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She Crossed Siberia

Mrs. William Mitchell Bunker of San Francisco is the only person of her sex who has made the journey of 6,600 miles from Vladivostock to Cronstadt on the Finnish gulf. She made the trip at the instance of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to study the effect of the Trans-Siberian railway upon the Pacific coast trade. She arrived at New York the other day on her way home, having accomplished what she set out to do, having only her husband for company.

"It was on Decoration day, 1899, that we left Vladivostock for Khabarovsk, a garrison town near the junction of the Ussuri and Amur rivers," said Mrs. Bunker. "The narrow table in the dining car was decorated with the most beautiful wild flowers. Our lily of the valley is the national wild flower of Siberia. No home in Siberia is too humble to be without exquisite wild flowers, of which I bought home forty-two specimens.

"It was a twenty-nine hours' ride to Khabarovsk, where we stayed eight days in the leading hotel, whose windows were stuffed with red shirts. There were no accommodations whatever for washing.

"I had prepared for my journey across Siberia by donning knickerbockers, men's shoes, a suit of black woolen tights, a short serge dress, a man's cap and a corduroy coat. Our outfit consisted of a mattress of hay, hay pillows, half a dozen sofa pillows, tin pitcher, tin basin, plated knife, fork and spoon and tinned goods.

"From Khabarovsk a sidewheel steamer with narrow benches for berths took us 570 miles up the Amur to Biagovestchensk, a city of 35,000. There we took a stern-wheeler on the Shilka river for Stretynsk. We passed through a hodgepodge of civilization. There were half Siberians, half Manchurians, Goldies and Buriats, the men wearing close-fitting coats with long skirts, round caps and long Russian boots. Their hair was braided in two plaits and curled behind the ears, with long gilt pins sticking through the curls. I went for six weeks without sleeping in a bed from Khabarovsk to Irkutsk, the present eastern terminus of the Trans-Siberian railroad.

"The Amur was unexpectedly interesting. On each side were forests running down to the banks, and the shores were picturesque. Twice a day the boat lands for wood and the Cossacks, who squat on the deck while the boat moves, go ashore and load on the wood for their passage. The temperature was between 90 and 100 degrees. I lost eighteen pounds in weight during my trip to the Finnish gulf.

"At Stretynsk we embarked on a still smaller steamer for Metrefarro, seventy-five miles away, but when within twenty miles of the place the river fell so rapidly that the captain turned back fifteen miles to Nertchinsk, which is 350 years old, the oldest town in Siberia. Here we took a tarantass with a troika team. The tarantass is slung on wooden springs. It is seven feet long, four feet wide and equipped with a buggy hood, visor, tarpaulin boot and is padded. A Tomsk horse trots in a dignified way between the shafts under an arch of three musical bells, while on each side frantically gallops a Baikal pony with a long forelock.

"At Chita, in the center of the trans-Baikal region, we bought a light tarantass for \$125 and lived in it five days and nights to Veskheoudinsk, 108 miles from Missoya, on the east bank of Lake Baikal.

"We ate and slept in the tarantass while the vehicle was rattling along over the post road. On account of the Russian convicts, who occasionally attack tarantasses, we slept in watches, my husband guarding me with his hand upon a pistol while I slept. The musical tinkle and the mild atmosphere lull to slumber and I never slept more soundly in my life. From Missoya we crossed Lake Baikal on a big ferry boat to Listchneiva, a six-hours' sail. Although an inland lake it abounds in gulls and seals.

"A day out from Chita we were attacked by flies as large as bumble bees, which we got rid of by stretching our mosquito netting over the hood of the tarantass. The convicts whom we met seemed jolly, the men and women murderers wearing balls and chains and iron bands around their waists.

"From Irkutsk we took a train de luxe and were eight days and twenty minutes in rolling into Moscow. Baldwin locomotives were very much in evidence."

Irving as a Critic

Sir Henry Irving can give the keenest but apparently most ingenious criticism, says the London M. A. P. For instance, one of his company, Mr. Valentine, was cast for an old Italian refugee, a capital character sketch, in "Bygones." He studied the part carefully and considered himself perfect at his first rehearsal. Sir Henry watched the piece from beginning to end without saying a single word. That was a bad sign. When the last word was spoken he came over to the old Italian refugee in his usual quiet way.

"Are you going to play it like that?" he asked. Mr. Valentine suspected that if he said "yes" Irving would possibly retort: "Then I shouldn't!" If he said "no," Irving would naturally ask: "Then, why not rehearse it as you mean to play it?" So he wisely answered: "Well, on those lines. You see, it's my first rehearsal."

"I see," repeated Sir Henry, with a kind smile. "An old Italian refugee, isn't it? Good part, yes. At present it's Valentine with an accent, isn't it?"

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