

## HAS RARE VOLUME

American Proud Possessor of One of Oldest Books.

Believed to Have Been Printed in China Before Western Hemisphere Knew of Movable Type.

William Richard, former vice president of the American Numismatic society, who acquired two rare books during a trip to China several years ago, has announced after thorough investigation, his conviction that he has one of the rare books called the "Tanjur," or the Book of the Doctrine of the Tibetans.

For some time after he came into possession of the book, Mr. Richard looked upon it as only a curiosity without any particular worth, until he showed it to a friend, who urged him to investigate its origin. After more than a year studying the literature of Tibet and China, he found that the book was printed more than 1,000 years ago with movable type, at that time unknown in the western hemisphere. Mr. Richard says he has proved conclusively that the "Tanjur" was printed 700 years before the famous Gutenberg Bible, the first European book printed with movable type.

From an office boy for John D. Rockefeller Mr. Richard has come to travel in recent years in many foreign countries as representative of the Standard Oil company and other American firms. Before he left for the Orient, about eight years ago, he had one of the best stamp collections in this country, which he sold for \$16,000.

"About five years ago I came into possession of the manuscript in Sanskrit, or, rather, in Devanagari, which in Tibetan is called the 'Tanjur,' the Sacred Book of Doctrine of the Tibetans," said Mr. Richard. "I came across it in a monastery at the same time that I found the 'Tanjur' at the border of Tibet. As no one there appeared to realize the value of the documents, I had no difficulty in obtaining them at a very low price. The only other 'Tanjur' in this country that I have positive knowledge of is in the American Museum of Natural History.

"The value of this rare book is said to differ according to the ink used. For instance, a copy in red is worth 108 times more than a copy in black; one in silver is more valuable than one in red, and one in yellow or gold is more highly prized than one in silver. The Manchu emperor of China, Kienlung, who flourished in 1706, had a copy of the 'Tanjur' which was said to have then been valued at \$5,500."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**Straws and Painted Lips.**  
"Somebody" or other said something "other about straws showing which way the wind blows," remarked a soda fountain boy who served cool drinks to matinee girls and afternoon crowds; "but I know something that these soda-water straws point to."  
"What do you know?" asked the girl assistant.

"I know that it's the girls with the pretty painted lips that use them. When a girl has just dolled herself all up in a carmine Cupid's bow effect she can't afford to have it all washed off with a glass of soda water and a paper napkin—no sir! So she always uses a straw. Maybe that's how the poem, 'Prettiest girl I ever saw was drinking soda through a straw' started. Ask me about the girls who come here. I know."—Chicago Journal.

**German Woman Lawyer.**  
A woman appeared as an attorney for the first time in the history of German criminal courts a few days ago, when Fraulein Dr. Munk of Berlin acted as defendant counsel for a man accused of a street robbery.

The incident was the subject of considerable comment, and it has been suggested that this may lead to the appearance of tailors specializing in the attire of feminine lawyers. In some quarters the view is held that the presence of woman attorneys may exert a moderating influence in courts, such as tempering retorts from opposing counsel, although others point out that such repartee may be intensified if both opposing attorneys are women.

Fraulein Munk's cleverness and assurance in court created a distinctly favorable impression.

**Weaving Industry of Peru.**  
A considerable increase in industrial activity is to be noticed in Peru. On the whole the textile industries have been the most successful, since cotton and wool are produced locally in quantities and qualities sufficient to ensure profitable results. The only other industries that have attained such importance include the manufacture of cottonseed oil, soap and cocaine. The cotton mills in Peru manufacture principally sail-cloth, filterpress cloth, towels and some other heavy goods. The total number of looms in operation is one thousand and fifteen, and the annual production is about fifteen million yards. The development of this industry will create a fairly good opening for cotton mill machinery. The woolen industry is also expected to expand.

**Progress.**  
"Some day Crimson Gulch will be a great metropolis."  
"Maybe," replied Cactus Joe. "We've got signs of improvement already. Boss thieves have disappeared and excise robbers have took their place."

## RADIO TO OTHER PLANETS?

High Scientific Authority Declares This to Be a Possibility of the Future.

Venus is possibly inhabited by human beings, and communication with planetary neighbors by wireless "may be possible, although the cost would be immense," in the opinion of C. G. Abbot, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, who discusses various scientific phases of the "habitability of other worlds" in the annual report of the Institution.

Mr. Abbot says Venus reflects light as if it were surrounded with clouds, and so probably "it contains plenty of moisture."

"Its temperature is about the same as that of the earth," he added, "and all other conditions are apparently compatible with the existence of intelligent life." Many popular writers have claimed great things for Mars as an abode of life. Mr. Abbot says, "but I cannot accept this view."  
Commenting on suggestions that "we are already receiving wireless signals from intelligent beings outside of the earth," Mr. Abbot declares the best information seems to be that the "wireless indications referred to are merely disturbances introduced by solar or terrestrial causes as yet imperfectly understood."

The moon, our nearest neighbor, is a waterless, airless, mountainous desert, and there is no probability of intelligent beings there; the probability is even less on the sun, whose intense heat would not allow any living being to exist there. This leaves as possible abodes of life in our solar system the seven great planets, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Mercury. The outer four of these planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, are, as shown by their low density, mainly in a gaseous state. Mercury, like the moon, is an airless, waterless, waste, besides being baked with terrific heat, so this planet also is out of the running. The probable average temperature of Mars is 60 degrees below zero, and its climate is drier than the Sahara desert.

**His Idea of Wealth.**  
The late E. H. Harriman of railroad fame personally interested himself in an East side boys' club in New York. George Kemmer, author of the recently published biography of Mr. Harriman, interviewed some of the younger boys who had come in contact with the financier to get their impressions of him. One twelve-year-old youngster had this to say: "Mr. Harriman's a great man. He's president of a railroad and he's worth a couple of thousand anyhow. He's a quiet man and never tells anybody down here anything about his business. He isn't what I would call a good-looking man, but I'll bet he could put up a good fight. He lives 'way up town somewhere in a house all to himself." Being "worth a couple of thousand anyhow" and living in "a house all to himself" seemed to the tenement-house boy of the East side the acme of wealth and luxury.

**Why Farming Should Pay.**  
The National City bank, of New York, after analyzing the census figures for 1920, declares that for the first time in the history of our country there are more people working in factories than on farms. Fifty years ago there were more than twice as many country workers as city workers. This not only means that the farmer has a bigger market for his product, but that he is a greater buyer of manufactured goods, because an increasingly large proportion of the factory hands are making things for the comfort and convenience of people in the country. If we forget the year or two of hard times, now happily passing, we can see that farming is not a crowded business, and we can be sure that it will be generally prosperous in the future. The man who gets discouraged now and leaves the farm because he thinks farming "doesn't pay" is making a mistake.—Farm Life.

**"Safety First."**  
She was a bright little girl about three, taking her first trip west to visit her grandfather. There was not much that failed to interest the baby mind and questions and answers kept her parents pretty busy. When they arrived in one of the Middle West cities it was decided to break the trip there and stay over until the next day. The usual rivalry was evident between the taxi and hotel bus drivers, and Betty was an interested and curious spectator until two of the men started some friendly sparring that seemed pretty serious to Betty. Her mother felt a tug at her skirt and looked down to see the cause—a loud whisper followed from Betty: "Mover—get daddy—let's wun, that man over there hits ey-we one who duthn't go to his house."—Exchange.

**Their Choice.**  
"Where will poor Mrs. Gabbins go now that both her daughters are married and living in different cities?"  
"Why, one son-in-law would like to have her go to Springfield and the other to Brooklyn."  
"What dutiful sons-in-law!"  
"Not at all. You see, it's the one in Brooklyn who wishes she'd go to Springfield and the one in Springfield who wishes she'd go to Brooklyn."—Boston Evening Transcript.

**How to Be Fashionable.**  
Mrs. Rox—Some of the most fashionable people are wearing their last year's clothes.  
Mr. Rox—Yes. I told my tailor to be careful to put a patch in my new raincoat where it would show.—London Answers.



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