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AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM AFAR

(Continued from last week)

I have said that we could not get dandi-coolies. We also failed to get bojh coolies for our baggage on the day of our arrival and we had to stay in Kathgodam over night. Next morning we were up early to start on our first march. Enough bojh coolies had been gotten together to carry our baggage. As we couldn't get dandi coolies, we got two ponies for the first march. At the end of the first march Ina was so tired of riding that we decided to walk the rest of the way, which we accordingly did.

Some of the things we saw along our way will interest you. Three or four things reminded us that we were in a heathen country. In several places we saw bits of bright colored cloth hanging from bushes. These had been tied there by coolies as an offering to the gods to induce them to grant a favorable journey. The rude booths of "holy men" were seen in a number of places. Their booths were usually made out of the branches of trees. The men--one in each place--lay in dirt and ashes, with little clothing and with long hair. Their idea is to gain peace by living in such a miserable fashion. Some are in earnest and some are merely lazy. Hindus think that it is their duty to support the "holy men" and in consequence several millions of these beggars live on this wretchedly poor country. One day in Almora I saw three of them together going from house to house with their beggars' bowls in which they receive gifts of money or food. Dharmshalas were quite numerous. A dharmshala is a stone house with a number of absolutely unfurnished, cell-like rooms. It is built by some pious Hindu to serve as a free lodging for the hosts of pilgrims who go to Kearnath, Badranath, and other famous Hindu shrines. As these houses have no windows and only low doors, the rooms are dark and some of them are great breeders of disease. These three things--bits of cloth on trees, "holy men," and pilgrims' lodgings--were decidedly heathen. Another thing closely resembled a Christian act, but was distinguished from such an act by proceeding from an entirely selfish motive. At a high place on the road where it would otherwise have been difficult to get water, a Hindu furnished water free to all travelers. A Hindu does such a thing merely to gain credit for himself with the gods.

Glimpses of the life of the people came to us from time to time. Mountain sides were covered with terraces, like stair steps. Sometimes there were several hundreds of these terraces on one mountain side. They were quite irregular in size and shape. Most of them were only a few feet in width. In some cases the rock wall at the lower side of the terrace was higher than the terrace was wide. It is here that the mountain peasants do their farming. The chief crops were wheat and rice, although we saw patches of potatoes, orchards with fruit trees like those in the United States, and some good cabbage. Harvesting was in progress. That is the reason it was so hard for us to get coolies, it was said, although as one watches the harvesting it is hard to see how it would produce a scarcity of coolies, because the harvesters are women, while the coolies are men. Women cut the grain with little hand sickles, cutting only a few inches below the head. Then they bind it into small bundles and carry it to the stone roofs of their dwelling houses and spread it out to dry. When it is dry, the women carry it to the stone threshing floor and thresh is out by beating with a flail. Sometimes bullocks are

driven over the threshing floor until the grain is threshed. When this is done men drive the bullocks. Women sow and reap and tend the crops, but they never plough or harrow. I suppose that they are not holy enough to work with the bullocks, which are sacred animals. After the grain is threshed it is separated from the chaff by being thrown up into the wind. Little water mills for grinding flour were seen in most picturesque locations along the mountain streams. How the poor farmer's back must ache before he gets his load to mill and back!

(To be continued)

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A New Pastoral

In the valley of Willamette, (Pronounce it so it rhymes with D---t)

A city man once took to farming. Thinking such a life was charming.

Apple orchard looked so fine, Likewise prune and ditto vine. So he bought a farm, the best Paid some down and owed the rest.

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Codlin moth and then the blight Spoiled the apples day and night. Still he sprayed and sprayed and sprayed.

Sprayed again and more he sprayed.

Arsenate it was no good Moths hatched out another brood. Mildew spoiled the grapes galore, Though he sulphured more and more.

The gophers ate his corn and kale, His turnip crop was sure to fail. He planted it in dark of moon, It was too late or else too soon. Bugs and moles ate up the seeds, The only thing that grew was weeds.

Grain he planted never grew, Though he did the best he knew. The only thing that kept on growing


Was interest on the money owing. Cows all dried up, one horse died, Although every cure he tried. Fed the stock all sorts of feed; Didn't hit on what they'd need. When he tried to feed the calf, 'Twould almost make a dead man laugh.

It pinched his fingers, bit his thumb, And then it butted him, by gum? Till he landed gainst the wall On other side of calt's stall. In fact things never would come right, Although he strove with all his might.

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In the valley of Willamette, Pronounce it so it rhymes with D---t)

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Dawson--Why, do you know, I hadn't been talking three minutes before they all began shouting "Next!"

A QUESTION OF LOCALITY

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READS THE DAILIES

Teacher--Eddie, what's the longest sentence you can think of?

Eddie--Well, me Uncle Ike got imprisonment fer life. I suppose dat's about de limit.

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TO THE LAND OWNERS OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 6, TOWNSHIP 1, NORTH OF RANGES 3 AND 4 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN WASHINGTON CO., OREGON

You are hereby notified that the first annual meeting of the land owners and members of the above named drainage district, for the purpose of organization and transaction of business that may come before the said meeting, will be held at the office of Hollis & Graham at Forest Grove, Oregon, on Saturday, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day.

Your attention is called to the fact that the by-laws of this organization will be presented for adoption at the meeting and to the further fact that this is a very important meeting of the members of said district. You are earnestly requested to be present and participate in the business of the meeting.

Dated at Forest Grove, Oregon, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1911.
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