Exercise Book

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Oct. 15. My trip to the district south of Shuiju is delayed because of the coming of friends whom I must help get boats for a trip up the Yangtse to Kiating and Kbotea.

Today I saw a weasel in our yard, so I am setting many traps on the hope that I will be able to catch him. Purchased two monkeys, nos. 123-124.

In the women's hospital, at the same time packing for the trip. Oct. 19. Two boxes of specimens arrived from Yachow, and a letter from Chen zheng, saying that he is fully recovered in health, and is going toward Momfian. Mammals no. 125, 126, 127, 128.

A translation of a Buddhist text. A simple talk about repeating the name of Buddha, that I made last spring has been printed in the August.
and September numbers
of the Chinese Recorder. I have
recently sent to the Chinese
Recorder a larger translation
of a Taoist Sacred Book
which is even more interesting.
Oct. 21. Dr. Morse, who visited
the Smithsonian Institution
couple years ago, is in Shung.
He is interested primarily in
anthropological measurements.
Packed Box 153. Eggs from
Yachow. 154. Insects from
Yachow. Box 155. Insects
from Yachow.
Oct. 23. Dr. Morse started

for Shung, and I left for
Shuang by boat. I also
travelled overland to Si Fine Ba.
Secured one bird.
Oct. 24. Secured three mules and
one mowse. Went to Si Huan Siang.
Oct. 25. Secured one mule and a
snake. Went to Ngan Su Khier.
Good weather. Numbered
mammal skins 127-125-127-130
Gob two anthropometrical measures
of Chinese.
Oct. 26. Went 50 li to Chang Sin
a Shiang Sin. Secured some insects
and four birds. Packed a robot when
a Chinese official was arrived yesterday.
I planned to go to the home of my Alongines collector but there is a large black band on its head, and the magistrates of this district requests me not to go. I am sending messengers to Mr. Yang to bring his specimen and meet me at Kongchien.

27. It rained all day. [Guest & Friends]

28. Went to Kongchien. It was very muddy under foot, we had to cross small streams nearly thirty times.

29. Yang the collector did not arrive. Secured a rich catch of flies and some fine fossils. Sent (I was given a feast by friends.)

Another messenger to Yang to bring his specimen & trophy.

30. Went to Shuim Zenши, found more fossils and flies.

31. Secured nine birds. Stayed at Shuim Zen. A Chinese hunter was recently killed by a leopard in sight of the town. Was given a feast.

Nov. 1. Went to Sa Ho E. I was given a feast by Chinese at Hua Fa an other. The head military officer of Hua Fa an other and Sa Ho E called on me. Secured three birds and insects.
nov. 2. in the morning I
killed a greyluck and
two white cranes, small as
the white cranes are very common,
going past da³ or², which
is famous for robbers, we
ran into a band of
robbers. I had secured
an escort of six soldiers,
and the robbers fled.
Reached Tzigua about dark.

Nov. 4. Secured an odd fish,
Filled box no 156, fossils.

Nov. 5. I have received word
that the American Express
Company at Shanghai has

received the 62 boxes of speci-
mens I sent in September
by parcel post, and has already
forwarded them by Pan America
Steamer to the USA,
Filled box 187, fossils
178 insects, 189 worms
insects, 190, fossils 193
pieces in bottles. I have
just received word that
a translation of mine "The
Sacred Book of The Original
Vows of The Kitchen God"
is to be published in three
issues of the Chinese Recorder,
Filled box 192, Bird & Mammal
items.
Nov. 9. Today I secured three artifacts from Lehner's Tomba, between 100 and 400 years old, excavated about 20 miles west of Shreve. There were two vases, one large and one small, and a small dish or saucer, all with a brown color. The large vase has a bright glaze and the other two artifacts have a dull glaze.

I am securing about fifteen silver ornaments. They are samples of women's headdress now rapidly disappearing.

Bright blue teachers of the small kingfisher are used to decorate the earrings, hair pins, and other ornaments. The price is very cheap, and they may be offered to secure these in the future—i.e., after a few years.

Jilled by 1913, also but 194 Fataguan and arrows. 195 hide skins.

Nov. 10. Today I purchased for the Smithsonian Institution fifteen artifacts.
representing past customs and art in China. They are silver body ornaments, most of them have a silver coating consisting of the bright blue feathers of the small kingfishers found in that country. The styles are rapidly changing. New-styled ornaments are displacing these. In a few years there may be few if any available. Ordinarily only these would cost two or three dollars each because of the fine workmanship, if not more, but these cost $5.25 Mexican, or $2.60 gold. One ornament alone is worth more than this in U.S.A. I consider this a real find.

My year of work ends (my year of collecting at Shijia) on November 14th. I have already filled two hundred boxes of specimens and artifacts and have materials...
hard & fill at least six more. Besides, the results of more than one month of collecting by the girl and still longer by the aborigine Yang Pong Pong are not in. They should have at least ten more. Box no. 196 contains a Jolo wooden bowl in which food is placed, and two Jolo wood bowls decorated.

197. birdskins; 197. vase from a Chinese grave; 199, a larger vase from a Chinese grave. 200, bird and mammal bones.

No. 12. Filled by 201, leather garment (jolo arm), to protect chest and shoulders.

202, jolo helmet, also leather throat protector and a wrist protector.

203, jolo helmet and a wrist protector.

204, a jolo arm, chest and abdomen protector, and a dish. The dish is from a Chinese grave, and is about 100 to 300 years old. Box 205, silver ornaments.
Box 206, silver ornaments, bamboo and fruit earrings.
Box 207, comb, insects.
Nov. 13. Pulled box no. 208, two mammals, one budskin.
Box 209, one fish, 210, one fossil.
Mailed all the specimens on hand, and all artifacts making a total to date of two hundred and ten boxes. Some of these are large and heavy, others small.

Mr. Humphries arrived at Shifu, Sunday, November eleventh.

I have now completed one year of collecting in Shifu. Since I arrived Nov. 14, 1928 and began collecting immediately on arrival. Besides these 210 boxes or cases of specimens there are some specimens in the hands of Yang Long Peang the aboriginal collector. He has been collecting all of September and October, and should have some good specimens. Chen Yih Hen is collecting at Yachow, and his collecting is so poor that I may
request him to find another job at the end of the month—unless I find that he has gotten better results than I think he has.

Conditions in the part of Washington are better than they were during the first six months of my stay at Alaska. The securing of pamphlets has been, probably, the most difficult work—hardest to secure satisfactory results. I have made arrangements with a

Chinese friend to try to secure all kinds of pamphlets in a district near Kowgak South of Sailing, and I hope for better results. He is to try to use the regular hunters who make a business of such things.

Nov. 15. Sailed a strange boat.

Nov. 17. I mailed today an article, "Mysteries of Potency in the Chinese Religion," for publication in the Chinese Recorder. I am getting ready for a trip of five days in which I should be
able to do some collecting.

Nov. 26. The collecting trip
Nov. 20 - 22 was not
very fruitful and not
very extensive. I went
west of Tsin fis to Hsiau Bien
and Shan Peang.

I am now unusually
busy in Tsin fis but in a
few days expect to have
more time to collect. Yang
Pong Peang should be
in soon.

Dec. 3. Felted mammal skin 131

and a number of birds

I telegraphed to the collector

when I left him at Yachen &

collect until Conference when
we can decide matters
for the future. He has
very desirable capabilities
as a collector. He wants
more wages, and possibly
ought to have it. It is a
difficult problem in which
it is easy to make mistakes.
He can help distinguish
and collect different varieties
of fish, knows the Kingfisher

Dynasty crows as none

else does, nets, traps etc.

He gets valuable specimens.
but it often seems to me he ought to get more of them.

I have been tied down with a very heavy program during the past two weeks. From now on I hope to collect more. I am to go to Yakutat for January. I may be able to go on to Mountie, then hunt or shoot down the Ya River which is famous as a duck-hunting district.

Dec. 4. Manvel No. 132.
a mole.

Dec. 5. This afternoon visited a hunting trip with the Min River. I secured five birds. I could have secured more, but I have a sufficient number of some kinds of birds. I saw some birds that are rare, but I did not get close enough to them to shoot them. I hope to go out for a whole day of hunting day after tomorrow.

Dec. 7. I went back today to hunt at the same place as on Dec. 5. Secured four birds. The stupidity of the cookie probably prevented me from securing a wild goose or a very large greyback.
Today a crazy man went into the yard of Dr. Sonheim and raised a lot of excitement. He was soon overpowered.

Dec. 9. Tomorrow I leave on a six-day trip along the Min River, coming back by boat. I hope to get a few birds.

Dec. 16. I have taken a trip up the Min River, a seven-day trip, securing sixteen birds, two mammal skins, and some insects. We had several days freezing weather at fish huts a little.

had been killed two days before, but very poorly skinned. I did not succeed in purchasing the skin. The owner from me six times what others bought such skins for. I think I have located a fine district in which to hunt mammals later.

Dec. 19. I have been on a two-days trip to the Mahone, east of St. John, but got only two small birds, and have charged nothing towards the expenses of the trip. War clouds are again hovering over Szechuan. We hope they will blow over.
Today I filled box no. 211, frog and fish from Ya-hou, Yulin, China. I sent a messenger after Yang Tung-Iang, the aborigine collector. It is time he came in with his specimens.

Dec. 20. Bought a duck that is rather uncommon. In the past I have secured only one like it.

Filled box 212, fish from Ya-hou, and 213, also fish from Ya-hou worked over and repacked a number of the Ya-hou specimens.

Box 214, birds from Ya-hou, secured by the Chinese. Dec. 21. Filled boxes 215, mammal and bird bones; 216, insects; 217, mammal skins; 218, insects have actually begun now in the Province and will quite certainly extend so as to involve most of the Province. This will make collecting more difficult for the present, but we will continue to do what we can. Robbers have
appeared on the Min River, where I travelled in perfect safety a few days ago.

Dec. 23, Today I succeeded, after days of bargaining, in securing for the Smithsonian Institution an icy instrument called a Jinchin Pier, such as was formerly held in the hands of high civil officials when actually performing official duty.

I ate dinner at the invitation of the head civil magistrate.

Of this section, and sat beside him in conversation for over an hour.

A friend who has been in the district where Yang Gong Poang is collecting says Yang Gong Poang has a good catch of specimens.

Last night I ate supper with the leading military officer of this prefecture.

Dec. 24. Today Yang Gong Poang, an official collector, arrived. He had many fine mountain rats, but
only two birds. He said he couldn't get any good powder. He brought in snakes, frogs, insects &c. I labelled all the mammals, from 13 ft. to 16 ft. I packed most of them into boxes. Yang bought a small aborigine friend, whom I will measure.

Box 219: Reptiles and fishes
Box 220

221

222: Boar (unmarked)

223: Insects

224: Snakes & Insects

Box 225: Insects $1.00

226: Snakes

227: Museum Specimens

228: Mammal skins

229: Rattlesnakes

Dec. 24: I have packed and labelled 19 boxes of specimens as described above. I have also reckoned with Yang Poo Poo, the aborigine allottee. The labelling of the specimens, packing, &c. has been a big job. Practically all my time yesterday afternoon, last night, all day today and tonight up to eleven.
six o'clock, has been used in this work, now I have the nineteen boxes ready to mail, all of them are zoological or biological specimens. The postmaster says that parcel post packages are getting through to Shanghai, my idea is to get these through before it becomes impossible to do so. The civil war has actually begun, and it seems to be the universal opinion that things must become worse before they can become better. I think that some of Yang Song Peang's specimens will prove to be of interest.

Dec. 27. Today I mailed nineteen boxes of natural history specimens to the American Express Company at Shanghai. The aborigine collector returns tomorrow for more collecting. I reckoned accounts and planned with him.
word has come that
Eleonora has been unfaithful, and
has finally quit. I'll try
To find and train another
more faithful collector.
Dec. 25 Today I purchased a
vase probably hundreds
years old, of a type no
longer made. I seemed it very
cheaply, about 25 cents gold.
Dec. 26 The collector Yang
Pang Peiyang has returned
to his home with a large
trunk with which to attempt
to trap leopards, which
are eating people around
his home.
I have paid Dr. Pumphik
for all the materials I
have bought from his
hospital during the past
year. He has written
our treasurer to take the
fifty dollars gold off his
personal account and
put it on the Smithsonian
account. This finally
straightens out matters
with Dr. Pumphik.
Dec. 26 Mannual no. 165-
Today purchased some fish, two
specimens, and a fox.
far is better than most of
such specimens secured by
hunters. He was killed a short
distance from Shijin. I have
unshaped the skin, some of
which the hunter is to bring
tomorrow. He promises to bring
specimens unsheared
hereafter, and I can
measure them and skin
them myself.

After tomorrow I expect
to find more time for
collecting, and will try
to increase the number
of specimens for a couple
of months. I can do so
if civil war does not
reach our part of Shijin.
Just now I am rather
about Chinese.

Jan. 1. I spent most of today
on a report letter to Dr. Betms
and on bringing the accounts
up to date. The account
was completed.

I am securing large
fish. They are rather
expensive. This is a good
time of the year to collect
them in formalin.

Jan 2. Secured a fine specimen
I have a rabbit.

Mr. 3. O. M. Nettlesbee Gibbier writes that he has written to the Smithsonian Institution and the American Government stating that he has been treated unjustly by me. He has either been very lazy or has been doing something else besides collecting.

Dec. 4. I took a hunting trip today, securing six birds. I cured some fish.

During the last few days I have had the carpenter making more boxes for specimens.

Jan. 5. During the past few days I had secured a number of good specimens of fish, large ones, which I am pickling in formalin. After returning from New Haven I expected to resume this work, and during the next few months send a larger number of fish specimens than last year.

There is a temporary lull in the war near Sanford.
This side has won a victory. Filled two boxes: 1st contains a fox skeleton. Box 230 is an old lehines vessel from the tomb, formerly containing the ashes of judge money. Box 231, fox skeleton.

I am beginning to pack for the Yachow trip, and hope to bring back a lot of fine specimens. Possibly I will visit Mt. Ami


Jan 15. My time is occupied with getting ready for the trip to Yachow. Today I packed box no. 233, containing a fox and a wildcat skin.

Packed box 234, bones.

I have secured a fairly good sample of a lehines bow and arrows. After my return from Yachow I hope to forward this and the polo bow by parcel post.
Jan. 16. Mailed boxes 233 and 234. Visited the Shing magistrates to secure an escort up the river. Spent most of the day packing for the trip. I expect to spend practically all my time going and returning in collecting specimens, and may find time for a side-trip to Mt. Omi or elsewhere. It would probably be less expensive and about as fruitful to take this trip to Monjim entirely in the summer. It is three days trip from Shanghai to Monjim and it would probably be a better economy of time and money available to take more time and do the work more thoroughly in the summer than to do so now. I may, however, take a short trip to Mt. Omi.

Jan. 17. This morning it took a lot of trouble to get the escort on the boats. On this trip it was my task to see that we had a sufficient escort to guarantee safety. We have ten soldiers with guns. In our party are three single
I did not bring my camera on this trip. I will take care of all the specimens myself until we reach Yechow.

Tomorrow I will visit an interesting Han dynasty burial cave described by Faber in the journal of the Royal Asiatic Society about 1881, at Shang-ta-leh. I expect to take pictures and make diagrams. I may take other pictures tomorrow.

We have traveled the worst part of the river district, I think.
we pass through a very picturesque part of the trip. A perpendicular cliff a few hundred feet high, actually overhanging in some places, a queer jing-chiu stone, and some ancient Chinese burial tombs (caves) are to be seen.

Jan 18. We passed the most picturesque part of our journey quite early. It was not light enough so that I could take a picture of the jing-chiu rock, but I took some pictures of a most interesting tomb, and described by Fabre as a mantis car. I also made some diagrams. I think Fabre's diagram overlooks the fact that the central cave is much shorter than the other two caves, thus:

I secured two varieties of river snails, and fin fish; besides some few insects. I walked almost all day, a lot of work with only moderate results in specimens. We passed one of what is considered the most dangerous stages on our journey.
Jan 19. Secured seven birds. Travelled to Ma Sin Peang, arriving early. We are probably out of the dangerous territory until we reach Kiating. The river below us is not so dangerous as it was last summer.

Jan 20. Secured some snails and frog. Reached Chien Way. Visited the magistrate who advised that an ascent is unnecessary between Chien Way and Kiating. Jan 21. This has been a cold, rainy day. This morning I put on my raincoat and rubber boots until went out.

I am securing four birds. This afternoon I cleaned them. This evening I visited a blue gong, a priest of the little understood heretical religion or witch or sorcer society. I learned considerably about this strange sect. We are at Pan'gun Fair. Secured a strange idol and some other strange charms and artifacts used.

Jan 22. Reached Kiating, killed one bird, arranged for the rest to be killed. Had a fine visit with the...
local magistrate, and supper at the home of Mr. Foreyan.

Jan 23. Wrote a few letters start, with many delays, mostly due to the weather. Probably left without about 10:30. Reached Kaid Kuan seventy li, after dark. It rained practically all day, but at first it was a drizzling rain driven by the wind. So that most of my clothes were soaked. Later there was a heavy rain. The roads were terrible, arranged for

the escort to Hong Ya. Killed four birds. This began to me to be birds that I never heard before. One had a little head of feathers on top of its head, I'll have to preserve these carefully and skin them later. For after drying out my clothing and bedding I find myself almost too sleepy to keep awake. We were up at daylight this morning. I am walking all the way as usual.
Jan. 24. We travelled 70 li to Hong ya. Killed eight birds at nine shots. Discovered the skeleton of a bear but left the eighth to be skinned later. Met the official to secure an escort. He later called on us at the chapel. We did not have breakfast until eleven o'clock. There was snow on the mountains just a few hundred feet above us, and snow fell at Hong ya today. Secured fresh fish and some insects under rocks, also a dark fish like a bass.

Jan 25. Traveled fifty li

From Hong ya to So Bo. Crossed the river twice. Killed a large white crane. The local officials and headmen called. We will have twenty soldiers with rifles all the way to Yanchow. I examined this white crane to be a female, but it seemed very plainly to be a male, although I could find only two feathers that were highly decorated. There may have been more, but I did not find them.

Jan 26. Reached Yanchow about dark. Killed four birds, one a large female.
White crane, and me a large gray crane. I had secured 49 birds between Suijin and Yacon. I am probably one of certain & rare species and find dr. collecting is interesting. The latter has evidently been doing very good work, but I have not seen him yet.

Aug. 27. Shantung National bird, secured on Jan. 23rd.

I am learning much about the territory about Nanking.

Aug 25. Today I reckoned accounts with the collector when I hit upon who has some small mammals and insects, then in the afternoon went out 15 li on the road to Shengtu to see a memorial arch erected in the Han Dynasty, about
two thousand years ago, the inscription definitely places it in the Han Dynasty. There are several chariots carved on it, and the designs go far to help prove that the cases—tombs of deities—are deities buried tombs of about the Han Dynasty period.

She and her helpers have to take a few-day leave, and I am tied down for a few days in the Chinese and foreign conferences that are being held. We...
who had lived in Yokohama
several years did not
know about its existence.
I think cats got around
last night. I saw some
five birds today, and
expect to get in some
good collecting before going
down the river.

Feb 5. Today I got away from
conferences and conventions
and went for a two-hour
bird-hunt. I got four birds.
I expect to do more hunting
from one strange bird I
did not get a shot at.

Purchased a large fish.
Feb. 7. I have been very
busy with conferences and
committee meetings, giving
two addresses today, one
in English and one in
Chinese, besides attending
conference and committee
meetings. I now have
my last address tomorrow
morning after which I
expect to get busy and
secure all the specimens
I can. The snow has
today and it's snowing
is melting away.
Feb. 9. This afternoon I went out and secured twelve birds. One variety, including a male and two females (probably) I do not think I ever secured before. Another variety, three specimens, I feel less sure about. I may have secured it at Skyla during a spring migration. A third variety is a very tiny brown bird.

Feb. 9. Today I took a long trip and climbed a mountain covered with wood, most interesting.

Feb. 10, 1949. Today I was busy with conference meetings. I secured the traps in the hands of the netter then reckoned accounts with him and took care of some of the bird specimens that had been accumulating.

Feb. 11. Today I skinned and prepared the skeletons of all the birds I secured.
during the past week I had to save the skeletons instead of the skins of the two birds because the skin on the stomachs of those two birds had been eaten away.

Feb. 11. Spent some time preparing specimens that have been secured by the collectors.

The conference yesterday,

12. Took a hunting trip on the river. Sensed four birds threatening. Long, curved red bills,

and a circle of red around the pupil of the eye. Got a duck with a yellow, golden circle around the pupil of the eye, color of feathers mostly black and white.

I saw a large eagle such as I killed near Yarrow a few years ago.

13. I climbed a mountain called Pecos

Vang Saw, which is covered with snow. To my surprise all the birds and large mammals
have gone down to lower levels where feeding is better. I have set some traps under snow, is slowly melting, but it is cold. I killed three two very common ones, and a very gray shrew. Tomorrow I'll hunt on a lower level a few hours. Then go into the city.

Feb. 14. Came to the city in a heavy rain. Secured two common field rats, another gray rat. Killed another one I killed yesterday. I killed a mammal and nothing. Caught a wild rat at 5 on FT, mammal no. 185.
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