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Some notions about Caucasus.

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Fruits are there in abundance, such as, pomegranates, pistachios, pears (*Pyrus salicifolia*) as well as shrubs with all sort of excellent berries, — at the Caspian sea lemons and oranges give an excellent food, refreshing, but at the some time insufficient, because continual motion and fresh air excites appetite in an extraordinary way. Therefore it is absolutely necessary to be provided with conserves and extracts of meat, which do not require much place and last for some time.

It is also very important to have good arms in order to be safe against danger and to get food when necessary.—As it is known that russian custom houses do not allow, to import them from abroad, the most advisable thing is to buy them at the spot, either in towns, or else at the natives, who have them always in store. But they must not be dear and brilliant, or else they would awaken the cupidity of somebody; on the contrary, let them be quite simple, but safe.

A naturaliste who collects ought also to be provided with tin, because it is not to be got in provincial towns and we know all how invaluable are tin-boxes of every size for transporting skins of animals and birds, as well as other zoological booty. It is necessary, to add, that one must know how to make the tin-boxes himself and that the knowledge of any handicraft may be there of great need. In general cleverness and speculation are very useful in this country.

Once, during my travel in 1883, I was left for some weeks, thanks to the irregularity of the post without any pecuniary resources, in a place wild and remote. Well, I shod horses to the natives and painted in yellow with tincture of jod mustachious, beards and nails to travelling persian merchants, which embellishment is considered among them as the highest fashion. In this way,

I was able to win so much, that I lived comfortably until the misdirected money came into my hands.

As for dress, although the heat is uncommon, one must be provided with warm things, because the nights are very cold, even in the middle of summer. It is also better to buy dress at the spot and to have it made of the stuffs of the country, as they are cheap and suited to climate. Shirts are to be of cotton or silk, which is better, because silk, according to the saying of the natives, is a preservative against ague. The famous caucasian „*bourka*“, a mantle without sleeves, long and broad, looking like an immense pelerine, is of supreme usefulness to the traveller; it is proof against humidity and quite impervious, besides, supple, warm and exceedingly light, does not take much place, when rolled together and in case of rain, it covers the rider together with his horse and his baggage in the holsters. And the more a stranger has in his appearance of the dress and mien of a native, the better for him, for nobody minds him and therefore he is quite safe.

It happens sometimes, that for safety's sake, an armed convoy is necessary and the getting of it is rather difficult for a stranger. Well, the first rule to follow in this case, as well as in every other circumstance, where the local authorities are to decide,—wether it concerns the personal safety, or the formalities of the passport —is never to apply to little officials, who give themselves an air of importance, but to higher ones, I dare say, to the highest. It is the best, the safest and the quickest way to win time, and to have the business done to the satisfaction of the stranger. Courage and assurance, with a tint of chivalry are always and everywhere desirable.

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