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FOO-CHOW.

A Chinese Physician Says It is the Boston of China.

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"Foo-Chow, sir, is the Boston of China, and one of the finest cities in the world," said Dr. Yontoze-Hing, a well known Chinese physician of this city, to a Herald reporter yesterday. "I have lived there for many years and am consequently much interested as to how it will withstand the French bombardment. The population of the city itself is at least 800,000 and that of the suburbs about 400,000. As a seat of learning it is pre-eminently distinguished. No fewer than 3,200 literary graduates—a term that closely corresponds to that of 'senior wrangler' at the university of Cambridge, in England—or more than a quarter of all the scholars in that part of the empire, reside in Foo-Chow. It is also the home of 7,000 'literary students,' seedy but clever young fellows, who are supported somewhat in the same manner as the 'poor scholars' of Ireland—that is, by teaching and similar scholastic pursuits. Foo-Chow has a considerable inland trade and has greatly enlarged her commerce, especially since the extirpation of pirates. As well as I can remember, the imports of opium last year exceeded $3,500,000; of food stuffs, $4,000,000, and of foreign goods $45,000,000. Special attention is paid to the tea trade, as the Bohea leaf flourishes in the neighborhood of Foo Chow. Perhaps the most important industry is navigation. The Min River, which is navigable for 250 miles, to a city called Shaunai, where a canal connects it with a tributary of the Yang-tse-Kiang, is the home of over 50,000 boatmen. Thousands of fishermen also make a good living by selling sharks' fins, birds' nest soup, devilfish, dragonfish, gourami, seaworm, greenfish and many other species of fish.

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"The mendicants of Foo Chow are almost as famous as its scholars. Indeed, I doubt if any other city has so many professional beggars. The majority are members of two religious societies—that of 'The Brothers of the Heavenly Rest,' and that of 'The Association of the Heavenly Flower.' An old man who has lost one leg by the disease and who has palsy in the other, is the king of the beggars. His seat is a huge box supported on four wooden wheels, and with a hole in front through which his shrivelled limb is protruded. He propels himself during the day by means of a pole, and at night turns the box over on its side and uses it as a bed-chamber. His wealth is estimated at $10,000, which is a large sum in China.

"It is hard to say why there are so many beggars in Foo-Chow. Perhaps they are a result of the Tartar conquest. Foo-Chow, you know, was strongly garrisoned by the Tartars, and its conquered inhabitants were reduced to slavery and kept so for many generations. At present, though the distinction between the Chinese and the Tartars is obliterated over the greater part of the Empire, it can still be plainly observed in Foo-Chow. Indeed, one quarter of the city is inhabited by the descendants of the Tartar conquerors, and I can tell you that, in spite of universal education, a rigorous civil service and competitive examinations, they are excessively proud and arrogant, and much inclined to look down on the less warlike Chinese.

STREETS CLEANER THAN IN NEW YORK.

"Foo-Chow is finely paved with granite blocks, and most of its streets are as clean as Broadway, while none of them are as filthy as Mott and Pell streets in this city. The drainage is also admirable considering that the city is built on a spacious, level plain and is even to-day liable to be inundated by the spring torrents. For this reason the city walls are built of extraordinary strength and the gates in them are few and small. When a heavy flood comes the gates can be blocked up with banks of earth in a few minutes and the city made waterproof. There is never much danger of a famine, as the food supply is largely furnished by boats. The city could certainly hold out for many months. A suggestion was made to us by foreign engineers that it would be well to erect levees, but we did not act on it, as experience has taught us that the effect of levees is gradually to raise the river bed, and thus to increase the evil which they are intended to cure. The municipal government of Foo-Chow is excellent and the people are very liberal and broad minded. Will you laugh when I tell you that the British consul lives in a splendid Buddhist temple, for which he pays the priests £80 a year. A Taoist church is similarly occupied by an American merchant. An assistant priest is the head gardner of the British consul, while another acts as cook for the American merchant. The people of Foo-Chow are inveterate opium smokers and gamblers. There is actually over four hundred opium joints and five hundred gambling dens in the city. Of course it is illegal, but are supported chiefly by officials, in the same manner as your policemen support the saloons and drink in them on Sundays. Crimes against property and individuals is very rare.

THE WOOLWICH OF FOO-CHOW.

"The arsenal destroyed by the French was about three miles down the river. It was very similar to Woolwich in England. It was started in 1851, but was of slight account until 1866, when the government changed its policy and began to employ foreign talent in its military and naval affairs. 'Chinese' Gordon made several plans for us and approved of many others. The entire control of the works was given to English, French and American engineers, constructors, forge masters, machinists and metal-workers and their services were rewarded by large salaries. The best machinery and the latest inventions were purchased and placed in the shops, and an immense quantity of munitions of war was accumulated. You can judge of the extent of the works from the fact that the number of natives employed has varied from five hundred to three thousand, and of European from forty to one hundred. The importance of Foo-Chow as a manufacturing center must not be overlooked. Among its products are paper, cotton, poacelain, salted and dried pork, meats, fish and shell fish, gelatine, glue, spices, tobacco, glass, potash, lead, sweetmeats, copper, bronze and steel. It is also the bentre of the Yu Nung mining country, which extends for 150 miles, and which is fairly rich in veins of lead, silver and copper ore and in excellent iron beds. The quality of the metals is good, though the mode of working the mines is very primitive and insufficient.

"China would suffer as much from the loss of Foo-Chow and the arsenal as America would from the loss of Philadelphia and the navy yard, in case of a war between America and a foreign country. The indemnity demanded by France is much less than the value of the arsenal and the navy stationed there. As for the munitions of war, I understand that they have been removed to Fu-Hing."

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SHOOTING THE PURPOISE.

A Trip on the Salt Water in a Puffing Pig Chaser—Hunting Big Game.

Correspondence Philadelphia Times.

"She ain't what you call a fancy piece," said an old Gaspe fisherman, holding out an old flint-lock army rifle that had been remodeled and altered to the requirements of the nineteenth century. "She ain't putty, but lor! haow she can kick. I vum for it she kin aout kick and shoot anything of her size around Gaspe. So, ain't it, Sol?" added the fisherman, referring to a comrade, who walked with a slew to starboard as if he had been kicked by the self-same old gun or had shifted his ballast. "She's a corker," responded the latter individual, who was rigged out in oil-skins and had the twin of the old weapon over his arm. "She kem near throwin' aout o' plomb onct," he continued. "Ye see I broke my gun one day and sent over to Capt. Jim's to borrer this. He sent it back by my boy and forgot to say anythin' abaout it's bein' loaded. So I filled her up with a powerful load and put her in the boat. But jest before I started to go cow shootin' my old woman got took with a spell and I was obliged to ride up to the town for a pill-maker, so I let one of my boys take the boat. He loaded up the old cannon, not knowin' I'd filled her, and was abaout goin', when his marm got better and I concluded to go, so I kem down and went myself."

"Wall," continued the old man, rubbing his shoulder in recollection, "when I got outside I sighted a big cow and, staudin' up, let her have it. Wall, when I picked myself up I was swimmin' and the boat abaout ten feet off. The drat busted old gun had kicked me clean overboard, and haow I got back I can't tell you. Then I found my arm was out of j'int, and I was that mashed and black on that side ye'd thought I'd been pounded. Did the gun burst? Not much. When I climbed in, thar she was lyin' in the bottom, smokin' like a volcany; but theee loads or thirty, I reckon, wouldn't disturb her in'ards."

"It's curus," put in the owner of the relic; "but ever since then she's hed the darndest kick to her that you ever see. She's laid many a man on his back, and the curustest part of it is she never kicks till you've fired, and then she lets out, kinder takin you unawares like. You try her if you want to," he said to the writer.

The latter declined the proffered courtesy, and inquired what they found to shoot out to sea.

"Cows," was the laconic answer; "not milkin' cows, but sea cows. Puffins some calls 'em, and others porpoises. We shoot 'em for the liver; it makes a powerful oil, and then the hide is tolable, and the meat the farmers pay somethin' for to haul on their land. It pays when there ain't anything else to do. Want to go 'long?"

"It's wet work," added the fisherman, and as his companion said that he didn't mind the wet, he asked: "Kin you swim?" Being assured in the affirmative, he, with the writer, soon tumbled into the boat that was rigged as a "puffing pig chaser." The boat looked as if she would stand but little seaway, being bow and bow, a cross between a dory and dug-out. A small leg-o'-mutton sail constituted her motor, and the skipper sat or reclined in the bottom without using a paddle or rudder, utlizing, as we afterward found out, his guests as a steering apparatus, his movements forward or aft tending to keep the boat away or throw her into the wind as the case might be. The same method of steering is found in many small boats up the entire length of the St. Lawrence river.

"Sit kinder midships, will you?" asked our skipper, hauling in the sheet as he reclined in the bottom. "That's it, now she'll lead right aout, and I'll troubble you for a light."

The short, black cornob was soon mingling its fumes with a Gaspe long nine, the wind was abeam, and we were plowing along in the direction of Newfoundland.

A faint puff had come over the water. The boat was now coming down the bay a mile from shore in a heavy sea, the alleged sea-cows. A moment more and over the waves came another puff. The skipper, despite the heavy sea and the pitching motion of the boat, sprang to his feet. A shiny black object glistened for a moment on the waves to the windward, a terrific report and it leaped into the air, showing itself a porpoise ten feet in length.

"That's what I call shooting pigs on the fly," laughed the marksman, as the porpoise thrashed about. "There's another," he said, fixing a cap on the nipple, and a puff of smoke told that another victim had gone to bite the waves.

The boat came alongside, and while the writer kept her from sinking by clinging to the windward the fisherman skilfully opened the body and removed the liver and whipped into the boat as a pair of footstools for his companion. Several other porpoises were added, and at last loaded with all she could stagger under, the frail craft was headed ashore.

"They're lively fellers, I kin tell you," said the skipper. "I was out here shooting one day, and was standing up all ready to take 'em as they showed up, when 'slim' came one out of the water right after me, and jumped clean over the boat, and scairt me that much that I came nigh going overboard. I've seen 'em leap twenty feet, and I reckon they'l make more. They go in droves just like this, and roam up and down the hull coast. There's one old chap they call the general, from his having his top fin kinder saw like. Well, sir, I've seen that old fellow at Eastport, and the next week up here at Anticost, and a chap from the Island told me that he'd seen him off Fortune bay. He's sly; you can't ever get near enough to give him a touch of lead; it ain't no use. I allus thought he kinder told the school that there was trouble in the wind, and they lit out as it were.

"Git aft!" shouted the skipper, and in obedience to the move the little craft hauled to the wind and was soon bouncing alongside the vigorous animal that was rushing wildly here and there in an erratic manner, beating the water into foam.

"That settled him," said the fisherman. "He'll spout blood in a minute, just like a whale, and then we'll get him in."

"You are not going to take him in the boat, are you?" said the writer.

We were not long in getting it aboard where its unwieldly form soon adapted itself to the inequalities of his position. The writer slid down astride of the porpoise, and the boat, now at the water's edge, flew along again.

"Want to try a shot?" asked the skipper, in a few minutes, as "Puff, puff," came in rapid succession, and half a dozen black forms seemed racing with us out to sea.

We declined, and the skipper, having reloaded the old gun, using a piece of dried codfish skin as wadding, was soon on his feet again. As he stood ready, not heeding the jumping boat, a large porpoise left the water in sport and rose several feet above it, and in a second the flash of the rifle came, the bullet catching the animal in the air.

"Sartin," was the reply; "you kin set astride of him. He'll make as soft a seat as you want. Now, then, git to the wind'ard."

The writer seized the weather rail and clung to it. As the boat rounded to by the struggling animal, the skipper leaned over, thrusting his fingers deftly into the blow-holes of the great creature, and getting the rail on the edge of the water he jerked his prize fairly into the boat.

"Some of these Mic-Mac Injuns," continued our companion, "eat porpoises and hold that they're good; and I don't know why they shouldn't be, they give milk just like cows, and when you shoot a cow and there's a calf I tell you it makes you feel mean. This little chap'll act just like a baby, swimmin' round the body, and after you pull the old one in it'll foller the boat right in shore, and you have to kill it to get rid of it. The bulls are kinder ugly like, and a few years ago a man that I knew was out here fishing, when he shot an old cow. He lashed her alongside and was pulling in kinder slow when he see someching hissing along the top of the water. The next minute a bull porpoise hit the boat head on, and knocked the starn clean out of the water, sending the old man, oars and everything into the air. He swam to the boat, but she was mashed and filled, and there he laid in her for about three hours, when a schooner coming in happened to pick him up, but he was nigh scairt to death. The old porpoise was bleeding; two or three sharks had smelt him and were hauling away at the body right before him, and he didn't dare to cast it off, as it was the only thing that kept the boat steady and on an even keel. When they took him off there was a shark tearing at the porpoise they judged fifteen foot long."

"Do the sharks ever attack fishermen here?" we asked. "Wall, I wouldn't trust 'em," was the reply. "Once in a while you hear abaout folks getting nipped. We have four or five kinds of sharks here; they're the swivel-tail, they grow about twenty foot and have a tail half as long as their body; then there's nurse sharks, sand and mackerel sharks, and man-eaters. Some years ago there was a shark set in here, they reckoned follered a schooner in from the Grand banks, but he tackled abaout every boat araound here, and they say over in Chaleurs he tackled a big sloop.

"The first time I see him," continued the speaker, "I was fishing off the west rock here with a lot of men, when I see a big spray spot astern, and then the nose of a big gray shark stuck right over the rail at least two feet out of the water, just as if he was coming right aboard. I had a mallet in my hand—jest been killing a fish—and I fetched him an awful belt. He fell back and darted off and began to dash around; then he tackled one of the boats, and bit a piece out of the cutwater, and made such a fight that we up anchors and all hauled in together and stood by with harpoons. He come up under my boat again and kinder lifted her like, but he got off and we ain't seen him since. But all down the coast that old shark went hooping and chasing folks so't there was a heap of fisherman that was clean scairt off the grounds. As a general thing it's too cold for sharks around here; they like warmer weather, but there's enough abaout to take a fish occasional and make it kinder lively like.

"No, they ain't no use except the livers; they're wuth about half a dollar, according to size, and make fair cod liver ile."

"Is that where cod liver oil comes from?" we asked.

"Sartin," replied the skipper. "Why, a cod's liver is only about a third as big as your fist, and it would take a heap o' cod to make all the ile they sell. I'm knowing to it that some of it is shark ile."

"How about porpoise oil, then?" we inquired.

"That goes for machinery," was the reply of our fisherman, with a grin. "Why, human; rheumatiz and the like."

Here the little boat crunched into the Gaspe sands and the puffing pigs and rvers were soon upon the shore.

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