IN THE DELTA OF THE LENA.

Among the Yakuts.

The story set forth by Chief Engineer George W. Melville, in his book In The Lena Delta, just published by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., is the same old story so familiar to all readers of the record which the unconquerable and adventurous Anglo-Saxon race has carved wherever duty was to be done or danger encountered--has often written in its own blood. Toil endured, peril confronted, privation submitted to, difficulties overcome, all with the single-heartedness and matter-of-fact modesty of the race, this is the story of Melville.

The cruise of the-fated Jeannette is adverted to but briefly, the story proper beginning with the separation of the boats of De Long, Melville and Chipp in the gale of September 13, 1881, and including the history of the search for De Long. There is a brief account of the account of the rescue of Greely, Mr. Melville having accompanied the relief expedition under Commander Scheley, and a plan for reaching the Pole that is not unworthy of discussion. The book is handsomely turned out, and copiously illustrated, and the story is told with a refreshing plainness and abstention from rhetorical excess which enhance its effect.

The incidental allusions to the power of the ice and the perils of the Polar seas are graphic. We read of crowding and tumbling floes, across which seams run and rattle with the noise of thunder, while blocks of ice fifty feet high are puffed up or tossed across the surface, and of the chaos of milions of tons heaped against the rocky islands, defying the progress of even the unhampered pedestrian. Mr. Melville blurs the romantic picture of the Esquimaux calmly sitting in shoe-shaped sleds, with the lashes of their long whips sailing gracefully behind, while the dogs dash in full cry and perfect unison across smooth expanses of snow and ice, and substitutes in its place a scene as full of action, if not of progress: Dogs yelling, barking, snapping and fighting, the leaders in the rear and the wheelers in the middle, all as hopelessly tangled up as a basketful of eels. Such tangles the Yakuts dissolve by merciless poundings with heavy iron-tipped staves, until the poor brutes become more tractable and scud along the hard snow at a six mile gait. After an hour's run, the team is released and allowed to roll in the snow and lick their paws that to soon become sore with travel. Curiously enough, the Siberian dog returns promptly to harness when called. Mr. Melville gives a pathetic description of the poor creatures, starved and broken down, with bleeding feet, when cut loose and abandoned: "They would follow after for a little distance and then, unable to go further, sit on end and howl dismally, seeming to realize their fate—to die of starvation or be devoured by wolves."

Of the retreat from the Jeanette, it is enough to say that having to haul the sleighs singly, and to avoid hummocks, etc., they often had to travel from twenty-five to thirty-two miles to advance two or three; meanwhile the flow was drifting in the contrary direction, so that after a fortnight's toil in shoes full of holes and even in their bare feet, the men found they had lost twenty-four miles. When Melville's lucky crew reached the land it was with fingers that could not appreciate the difference between a rope and a needle; their legs were frozen from the knee down, and had burst their coverings so frightful were the swellings; the flesh was spongy to the touch. "When one of the men, entering the smoky hut, stepped on my left foot, the skin gave way from the ankle down, and shot him off to one side like a ship slipped from a greased launching way."

Life among the Yakuts must be like a nightmare. Forty per cent. are blind and 60 per cent. partially so, or one-eyed, and syphilitic disease prevails to an awful extent. "Manners none, customs beastly," might be the verdict of the traveler. "I have seen," says Mr. Melville, "forty persons sleep in a hut 16 by 24 and 7 feet high.' For food they have saltless fish, geese hung till they become putrid, flour mixed with spruce chips—whatever will distend the stomach. Melville made his first journeys with little other sustenance than the heads and offal of fish that could be found in abandoned huts, rotten deer bones, tendons and rawhide. One of his guides set out on a journey of 200 miles with a team of tired dogs and no provisions but a tiny piece chipped from a block of tea. Of the capacity of the Yakut stomach we have a graphic if not reproducable account at page 316, the Siberian Gargantua swallowing nearly nineteen pounds of melted butter at two long drinks. Little as the natives have they are cheated. The Russian tax-gatherer keeps them insignorance of the advance in the value of furs during the last generation and collecting in kind pays a small portion of the proceeds in cash into the treasury, and steals the rest, while gamblers infest the villages systematically, buy whatever the natives have to sell and cheat them out of the money. Nevertheless these poor wretches supported the ship wrecked crew, and showed no little capacity for fidelity and obedience; there is a picture of a frolicsome young bride's love-making to her bashful husband, which has a touch of the idyl about it, and Melville found near the Pole, as Mungo Park at the Equator, that the woman's heart always has a fount of sympathy for the suffering and the stranger. He say (p. 190).

"The women at once busied themselves in the removal of my outer garments, and gazing at my frozen and puffed up hands, broke into a clamor of exclamations and questions. Presently I began to feel the effects of the heat; my sluggish blood began to circulate more freely and went pulsing painfully through my frozen limbs; and when the women, ignorant of my condition, took hold of the top of the moccasins to pull them off, they also partially peeled the skin from my legs until they bled and I cried out in agony. The poor creatures started back as though struck, while the rest crowded around and craned their necks to have a look at the bleeding, hair matted sores, weeping and saying: "Poor white man, he suffered from the cold!" The women next used their knives, and ripping the outer seams of the moccasins, removed them as gently as possible, leaving the hair of the fur stockings sticking in the wounds; then the frozen limbs were given a bath by pouring water over them, and when dried, they were finally smeared with goose grease. By this time I was seized with an uncontrollable drowsiness, and notwithstanding the babbling of tongues about me, fell into a sound sleep, from which I voluntarily awoke at length, to find myself carefully covered up with the furs of the natives.

Traveling by deer-sled, though rapid work—some of Mr. Melville's posting was done at almost railroad speed, as 140 versts in 13 hours, 80 in 6½ hours, and 900 versts (the verst is two thirds of a mile) in 5 days and 18 hours—is not always pleasant, either to traveler or to animal. The wilds are pathless; occasionally the driver has the excitement of pursuit by a dog-team ravenous for venison; the sleds overturn on the slightest provocation. The deer are kept to their work by being punched in the haunches with a pole. "When driven at the top of their speed they labor painfully along, with heads thrust forward, nostrils distended, sides working at every leap, like a great pair of blacksmith's bellows, and the noise of their breathing like the exhaust of a locomotive. Maintaining their fearful exertions for about half an hour they suddenly swerve among the trees, or up a steep bank, to avoid their tormentor, or dropping down in their tracks, bury their heads with open mouths in the snow, and eat voraciously of the cooling dust." The cattle are housed, during the winter months, under the same roof, and frequently in the same apartments, with their owners; the horses are not stabled, even in the severest weather, but dig through the snow for grass, or crop twigs and branches of trees.

Concerning the Siberian exiles Mr. Melville tells us a good deal. One, whom he met repeatedly, was a law student who had been arrested for participation in a student's street row. After three examinations the Courts could find nothing against him, nevertheless he was packed off to the frozen North for life on an "administrative order," which said: "We can find nothing against this man; but he is a law student, and no doubt very dangerous." This exile's companions whose ages ranged from 18 to 27, were all professional men and confirmed Nihilists, though several said they had not been so until after their banishment. Each was allowed $12 50 with which to feed, clothe and house himself and procure fuel and service; this where rye meal costs nearly 8 cents a pound and sugar 50. Some of the exiles with wealthy friends receive allowances from them, but these must not exceed $150 at one payment, and mails are very irregular—say twice a year, with packages at odd intervals through traveling merchants. No exile may send or receive a sealed packet. The natives are held accountable, under penalty of imprisonment and the knout, for any escapes.

One of the exiles met by Melville had been a practicing physician in the Crimea; he had neither committed a crime nor belonged to a society; he might, however have offended a rival by his marriage. He had been treating the child of the local police-master, but she was convalescent when, one morning, he was sent for by that official—sent for with such urgency that he was not allowed to finish his breakfast or take an overcoat. On reaching the official's residence he was told that he was a prisoner, on an "administrative order," and, without being permitted to bid farewell to his young wife, or to obtain money or clothing, he was packed off to Siberia within twelve hours. His wife followed him to Irkutsk, intending to join him in exile, but he was moved on to Verkeransk, 2000 miles distant, just before her arrival; she went mad and died in despair at this ending of her 4000 mile journey, and he, after an attempt at suicide, settled down in his hopelessness to practice his profession—without fee, since no exile is allowed to gain money for himself. He was not a Nihilist; indeed, he was in indifferent repute with companions because of his moderation in poltics. There is some satisfaction in reflecting that the Nihilists utilize their reputation for bloodtnirstiness and desperation in order to worry the officials and to make the traders sell them goods at a discount. One exile, a poet and scholar, whose translation of the Bible was appropriated by the Bishop of the diocese, attempted an escape by securing a "double"—a Cossack closely resembling him, and trained and educated till the deception could hardly be discovered, being substituted for him, but his clever plan miscarried, and he was sent into a severer captivity. The only contented exiles are the "Scaups" (skoptzoi?), who mutilate themselves so that they can neither beget nor nurse children. They are tectotalers and vegetarians, live in communities under police surveillance, and farm extensively.

An Egg to Bone Scraping.

Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used, instead, three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

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A Startling Discovery.

Mr. Wm. Johnson, of Huron Dak., writes that his wife had been troubled with acute Bronchitis, for many years, and that all remedies tried gave no permanent relief, until he procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, which had a magical effect, and produced a permanent cure. It is guaranteed to cure all Diseases of Throat, Lungs, or Bronchial Tubes. Trial Bottle Free at C. N. Boyd's Drug Store. Large Size $1 00.

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A Queer Counting-Place.

Cuzco, the ancient capital of the old Inca Empire of Peru is situated high up among the Andes, at a point so elevated that, although under the tropics, is has the climate and products of the temperate zone. It still has many remains of Inca architecture, distinguished for its massiveness, which are likely to endure for centuries to come. On a hill, or eminence, nearly a thousand feet high, overlooking the city, are the remains of the great Inca fortress of the Sas sa-hua-man, in the storming of which Juan Pizarro, the brother of the conqueror of Peru, was slain. This fortress was built of gigantic stones, or rather rocks, and their great size and the accuracy with which they are fitted together astonish all who see them.

In front of this fortress is a curious, dome-shaped mass of rock, called the Ro da-dero, and sometimes also *La Piedra Lisa*, or "smooth rock," because its convex surface is grooved, as if the rock had been squeezed up, while in a plastic state, between irregular and unyielding walls, and then hardened into shape. A mass of dough, forced up under the outspread hands, would give something of the same appearance in miniature. But the hollows of the grooves on the Peruvian hill are smooth and glassy. It is said in the old chronicles and traditions, thot the Inca youth, long years ago amused themselves by coursing, or sliding through these polished grooves on festival days and holydays; and this custom is still practiced by the modern youth of Cuzco.

There is one advantage, and it is a great one, too, which these boys possess over the northern boys, who live in the land of ice and snow, and that is, it is not necessary for them to toil up a long and slippery hill, dragging after them their heavy sleds, which grow heavier with every step they take, so that the longer they ride the harder work it is to get back to the starting place. The Cuzco boy sits down at the top of the rock in one of the grooves, and with a slight start, away he goes with all the speed imaginable, until he reaches the bottom, landing in a soft bed of earth; then he picks himself up, runs around to an easy place of ascent, and is up again in a minute to repeat his ride.—*St. Nicholas.*

A Bad Subject.

Colonel Mateland was recently appointed agent of a well-known life insurance company. The high standing of the Colonel and his excellent qualifications as a business man immediately secured for him a remunerative run of business. The other day, while sitting in his office, a healthy-looking man entered and said that he would like to have his life insured. "I am in a hurry," said he "for my friends are waiting for me at the door. I want a $10,000 policy."

The company's physician, who was present, pronounced him sound, and the policy was soon made out. Several days later a friend met the Colonel in the street and said:

"What business did young Blumus have with you the other day?"

"Had his life insured."

"And you insured it?"

"Of course. Why shouldn't I? He is in good health."

"But I believe he will die suddenly."

"We have an eminent physician to decide upon such possibilities. What makes you think he will die suddenly?"

"Oh, it's nothing to me, Colonel. If your physician knows, all right. The young fellow requested that he be allowed to go out and settle up his private affairs, and the Judge granted it."

"The Judge!" gasped the Colonel.

"Yes, the Circuit Judge. You see the young fellow is to be hanged next Friday."—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

Killed His Son.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 16.—John B. Hoffman was hanged here this morning in the jail yard for the murder of his son in January, 1882. He wept while listening to the reading of the death warrant, and begged piteously not to "downed in the papers." He had to be held while being handcuffed, and was supported on the scaffold, by two men while the noose was adjusted. He made no speech.

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