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Wagner's Orchestra Especially Engaged for the Opera Season.
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With a strong cast, appropriate scenery, properties, wardrobe and music.
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Saturday, Dec. 25
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Prize
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Numerous costly prizes will be awarded. Music by Wagner's famous orchestra. Tickets 50c. On sale at Lee's Pharmacy and York A. Barrington's Pharmacy.

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Stock in this Company on sale at less than par. Call and see the Dolls and get full information.

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**Ready for the Rush.**

Don't Wait Until the Eleventh Hour, Buy Now While the Stocks Are Complete.

**Glove Chances.**

Special Prices for the Holiday week:
$1.50 Glove for 75c, 4 button, with 3 rows of heavy black stitching, in new shades of pearl gray, castor, tan, mode and white.
Our Famous $1.00 Kid Glove in all the newest and most desirable colorings, also black, 4-button length, also 2 and 3-clasps, perfect in fit and altogether the best general utility glove for the money. They are a $1.25 glove in everything but the price.
First Quality Kid, with new patent thumb, fancy pique back, in all the newest shades, every pair warranted, worth $2.00, only $1.50 a pair.
The New Paris Kid Glove, with fancy lace stitching on cuff, all shades, only $1.50 a pair.
Ladies' Pure Silk Mittens, only 39c and 50c a pair.
Ladies' Black Crochet Silk Mittens, plain and fancy back, only $1.25 and $1.50 a pair.

**Great Reductions in Ladies' Dress Waists.**
Prices for This Week.

Ladies' Plaid Waists, detachable collars, newest style cut, only 95c.
Ladies' Plaid Waists, detachable collars, same shape as the above, only of a better material, and only $1.25.
Waists made of good quality Ladies' Cloth, braid-trimmed, green, blue and red, worth $2.50, only $1.98.
All-Wool Cashmere Waists, handsomely made, braid-trimmed, etc., worth $3.50, only $2.49.

**Special Sale of Children's Ready-Made Dresses**
In New, Up-to-Date Styles.

Children's and Misses' Plaid Flannelette Dresses, well made, trimmed, etc., reduced from 75c to 49c.
Children's Wool Dresses in plaids and fancy colors, Bolero front, fancy reveres, any size, cheap at $2.25, only $1.75.

**Children's Wool Dresses.**

Empire style, handsomely made vetvet yoke, fancy reveres, trimmed in braid, worth $3.75, only $2.75.

**Great Reductions in Trimmed Millinery.**

All the week we will offer our entire stock at half price. The stock is small, but the prices are smaller.
$3, $5, $7 and $10 Hats, now $1.50, $2.50, $3.50 and $5.00.
Just in—New Black Walking Hats, and selling for 75c, 90c and up.
All our Children's and Misses' Tam O'Shanters, greatly reduced.
If you're in need of Hat Ornaments, Birds, Feathers, Wings, etc., you can get them at less than half the original price.

Great Slipper Sale this Week—selling far below legitimate prices. Every pair reduced.

**Wonderful Shoe Values.**

Everybody wants to save money. That's what we are trying to do for you. Our prices on Shoes are just one-third less than any other competitor in town—and remember we stand back of any and all Shoes we sell.

**A $3 Woman's Shoe for $1.98.**

White Bros.' Women's genuine Box Calf Shoes, best quality, in new Coin toe, flexible sole, stylish cut, every pair worth $3.00 or money refunded here during Christmas Sale, $1.98 pair.
Also Women's Fine Dress Shoes in real Vici Kid, lace or button, perfect in fit, easy and comfortable, equal to any $3.00 shoe sold in the city, here only this week $1.98 a pair.
Thomas Plant's, Reed's and other well-known makes of high grade Shoes, in Kangaroo, Calf, Vici Kid, also cork soles, hand and machine sewed, cloth or kid toppings, etc., new fresh goods just in from the maker's hands, stylish in appearance and comfort-giving, only $2.50 and $3.50 a pair.
No well dressed man can afford to pass our store without looking in and inspecting our line of Men's Fine Patent Enameled Calf Shoes for winter; also Willow Calf Dress Shoes, hand sewed, in beautiful shade of russet and oxblood, new coin toe, usual value $4.50, only $3.50 pair.
Your money back if you want it after buying our Men's Fine Harvard Calf Shoes, double sole, extension edge, the best all around winter shoe out, worth $3.50, only $2.50.
Want a waterproof Shoe? Try our White Bros.' Calf Shoe; heavy extension soles, calf lined, warranted strictly waterproof or your money back, worth $3.50, only $2.75 a pair.
This is bad weather for Shoes, but we are making it very easy to buy new ones.
We are offering now 150 pair Men's Dress Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 pair; others at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 and up.
Boys' and Youths' Ironclad Winter Shoes, best for style, best for wear, made with plumb uppers, solid oak tan extension soles, sizes 3 to 5½, $1.75; sizes 12 to 2, $1.50; sizes 8½ to 12, $1.20.
We have other Boys' Shoes at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 pair up.
Come in and see the celebrated Pingree & Smith Kangaroo Calf Shoes for children, misses and ladies; every pair fully guaranteed, at $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00 a pair up.
Just in—A new line Infants' Little Moccasin Soft Sole Shoes, Children's and Misses' Dress Shoes at our well known low prices.

**A Great Handkerchief Sale**

WE HAVE THE GREATEST HANDKERCHIEF SURPRISES FOR YOU TOMORROW AND ALL WEEK THAT WILL SINK INTO INSIGNIFICANCE ALL CURRENT ATTEMPTS AT HANDKERCHIEF SELLING—COME EARLY, COME LATE, BUT BE SURE TO COME TO THE MOST WONDERFUL SALE EVER ATTEMPTED—ONE GLANCE AT THE PRICES WILL CONVINCE YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT MISS IT.

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| 100 dozen Children's Fancy Printed Border Handkerchiefs, only 1c and.. | 2c each |
| 75 dozen Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, in plain white lawn, worth 6c, only ..... | 3c each |
| 150 dozen Hemstitched and White Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 10c grades, only ..... | 5c each |
| 100 dozen Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, full size, the 10c quality elsewhere, only ..... | 5c each |
| 150 dozen Men's Fine Fancy Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, plain white or colored border, the usual 15c quality, only ..... | 10c each |
| Real Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered initials, worth 20c, only.. | 15c each |
| A large selection of Swiss and Cambric Handkerchiefs, with plain hemstitching or scalloped edges and corners, selling this week at 10c, 12½c 15c and ..... | 25c each |
| Men's Fine Japanese Wash Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched with a ½-inch hem, only ..... | 25c each |
| Men's Large Handkerchiefs, 22 inches square, all silk, with 2½-inch silk embroidered initial, only ..... | 50c each |
| Ladies' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, in plain and tinted borders, all highly embroidered, worth 15c and 20c, only 10c and ..... | 15c each |
| Ladies' Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, in fancy colors and plain white, all highly embroidered in white and colored silk, at 25c and ..... | 50c each |

Store Open Evenings Until Christmas.

## AN OLD FASHIONED ROBBER.

HE WAS FOUND UNDER A BED IN A LODGING HOUSE.

**His Heavy Breathing Attracts the Attention of the Room's Proper Occupant—Steals a Pistol, but Misses $200 in Cash in a Coat Pocket.**

It is unpleasant to be held up at the point of a pistol, especially when the pistol is your own property. Albert Sevcik, who recently purchased an interest in the Parlor bakery on Pike street, had such an experience Sunday night, but he managed to derive considerable satisfaction out of the unpleasantness because the robber failed to get $200 that was within reach.

Mr. Sevcik occupies room 20 at the Cleveland house, 605 Pike street. He went to his room about 10 o'clock at night and got into bed. Thinking that he heard someone breathing under the bed he arose, turned on the lights and took a look. There was a man there, and the worst of it was he held a pistol pointed straight at Mr. Sevcik's head.

"Throw up your hands," said the burglar. Up went Mr. Sevcik's hands. "What are you going to do?" asked the man as he fingered the trigger. Mr. Sevcik saw that he was looking at his own pistol and concluded in his own mind that he would get out of the unpleasant predicament as easily as possible.

"I am going to let you out of the room," replied Mr. Sevcik.

"I will let myself out," replied the burglar. "You stand in the middle of the room and keep quiet." Then the burglar crawled out from under the bed and walked away without even saying "good night." When the room was examined it was discovered that only two silk handkerchiefs and the pistol were missing. Mr. Sevcik's coat was hanging on a nail and in the inside pocket was $200 in cash.

### HOBO SMITH THE SLASHER.

**Before Justice Ingersoll He Waives Preliminary Hearing.**

Formal proceedings charging George Smith with attempting to kill Ben De Camp with a razor were instituted yesterday afternoon before Justice of the Peace Ingersoll. After Constable Pike read the warrant Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Hart recited the contents of the complaint. Smith took things very coolly and simply said that he desired to waive a preliminary examination. Justice Ingersoll fixed Smith's bonds at $2,000, in default of which he was committed to the county jail.

Thomas McKeen, who was with Smith at the time the desperate hobo attempted to cut De Camp's head off because he would not give him a nickel, was held as a witness. His bonds were fixed at $750 and of course he had to go to jail, pending the trial, which will be called up as soon as De Camp is able to be out of Providence hospital.

It was learned last evening that Smith attempted to assault City Jailer Corbett a month or so ago with a razor, while he was being taken to police headquarters. If the state brings this out in connection with the trial for attempting to kill De Camp, it will go a long way toward establishing the allegation that Smith is addicted to the habit of slashing with his razor.

### OPENING FOR A FACTORY.

**Anacortes People Buy in a Plant—Willing to Turn It Over.**

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

ANACORTES, Dec. 20.—The real estate, mill building and water frontage of the defunct Lowman Manufacturing Company have been sold by the receiver. The purchaser acts as a trustee for taxpayers, who are anxious to see the property converted into a box factory or shingle mill, and who hold out liberal inducements to any one who would start either of the above industries. There is a good demand here for fruit boxes and, besides, the three salmon canneries consume from 110,000 to 140,000 boxes annually. The Anacortes Commercial Club wants some such industry started here.

### WINDOW GLASS FACTORIES START.

**Twenty Thousand Employes Will Resume Work Again.**

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—An Alexandria, Ind., special to the Times-Star says three window glass factories will resume operations January 1, giving employment to 1,200 men.

BRIDGETON, N. J., Dec. 20.—Fires were put under the furnaces today in the Cohansey, Cumberland and Moor Jones window glass factories, near here, and it is expected the works will start up in a week or two. It is expected that 20,000 persons now idle will be given employment.

**Surveyor General's Office to Remove.**

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

OLYMPIA, Dec. 20.—Surveyor General William P. Watson has received instructions from Washington to transfer the location of his office on the 1st of January, 1898, from present quarters in the First National bank building, on Main street, to the Reed block, corner of Washington and Sixth streets, Olympia. The order is conditioned that Mr. Reed provide the new quarters with an outfit of stoves without cost to the government.

**To Alaska in a Yacht.**

Special Dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer.

ANACORTES, Dec. 20.—The yacht Katy Thomas sailed Saturday for Alaska. She has been lying at the Union wharf for several days receiving new canvas and taking on supplies. She is provisioned for a six months' cruise and those who sailed on her, J. W. and E. R. Thomas, of Aanacortes; Mr. J. Thornton, of Lopez, and Robert Brinker, of Seattle, will prospect along the coast.

**Internal Revenue Collections.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that for the month of November last the receipts amounted to $13,959,296, an increase as compared with November last year of $1,257,927. For the last five months, however, there is shown to have been a decrease of $3,912.

**Will Withdraw From Kansas.**

TOPEKA, Dec. 20.—The Travelers Insurance Company has notified the insurance commissioner that it will withdraw all its business from Kansas at once. The company gives as its reason the "peculiar conduct of Commissioner McNall" and to "avoid further trouble."

**Verdict of Willful Murder.**

LONDON, Dec. 20.—At the inquest over the remains of William Terriss, the coroner's jury rendered a verdict of willful murder.

So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and, in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure, in addition to the benefit which invariably comes from its use.

THE Northern Pacific Railway, so far this winter, has upheld its high prestige, and often it has been the only line affording communication between Seattle and the outside world, which was doubly important during these busy, stirring times. It is undoubtedly the line that can be depended on for good and prompt service.

"LORGNETTES and eyeglasses for holiday gifts."
"Miss F. Wilzinski, Optical Specialist," "112 Cherry street. Eyes tested free."

## PILLSBURY, THE FLOUR KING, TALKS ON THE OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT.

Special Correspondence.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Charles A. Pillsbury, the flour king, consented yesterday to be interviewed on the subject of dollar wheat and the outlook for future prices of that cereal. The following interview was submitted by Mr. Pillsbury and by him corrected:

"The present condition of the wheat market," said he, "is attributable to causes which, in my opinion, will keep the price of that commodity at higher prices than the average for the past few years for many years to come. As a matter of fact, we have unconsciously been consuming both a visible and an invisible supply at a greater rate than we supposed, so that at present the visible and invisible supply is at the lowest point known in the history of the wheat markets.

"This fact would have been evident long ago had it not been for the increased facilities of transportation which have enabled us to handle a small supply so as to place it on the market with great rapidity at points where it was most seriously needed, but apparently the limit in this direction has been reached, and with the bread eaters of the world increasing in number as rapidly as they have in the past few years the time must inevitably come when production must be greater in order to supply the legitimate demand.

"Too much stress has been laid, I think, upon the part that the failure of the crop in the Argentine Republic has played in the upward tendency of the price of wheat, for it must be remembered that the total crop of that country does not equal the crop grown in any one of our own states of Minnesota, Kansas and North Dakota.

"To these states we must look in this country for increased acreage and production. They are the great wheat producers, and their farmers only require the stimulus of a settled price at a high figure, due to a constant demand, to induce them to plant more extensively than they are now doing. It is obvious that it is to the western and not the central states that we must look in this country for more wheat.

"The eastern farmers will need constantly more and more land for grazing and agricultural purposes, and they cannot hope to compete with the fertile and practically boundless territory of the great states that I have mentioned. It is equally certain that the western farmer would not feel justified in planting to the large extent that present conditions seem to demand if he thought that the demand was to be temporary, but it is easily demonstrated and may be confidently predicted that the demand will be constant and will grow, rather than decrease.

"Only recently the Japanese government has been taking steps looking to the extensive introduction of wheat as a food to supplant the rice diet that has been the staple of that country for centuries. This is only one instance of the new markets that must inevitably open as man becomes more thoroughly under the domination of European customs and habits.

"The Japanese have, it is said, ascribed to the rice diet the small stature of the people of that race. Be that as it may, one thing is sure, that wheat contains in its kernel all the essentials for the most wholesome food that mankind can assimilate. This is demonstrable not only by the chemistry of food, but by the experience of those races that have used wheat in some form as their staple diet.

"From this fact it is evident that as the peoples who now lie outside of the more modern civilization come within its pale there will inevitably come a time when they will conform in diet as well as in legislation, costume and other details to their elder brethren, and when this happens wheat will of course take its place at the head of the dietetic scale.

"This means that the demand which now forces wheat to $1 will continue as a permanent factor to be counted upon, and when the wheat grower is fully assured of this fact he will not be tardy in laying his plans to plant as many more acres as he foresees will find a purchaser in the markets of the world.

"America is the country to which the nations of the future must look for their supply of this commodity, for India and Russia, though they have increased their acreage, have about reached their limit, and in England the wheat crop has diminished instead of keeping abreast of the growing demand.

"I have said that wheat contains all the essentials for a perfect diet, and I should like here to explain why, if this be true, it should not be eaten entire instead of being separated, as it is when made into flour or any preparation other than the whole grain itself.

"This is because no nation ever attempts to live solely upon wheat. Other foods—fish, meat, lentils and so on—are taken in connection with the product of wheat itself, and it is therefore not only necessary, but undesirable, that the whole grain should be consumed. Otherwise, in the attempt to gain variety, there would be an excess of nutritive qualities that is quite as much to be avoided as a deficiency of those qualities.

"I have endeavored to show what, in my opinion, are the causes which have led to the present market rate of wheat and what the causes will be which will maintain this rate, and inferentially this means that America must ultimately take her place as the great granary and mill of the civilized nations of the world.

"Of course it would be impossible, if my views are correct, and the entire population of the whole world become bread eaters, for any production of wheat, however great, to supply the demand. That difficulty will be met in all probability by still further advances along the line of rapid transportation, so that when means of distribution are perfected there need be no fear of a bread famine in any quarter of the globe."

### ALPHONSE DAUDET IN THE GRAVE.

**Zola, Who Pronounces the Funeral Oration, Is Hooted by the Crowd.**

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The funeral of Alphonse Daudet, who died suddenly Thursday, was largely attended today. The remains were followed by his sons Leon and Lucien, his brother Ernest, M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs; M. Rambaud, minister of public instruction; M. Roujone, director of the fine arts; deputations from the municipality, the French institute, and from the societies of authors, composers and journalists, in addition to an immense crowd of people.

Emile Zola delivered the funeral oration at the grave side. He was hooted, owing to his support of the efforts made by the friends of Alexander Dreyfus to bring about a reopening of his case.

**Funeral of Washington Hesing.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The funeral of Washington Hesing will take place on Wednesday morning. There will be first a private service at the residence. Requiem mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Name, North street and Superior, by Archbishop Fehan and his associates. Interment will be in St. Boniface's cemetery.

### DEATHS.

**Stephen Buckingham Sturges.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Stephen Buckingham Sturges, one of the founders of the Northwestern National Bank of Chicago, is dead at his home in Brooklyn of apoplexy, aged 70 years.

He was born in Marsfield, Ohio, and was graduated at Kenyon college, in Cambridge in the same state. He was a son of Eben Perry Sturges, a prominent merchant and banker and one of the pioneer settlers of Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Sturges was a banker in Sacramento, Cal., during the gold fever years ago. He afterward went to Cleveland, and was in control of the Forest City bank of that city when the war broke out. He was made lieutenant colonel of the Cleveland light artillery and went with that battery to the front at the opening of hostilities. Soon afterward he was forced to retire from active service on account of ill health, but gave valuable assistance on various sanitary commissions and on committees in support of the government. When the national banks were started, he founded the Northwestern National bank of Chicago. In 1877 he retired from active business, engaging only as director of several enterprises.

**Charles C. Salter.**

DULUTH, Dec. 20.—Dr. Charles C. Salter, state chaplain of the G. A. R. of Minnesota and of the Congregational church and of the Sailors' Bethel of Duluth, is dead, aged 66 years. His first call was to the Congregational pulpit at Kewanee, Ill., in 1859. The elder Salter was one of the founders of the Illinois college at Jacksonville. Dr. Salter was chaplain of the Thirteenth Connecticut regiment. He was for several years pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church at Minneapolis. He was formerly pastor of the First Congregational church of Denver. During two years abroad he was for one year pastor of the American chapel in Florence, Italy. Dr. Salter was tutor of Latin at Yale for the classes of 1858 and 1859. He was celebrated in the Northwest for his work of philanthropy.

**Lewis Leland.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Lewis Leland, one of the family of famous hotel men of that name, died in this city today, aged 65. He and his brothers have been among the most prominent hotel men in the United States.

HEADS THE LIST.

For the Equivalent in Price No Christmas Present

Will in our judgment compare with a piano or an organ, and believing that a large majority of expectant recipients would concur in this opinion if consulted in the matter, we have decided to inaugurate a schedule of special prices for the holidays which practically place within reach of nearly if not all who may have in contemplation such an elegant gift.

In addition to offering the biggest values obtainable in the Northwest, we give you the benefit of purchasing on extremely easy terms. So put anywhere from $15 to $25 in your pocket for the first payment, make your selection, sign a bit of paper and we will deliver the instrument anywhere within the city limits at our expense.

You are cordially invited to call and inspect our unusually large and elegant stock with styles and prices graduated to accommodate all pocketbooks.

D. S. JOHNSTON,
Manufacturers' Agent, 902 Second Ave.
Burke Block.

## MORE MYSTERIES OF ASIA.

SWEDISH EXPLORER, SVEN HEDIN, TELLS STRANGE STORIES.

**A Tribe Whose Women Are All Remarkably Beautiful—Unearthing of Buried Towns—Evidence of an Unknown Race of People.**

The most astonishing contributions to science in many a long year are contributed by Dr. Sven Hedin, a young Swedish savant, who has just returned to Stockholm after a four years' sojourn in what have hitherto been considered inaccessible portions of Central Asia. The facts which Dr. Hedin brings back to us are so marvelous as to more than astonish and they utterly upset cherished theories of many savants.

The explorer found buried cities of which the world had never heard. He learned of the existence of great bodies of water of which even the most learned in the science of geography never dreamed. He found great herds of wild animals, he saw thousands and thousands of camels without owners, he ascended to heights hitherto considered beyond the reach of man, and he encountered a catalogue of dangers which make one shudder to hear of.

Dr. Hedin headed an expedition of which he was the only European, which was backed by King Oscar of Sweden and a number of other wealthy persons interested in explorations. He was absent a trifle less than four years and though I suppose the outside world has not learned of it to any extent, he was accorded almost as royal a welcome in Sweden as was Dr. Nansen himself. Indeed, it is a question if the facts which he reveals to the world are of not vastly greater importance than those told us by Nansen. It is possible for many Europeans to now penetrate the district through which Hedin traveled, and it is likely in time to prove a find of tremendous importance to commerce.

The information here given has been rather guarded from the public for the reason that Dr. Hedin proposes to leave a literary monument to his efforts. Sixty-two times, he told me, he had to defend his life against the inhabitants of that section of Asia through which he traveled, who not only sought to kill him to obtain possession of what he had, but because they objected to outsiders learning the nature of the country.

The inhabitants, he found, were fierce and warlike, and professing allegiance to none beside their chiefs. The majority of them claimed to be utterly ignorant of the great nations of the world, and declared that no force could be brought against them so strong they could not conquer it. They spoke a language something like a combination of Russian and Chinese, though nowhere did Dr. Hedin find traces of a mixture of blood. In appearance these people were distinctly Tartaric, and the explorer believes they are descended from the same families that bred the present inhabitants of the Russian steppes.

One thing the doctor noticed, and that was that the women of all the tribes were exceptionally beautiful, and were treated by the men with exceeding respect. This is all the more interesting from the fact that it is almost the first instance in which any explorer ever discovered that among persons apparently ignorant of civilization and its ways, women held a place so near akin to that she maintains in the civilized world.

Dr. Hedin left Stockholm in October, 1893. Through the Kirgis steppe he went to Tashkent, and during February, March and April, 1894, he marched over the Pamirs, whose northern plateaus during this season are buried in snow. He had just begun to study the glaciers of the gigantic mountains of Mus-tag-ata when he was obliged by an attack of iritis to go to Kashgar. In June, October, 1894, we find him again on the Pamirs, and this time he completed his investigations of the glaciers. Four times he attempted to ascend the 25,000-foot mountain of the Mus-tag-ata, but only reached 20,000 feet. After going west to Lake Ishik-kul, he passed the winter at Kashgar, arranging his geological collections, maps and annotations.

In 1895 Dr. Hedin investigated the country between the Kashgar and Tashkent rivers, and on April 10 he left Merket to cross the dreadful desert of Takla-Makan to the Khotan river, a task which nobody had attempted before. The caravan consisted of four men and eight camels. Until April 21 they could get water by digging, but eastward nothing but sand dunes were to be seen, and Dr. Hedin ordered his men to take water supplies for ten days. The natives, however, took only four days' supply. It was thirteen days before water was found, and almost all the caravan succumbed. Only Dr. Hedin, two men and one camel reached the Khotan river, and most of the baggage was lost.

Dr. Hedin was obliged to return to Kashgar and send to Europe for new instruments. By October he had crossed and mapped on five different routes the high and difficult mountain ranges limiting the Pamirs to the east. On December 17, 1895, he left Kashgar for the last time, went to Tashkent and Khotan, descended the Khotan river three days, continued through the desert eastwards and followed the Keria river to its terminus in the sands, whence the desert was crossed to Shah-yar on the Tarim.

In these regions very important discoveries were made, especially two old towns, now buried in the moving sands, with many paintings and sculptures, proving the existence of high culture in ancient times. Wild camels were found in great numbers. Only two days were passed without water. Then the doctor continued down to Tarim, the complicated river system of which was mapped, and thence to Karashan, Koria and Lake Lob-nor, the position of which is finally thus ascertained.

From Lob-nor Dr. Hedin returned to Khotan at the end of May, 1896. Here he rested for a month and then went to Tibet, crossing the Kwenlun mountain range by a new path south of the Kogra gold fields. With fifty camels, horses and asses, ten men, three dogs and twelve sheep, he crossed the northern highest plateau of Thibet in two months. Not a single human being was seen, but every day our traveler found great herds of wild horses and yaks.

All this unknown region was scientifically investigated. Four large and nineteen small salt lakes were discovered, the largest one so considerable in extent that the caravan went four days along its shores. As most of the animals succumbed little by little, the caravan made for Tsohangol (Tokha), and found the first Mongols. Dr. Hedin then went through all Tsaidam and north of Kokonor to Sining, where he was hospitably received by the English missionary, Mr. Ridley. In Tsaidam the caravan was threatened by attacks of Tangut robbers, but all went well, and in Sining the Mohammedan rebellion was just finished.

From Liangchoo Dr. Hedin crossed the Ala-Shan desert on a new route, making a curve via Fu-ma-fu and down to Ningsha, where he met with Swedish missionaries. Through Ordos he went quickly to Pao-tu (Bautu), and thence via Kwei-hwa-chung to Peking, which he reached on March 2, 1897, after a very hard winter journey. He rested only twelve days in Peking, then he returned through Mongolia via Urga to Kiachta and further to the Siberian railroad, which he found at Kluobi, a village to the east of Kansk. On May 10 he reached his native town, Stockholm, where he was received in a very flattering manner by the king.

Dr. Hedin's description of his long journey is to be published in Swedish, and also probably in English, and will be richly illustrated. The scientific results are to be elaborated afterwards.—Stockholm Paper.