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EXPLORED THIBET.

Remarkable Journeys Made by the Pundit A-K.

HE Survey of India has produced its annual report the portrait of the greatest of native idian explorers. He was known

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is secret had been discovered, his would have paid the penalty. He is peril many times, and was oc-ally arrested and detained as a slous character, but he always is straight story to tell, and the was never known till he was liv-the retirement and peace which is earned.

greatest mishaps were that rob s greatest missiaps where that ross despolied him twice, of nearly ything he could use in paying his Otherwise he never met with any onal illiveratment, and the reports add are remarkable for the absence add are remarkable for the absence mosity against those who did

The Indian government thought it po-teally of great importance to learn deally of great importance to learn dread about the vast closed country the north, in which were hidden the sources of three of the greatest of dia's fivers—the Indus, the Sutied and the Brohmapuare. So the government while a runber of Hindus who gave memise of becoming intelligent and difful obsevers and taught them the of exploration.

kilful obsevers and taught them the ris of exploration. They learned how to make route sur-ays and to determine heights and lat-ltides. It was strongly impressed pon them that they must keep an abroken record of the bearings and istances on their routes from place o place, and also determine a few lat-ltides. With this information a fairly courst map might be made of their each.

accurate map might be made of their travels. They were to obtain distances by counting their paces. This is a very tiresome thing to do, but the Pundit A-K kept if up for practically every step on his journeys through Thibet. Sometimes he was so well-to-do that he had two or three horses to carry his trade goods, and the people thought it astonishing that they never saw him riding. Once he was clapped into jail by the governor of a district who thought him worth watching. He was released through the good offices of a lama, or Buddhist priest, who had seen him before and thought him the hum-blest and most devout man he had ever met.

met. The lama invited the Pundit to his monastery, 600 miles away, through an unexplored region, and the explorer had to ride a horse to keep up with the to ride a norse to keep up with the barty. He counted every pace of his norse, kept up all his scientific obser-cations, and no one was the wiser. The way he contrived to lull sus-

The way he contrived to hull sus-pleion all through his four great jour-way was very effective and ingenious. Is managed matters so that the more elentific work he did the larger grew his reputation as a Thibetan of re-markable sancity. As he walked his lips were always moving, and it was evident that he was praying. Appearances are deceptive, for he was merely counting his paces under his breath. He was always fingering his Buddhist rosary, and every minute or so he would drop a bead. This act did not record another prayer uttered, but 100 paces walked. And then the Thibetan prayer bar-rel was always slung over his should-er, the instrument that places a prayer to the credit of the devout person every

A great deal of information about the hoy city which enabled the survey of India to print the first detailed account of this center of the Buddhist failth the first detailed account of this center of the Buddhist failth since Fathers Hue and Gabet wrote their famous book in the middle of the ast century. These two descriptions of the city contained about all the model of the survey of the city contained about all the survey of the city contained about all the survey of the recent Bitsh invasion of Thibe. While he was in Labout all the print was a great advantage to be able to use the books of the Thibe, was a great advantage to be able to use the book of the survey of the survey. He found later, when his funds failed connected as he remote voluminesity that is parced writing. The bits of can be received as he remote the bits of can be received as the survey of the survey of the bits of these certet is mother helped him on bits way. All his responses were exhibited a few weeks before he ended his career in the field, but by means of these certations he armed enough money to help him over the limitay such that he main over the field.

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years and a half, and as few of them were in the sceret of his work it was generally believed that he was dead. One rumor gave uneasiness to the sur-vey department, for it was reported that he had been seized by the Lhasa authorities, who had cut off his legs to prevent hum from making any further explorations. Explorations. It is not intended here even to out-line the geographical work he did. It is enough to say that in his four jour-neys he surveyed 4.750 miles of Thibet, of which 2,800 miles were surveyed in the four years during which he made his last fourney.

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fare to a carriage manufacturer, who prints advertisements thereon. The other day a customer, in a great hurry, ran into the restaurant, sat at a table and was handed a bill wrong side up by the flurried waiter. The customer put

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to the credit of the dayout person every time he revolves it. But the barrel was packed with tiny field books and urveying instruments, and no one ever hought of looking in so harmless a lace for anything contraband.

Thus the rosary and the prayer bar-rel were of much practical service as surveying instruments, and their conuse gave the explorer an air of the highest respectability and proprie

It was necessary at one time for him to travel about 200 miles in company with a party, and this was the only occasion when he did not dare to take any observations for latitude or heights or to use his surveying instruments in any way. It was near the end of his has and most remarkable journey when he had in his prayer barrel the results of about four years of incessant field work, and all would be lost if he had any serious mishap. He dared not run the risk. On his last journey the explorer spent Several months in L has and collected

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KNICKERBOCKER'S NEW HEAD

Charles H. Keep has accepted the real acy of the Knickerbocker bank, and its doors have been opened again or business

Mr. Keep, before being appointed to Mr. Keep, before being appointed to the pull's service commission, was superintendent of banks. In 1908 he was appointed assistant secretary of the ireasury by President Roosevelt. While occupying that office he was chairman of the Kaep commission, which was ap-pointed to improve the business meth-ads of the government's executive de-pertments. pertments.

