

An Ocean Ride Through Storm and Snow From America to Asia—Japan When the Ground Is White

*A Bare-Legged, Bare-Chested Nation on Shift—The New World of the Far East—How the Manchurians Are Changing—Their Induced of Foreigners—Japan is a Tumbler Over the Edgeline and Knot of Frequent Occurrence—The Chinese Unfriendly to "The Hairy American Barbarians"—Frank G. Carpenter Writes of His Tour and Its Possible Dangers—He Has Picked up Lots of Material of China and Will Make His Way Up to Peking*

### English Correspondence of the Nerve.



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coat as I write for the homes of  
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ness. Within the past three weeks I  
have traveled Koko sulles and taken the  
unary reached the other side of the  
globe. I am on my way to inhibit  
China, and a month later I will be in  
the very center of the great China  
Empire. I have come in the far east to  
tell you of the wonderful changes that  
are taking place on the other side of the  
world. Asia is now one of the great  
new centers of the globe. It is rising  
faster than either America or  
Europe, and a wonderful change is  
going on among the nations of slave-  
yed humanity, which is bound to re-  
ceive man, woman and child in Christen-  
dom. This land of Japan made the  
start and it has now on its feet the seven  
league boots of misdeeds. It is jumping  
ahead faster than any people  
ever jumped in the past and within  
twenty years it has grown more in  
civilization than the European nations  
have advanced in centuries. I see from  
a Japanese newspaper of this morning  
that Japan made last year one hundred  
and twenty million postal cards at a  
cost of six cents per thousand. It is a  
hardy index it, and think there must  
be a mistake in the figures. But there  
is no truth that the postal service here  
is as good, and as cheap as that of the  
United States and that the Japanese  
are sending, paying for every

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lines call six. Out of the country, they think about this place I have when there's the words to pronounce which my interpreter tells me mean "happy home." I don't know if it's the same as the Chinese word. I can probably have to pocket, make an effort to avoid the word. I don't know if it's the same word I've chosen to use in the encyclopedia, and I have special letters. From the government, I have a letter from the government, but I can't return here and make an extended visit in the first one or two years of the

The most dangerous part of the journey will probably be around the Gobi Desert, where the Chinese will push me way into the hinterland. I will not have many large cities, none of which are really open to the average American. I will travel through the mountains to reach the great Gobi Desert region. I expect to visit the old cities of Khotan, Kashgar, and Yarkand, where the famous "Pearl of the Desert" was, and which is now the site of the entrance of the Chinese frontier of the West. It is a very interesting and important place, one of the centers of agriculture and

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be shoveling out coal. It requires 400 tons of coal to start out on each voyage, and the steamer burns from 100 to 200 tons every day. It is a big steaming house that requires 100 tons of coal a year. This steamer burns on a single voyage enough to supply a town of 1,000 people or 200 families with fuel for the year round, and it would take as much coal to light her home as you use in a whole year. Thirty-two Chinamen always have shoveling coal into her furnace, and the scowling, soot on their faces and the glare she casts startle the

During our journey, the engines were pushed to their limit. We had a hard time staying afloat. The water was so turbulent, out of the 300-ton dry dock, it took to cross it was shaky in the extreme. As we neared the Atlantic, the ship was covered with snow and ice. The sailor in the "crew's nest," among the rigging, nearly fell to death and was rescued by the crew. The ship was driven to the main deck. I shall never forget how beautiful the ship looked in its majestic state. The ship was so close to the water and the sea and the water was so close to the ship. The ship was so close to the water and the sea and the water was so close to the ship. The ship was so close to the water and the sea and the water was so close to the ship.

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Among the poorer groups there are many who are entirely barefooted, and I have often pointed about through the city street by Lincoln's name women legs were made from stiff Virginia to the feet, and where only a piece of straw the back on the ground was a soft or worse straw, but much shorter, and a bit of buckskin side. These shoes are very simple and are made by the women, strap, but from the back, the point a back strap from the foot.

Here the ropes between the two largest bows of the line, and ate held on by the men. They were not aware as a protection from slipping their feet, and a mistake of keeping the feet warm, and they soon were into pieces. The man I had today had used up his hands in long before we got to the end of our rope, and he went his some miles outstretched. When we stopped I noticed him take some straw rope, almost as thick as a clothes line, and tie a piece of it to each of his big feet, and behind the kneecaps. I asked

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And still clothes are practically all that keep the Japanese warm. They don't know what a good coat is, the simplicity of heat which is actually required in an American house is more than they can understand. The Japanese in a lifetime. Their houses are of thin wooden boards made in frames, so that the walls inside and out of some kind of paper. There is no insulation. There is no plaster that fails to add to this warmth, and the inner walls and floors are made of paper, so thin that they let in the light. The place of windows, there is not a chimney or fireplace in any of the houses. The Japanese are completely at the warmth of their bodies and a little bit of charcoal to keep them from freezing. They hover over their stoves, and they are cold, but they don't. They believe it can keep the extremities warm the rest of the body will take care of itself. They are not used to the idea of heat, and it may be that they are rigid.

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