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Following is an extract from a letter written by Miss Geneva Sayre to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sayre of La Grande. The letter was posted Kaitung, Hunan.



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China June 1, 1925. Miss Sayre has been in China four years. She is superintendent of girls' school at Kaitung.

Our mission cart started out as usual this morning to haul bricks for the new building. Some Chinese soldiers took the cart to haul their baggage, as they were moving. The cart came running back and called me before I was up and wanted me to come quickly to get the cart back.

The soldiers are not supposed to confiscate foreigners' things. I could demand the return of the cart when the driver couldn't. The soldiers would pay no attention to him. I dressed quickly and about 4 a. m. I succeeded in obtaining a ricksha and started with the driver and a couple of other men. The two men ran ahead and the cart waited for me to come along as fast as I could.

We followed in the direction they had gone with the cart until we reached the depot. Here we lost track and made inquiry as to the soldiers camp. We learned that a soldier camp south of the railroad was moving, so we went in that direction. The cart and I had to go on to the camp without the other two men as we had lost them at the depot.

When we arrived at the soldier camp, we found our cart loaded with baggage ready to start. I sent the cart inside with my card and an officer came out to the ricksha to talk with me. He wanted to know what kind of a outfit we had. I told him that we had a Chinese cart drawn by two mules and a horse. It was a better outfit than the average we see. Our animals were larger and in better condition.

"At the time that I sat there I was surrounded by a lot of soldiers who were curious to see and hear the foreigner talk. When I would speak they would make exclamations and signs that they were understanding, etc. They said nothing disrespectful at all. The officer first said to let them deliver this one load and then we could have the cart, but later he ordered the cart unloaded and sent it out to us.

"He acted very nice and said they didn't know it was our cart which was a ricksha, for it had a flag on it saying it was mission property. He thought he was saying his face by saying what he did. I thanked him and we drove off with our property.

"I was at home about an hour before our other two men came running back all out of breath. They had been hunting all that time and had given up finding the cart. The Chinese were quite astonished that I had found the cart and obtained the return so quickly. Hope we have no more interruptions with our new building. We need our brick. It is harvest time now and all the carts are busy, so we can't hire any."

Some men go at their pleasure as though they mean business.

About Decimals, Pi and Languages and "Coqlets"

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Department of foreign diplomats—highly educated, especially in the languages, and some of them even longer practiced in English than in their native tongue. But they started with the latter and what they started with is what sticks. They may fool you for awhile, but sooner or later some little accent or mistaken interpretation of a shade of meaning gives them.

More than anything it's difficult to write naturally in two languages. To illustrate: Connected with one of the Latin American legations here is a secretary whose conversational English is as fluent and accurate as any American's but he writes it a trifle stiffly. One day it occurred to me to ask one of his legation maids what this chap's Spanish was like. "Oh," said the latter, "it's as good as you can expect from anybody who knows English so well." That is, neither one language has slight edge on the other, or neither is quite right.

The Latin, particularly the Spanish, has the strange delusion that his language is very rich and beautiful very poor. "We have a word for everything," an our Spanish speaking diplomat there explained to me, "but in English you have to use combinations of them to make yourself clear." The mere fact that the English dictionary contains at least 20 per cent more words than any Latin tongue isn't recognized as counting for a thing—except, if you do prove your case too overwhelmingly, you're very apt to lose the Latin friend you've proved it to.

Pronunciation will work wonders with a word. The -Ofahr-rail—pronounced with the r's strongly rolled and the accent on the last syllable—familiarly frequently has a visiting member in Washington. On the hotel register he signs it O'Farrel. One of the Latin American attaches I know, a great movie fan, has a lot to say about Norman Tash-mah-kay's accent on the second syllable—but it wasn't until he showed it to me in print that I realized he meant Norma. Tallouge. Once I saw "coqlets" on the wine list in a Baretolet hotel and when I ordered a Martini and or dry, I found I'd guessed right.

The water in Frenchman's Bay, on Desert Island, off the coast of Maine, at midday of the day when one of the marine annelid worm beds, becomes blood-red due to the unaided numbers of red eggs cast into the bottom waters by the worms.

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