too great opinion of oneself stands in the way of progress, too great humility is worse, says the Milwaukee Journal. Conceit receives many knocks in life and may be taken out of a man; too much humility seldom receives the needed encouragement. Conceit in a child is soon corrected when he comes to mingling with other children in schools. Too great humility gives his schoolmates a chance to put upon him and treat him as an inferior—a chance which will seldom be neglected. A child may become crippled in spirit for life in this way. Even teachers sometimes fall to see what is the trouble with the child and to give him the encouragement he needs. Beware of breaking down a child's self-confidence. Irreparable injury may thus be done him. Train him to feel that he is of value and is able to do what there is for him to do. Think well of yourself if you would have others think well of you.

### Food Conservation.

She was of the stage. That was plain. For she had certain curls, certain hues of cheek, and certain looks of the eye which told this story. Then, too, she had a dog, which sat behind her chair, as she ate her meal, brought from the bread line which passes the steam tables.

Oscar—why call all dogs Fido?—sat behind the chair and waited very patiently. He evidently was trained. Then, suddenly he was walled upon. There dropped from above, where the debris had been carefully collected and placed in a piece of paper, quite a meal. Oscar sat upon it, and ravenously gorged it down.

Then, led by his mistress, he left the restaurant as if something very unusual had happened.

"Food conservation!" murmured the fat man, who was starting upon his record variety of pie.—Columbus Evening Dispatch.

### At the Wild West Show.

"Surprised to see me here, Smith? I'd rather have a quiet smoke at home, but my wife bullied me into coming to take care of the boy, you know."

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The large gathering of citizens who came before him to demand that he remain in the mayoralty race heard words of support expressed in Mr. Mitchell's behalf by Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Evans Hughes and Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey; Oscar Straus and George B. McGuire, vice president of the State Federation of Labor, and heard read a letter of approval from William Howard Taft and a telegram of approval from Charles Edward Russell.

Joe Jackson, formerly of Greenville, but now of the Chicago American baseball team, has been exempted from the draft, claiming a dependent wife.

### CITATION

State of South Carolina,  
County of Kershaw.

By W. L. McDowell, Esquire Prothonotary.

WHEREAS, T. K. Trotter, of Camden, S. C., and S. P. Duke, Administrator of E. D. Duke, in Chancery Court of Richmond, Va., made suit to me to grant said T. K. Trotter Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of E. D. Duke deceased, Ancillary to the Administration of said S. P. Duke in the Chancery Court of Richmond, Va.

These are, Therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said E. D. Duke, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Camden, S. C., on Saturday October 6, 1917, next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this 22nd day of September A. D. 1917.

W. L. McDOWELL,  
Judge of Probate for Kershaw County.

Published on the 28th day of September and the 5th day of October, 1917, in the Camden Chronicle and posted at the Court House door for the time prescribed by law.

### SUMMONS FOR RELIEF

(Complaint Served)  
State of South Carolina,  
County of Kershaw

Court of Common Pleas.

F. W. Wagener, Julius D. Koster and F. W. Wagener, Jr., co-partners in business as F. W. Wagener & Company,

Plaintiff

John Benjamin

Defendant.

### TO THE DEFENDANT

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Camden South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

W. M. SHANNON,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To defendant, John Benjamin:

Take notice that the Summons and Complaint in this action were filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Kershaw County at Camden, S. C., this 12th day of September, 1917.

W. M. SHANNON,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Dated at Camden, S. C., Sept. 12, 1917.

### FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Monday, November 5th, 1917, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of Charles H. Hornsby, deceased, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.

JESSE T. ROSS,  
Camden, S. C., October 4th, 1917.

### FINAL DISCHARGE

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Saturday, October 13th, 1917, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of J. F. Turner, deceased, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.

J. W. WATERS,  
Camden, S. C., Sept. 11, 1917.

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

All parties indebted to the estate of Simeon Stokes deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.

S. S. STOKES,  
W. L. M. STOKES,  
Qualified Executors of the Estate of Simeon Stokes.  
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