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## Carpenter's Letter

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American Mining company, and is also engaged in private banking in Seoul, while W. D. Townsend of Boston has a big business in his rice mills and in importing all sorts of American goods for Koreans.

In addition to these there are about 150 missionaries, representing the different churches of the United States. They have their stations in all parts of the country. They have excellent schools and are doing a vast deal of good. The most of them are men of good education and sterling ability. Several have written books about the country and not a few have aided in organizing schools for the emperor.

### American Goods in Corea.

The Koreans already take much American cotton and this trade can be greatly increased. The whole population dresses in cotton and the country raises practically none. They want the best of cotton and like to have it of all colors, pinks, light blues, yellows and whites. In the winter they pad their clothes with raw cotton for warmth. The trade is hardly large enough to warrant sending an agent to Corea alone, but in connection with Manchuria and North China it could be made profitable.

There are steamships which go from Nagasaki and Kobe to Tien Tsin, calling at Fusan and Chemulpo. The time from Kobe to Chemulpo by direct steamer is three or four days and by the regular steamers which call here it is about six days. The fare from Yokohama to Chemulpo is \$25 gold, and, I should judge, just about as much additional to cross the Yellow sea from Chemulpo to Tien Tsin.

Corea can also be taken in on the way to Vladivostock. There are steamers from Nagasaki and Fusan around the east coast to Gensan and then north to Vladivostock at the eastern terminus of the Trans-Siberian road. I have traveled on all of these lines and have found the food invariably good and the other accommodations comparatively so. The trip across the Yellow sea is apt to be boisterous and somewhat dangerous, but a tour can be planned which should result in many orders for our commercial travelers who represent the articles most desired by the people.

### What the Koreans Want.

American drummers who speak English only can get along at any of the ports, for there is always some one there to act as interpreter. In their trips to the interior they will need to carry a guide and interpreters. There are hotels at Chemulpo, Seoul, Gensan and Fusan. That at Seoul is Japanese, with beds on the floor. The prices everywhere are about \$2 per day and the interior travel is comparatively cheap.

Some knowledge of Corea and the Koreans is needed before coming. The things you might suppose to be in most demand are not wanted at all. For instance, it is cold there in winter, but you could not give away stoves. The rooms of most Korean houses are small and they are heated by flues which run under the floors. Cook stoves are unknown and furniture of our kind is not wanted.

There is a good opening for American tobacco. Men, women and children smoke and everyone has his pipe. The people grow some tobacco, but they do not understand how to cure it, and prefer the foreign article. There is a great demand for cigarettes, but not much for cigars, except those as thick as a lead pencil. The emperor smokes cigarettes. He prefers American makes, and especially likes the Virginia tobacco. There are many Japanese cigarettes sold and quite a lot of native cigarettes, which sell as low as twenty for a cent.

With the new railroads there will be some demand for American machinery, rails and rolling stock, although it is probable that the Japanese will equip their lines as far as possible from their own country. Quite a lot of bridging will have to be done and there should be a market there for our Pacific coast lumber.

### Banking and Money Matters.

The new banks started by Americans will probably make money. Interest rates are very high and the people will borrow to the full extent of their possibilities. The court spends a great deal and, notwithstanding the poverty of the masses, there are nobles who live as extravagantly as our rich men at home. Among the poor and out in the interior copper cash is the principal currency. It takes a thousand and more cash to equal the value of a silver dollar, and if one travels far he must take along an extra mule or bullock to carry his money.

Extortion is often practiced by the higher officials, and during the winter especially there is danger from robbers. As a result the natives have curious ways of concealing their money. They make the earth their safe deposit boxes. They dig a pit in the yard back of the house and cover its bottom with cash. They now spread some earth over the cash and reduce it to a mud by sprinkling it with water. They do this when the thermometer is below freezing point and in a short time the money and mud have become one solid mass. Then they sprinkle more money on top of this and follow with another layer of mud. This is frozen in turn and so it goes on until all the money is thus embedded. The earth near the top of the pit contains no money, but as it is well wet down it is also frozen solid and remains so until spring.

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