

in pain unless he twisted himself unequally; of another pony "which sprang forward in a full runaway gallop, with the most furious and awkward motion he ever experienced"; of yet another that was "so weak, so tottering, and so stumbling, and which trembled so whenever he set his foot on a stone, which was about every other step," that he could "hardly keep up with the company"; of his being "so eaten up by little insects" that he had to sit down in the sunshine and get rid of as many as he could, for he "suffered a good deal from these little insects, whose society he was not used to"; of his at last finding "a very pleasant-going horse with a handsome countenance," which he was tempted to buy, "but was checked by the prudent consideration that he might encumber me at Lhasa," and too much disencumber his lean purse. Strange that the first Englishman ever to visit Lhasa should have been incommoded for want of a five-pound note with which to buy a rough hill pony.

At Gyantse the Chinese Mandarin and General, in whose train Manning had come, appointed him a little lodge in the courtyard of the principal house, and whatever he required was soon supplied by the Chinese soldiers and others who wished medical treatment from him. "One brought rice, one brought meat, another brought a table, another brought a little paste and paper and mended a hole in the window, another brought a present of a pen and candles." Every Chinaman in the town came to see him. The General was "vastly civil and polite," and invited him to dinner. But though he was "very much of a gentleman," Manning concluded that he was "really no better than an old woman." The dinner was tolerably good, and the wine excellent, but the cooking was indifferent.

On the other hand, the Mandarin was impressed by Manning's beard. He had known men with better moustaches than Manning's, for he had, "for convenience of eating, song, and drink," cut his short in India, and it had not yet grown again. But the beard never failed to excite the General's admiration, and he declared he had never seen one nearly so handsome. The General, like-