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LIFE IN WILD SIBERIA.

How People Exist in One of the Coldest Countries in the World.

"In each cabin is a large fireplace, which is used for both heating and cooking," said Lieutenant W. H. Scheutze, who has traveled in northwest Siberia, speaking to a Cincinnati *Star* correspondent, of the inhabitants of that country. "There is seldom more than one room in these cabins, and usually the owner's cattle, if he has any, occupy one end of the room in which he lives, being tied or prevented from tramping on the babies by a bar. The houses are commonly very comfortable, but are awfully dirty, and small—there is no word to describe it. Often, until I got used to it, I would rather lie down in the snow outside with the thermometer fifty degrees below zero, than sleep in one of these huts. But you've no idea what a man can stand when he has to."

"Have they windows in their houses?"

"Yes, ice windows. They use ice as we use glass. A clear piece is selected about five or six inches thick, mortised in the window opening in blocks two feet and sometimes as large as four feet square, and with water is made solid. The water is as good as putty. When the window becomes dirty they scrape it off with a knife, and when it has been scraped thin they substitute a new pane."

"Doesn't the window ever melt?"

"Bless you, no; it is freezing cold that far from the fire. If the room ever got warm enough to melt the ice the Yakut couldn't live in it, and would have to go out doors to cool off. At night the fire is allowed to go out, as they have to economize in fuel. All they have is driftwood, gathered on the banks of the Lena river in the summer time."

"How do they sleep? Do they undress when they go to bed?"

"Always. They strip to their shirts, which are made of a thick sort of Russian cloth, as heavy as our canvas. The men and women wear the same kind of garment, and never have more than one at a time. I took up a lot of thick flannel for them, enough to last the rest of their lives, and it will be a great deal more comfortable than the native stuff, although they don't like it at first. When they undress they get into banks built in the side of the house, sometimes a man, his wife, and all his children in the same bank. They have reindeer skins under and over them, and curtains of the same hanging before the banks."

"Do they ever bathe?"

"Never in their lives. They haven't any word for bathing in their language, and the impossibility of keeping clean is one of the greatest hardships of arctic life."

"What do they eat?"

"Reindeer meat, beef—they have cows, queer looking animals about half as large as ours, with a hump on their backs like a camel—fish, bread made of black rye flour, tea and an imported food made of chopped beef rolled into balls about the size of marbles covered with a dough. These they pound up and make into a soup. Then there is a wood that is very nutritious when it is ground up and boiled. Mixed with reindeer meat it makes a very good soup. They often eat their fish raw. Of course they freeze solid as soon as they are taken out of the water, and the native, particularly if he is on the road, eats them off in shavings as thin as our chipped beef, and eats them raw. They are palatable, and I have lived for days at a time on them, with a cup of coffee, made over an alcoholic lamp, by way of variety. The greatest luxury they have is butter, and they will eat it by the pound, as our people eat confectionery. A poor sort of butter is made from the milk of the native cow, that looks and tastes more like cheese, and they prize it above all other classes of food."

"The amount of butter a native will eat when he can get it," continued Lieutenant Scheutze, "is astonishing. A friend in Siberia told me of a man who ate thirty-three pounds in one day, and then didn't get all he wanted. They have a way of pounding up a red berry and mixing it with butter,

which gives it a beautiful pink tint and improves the flavor. Their drink is the Russian vodka, almost pure alcohol, and they will trade their shirts for it. The liquor is scarce and expensive, so they are necessarily a temperate people."

In the ancient city of Bau stands a stone with a history like that of Moloch. It stood in front of the chief temple, Vati mi Tawaki, which, on a high foundation, towered above the many shingles and fanes of Bau. The corpses destined for cannibal orgies, trailed in their gore along the dusty soil, were dashed by the head against this stone as an offering to the divinities before being devoured. For at least thirty years this stone has had upon it no stain of human blood, and now it is converted into a baptismal font and stands in the great Bau church.

L. P. Rodgers, of the firm of Rodgers and Whipple, of Klatskanie, returned on Wednesday last from an extended trip to the sound. He informs us that there is great activity in the lumbering business there. The price of lumber has steadily risen, and first-class logs now bring \$7.50 per thousand. Mr. Rodgers feels assured that the lumber business on the Columbia river the coming season will be the best it has been for some years.—*Oregonist*, 25.

Useful and Hurtful Medicines.

There is a certain class of remedies for constipation absolutely useless. These are boluses and potions made in great part of podophyllin, aloes, rhubarb, gamboge, and other worthless ingredients. The damage they do to the stomachs of those who use them is incalculable. They evacuate the bowels, it is true, but always do so violently and profusely, and besides, gripe the bowels. Their effect is to weaken both them and the stomach. Better far to use the agreeable and salutary agent, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the laxative effect of which is never preceded by pain or accompanied by any convulsion, vomiting or diarrhoea. Unlike many other cathartics, it invigorates the stomach and the entire system. As a means of curing and preventing malaria, fevers, no medicine can compare with it, and it remedies nervous debility, rheumatism, kidney and bladder inactivity, and other organic ailments.

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