

**INTRODUCTION TO THE LOGS, DIARIES AND JOURNALS OF DR. JOHN RABE, WITH  
RESUME—INVENTORY OF THE COLLECTION**

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Comprising 50 journals of varying dimensions, of which 46 are in narrative form and four are largely of business accounts, this collection contains over 5,000 pages and, at a conservative estimate, over one million words—nearly all in the handwriting of Dr. John Rabe. The inventory offers but a superficial hint of the innumerable treasures in many diverse fields. Systematic transcribing will yield exciting new material for archaeologist, anthropologist, ethnologist, historian, oceanographer, sociologist, conchologist, and naturalist. Written between the years 1881 and 1901, the 46 narrative volumes are unique records of historic and cultural information regarding most of the major island empires, kingdoms, sultanates, and protectorates within the greater Pacific Basin.

Dr. John Rabe, Dental Surgeon and Conchologist, was drawn to the central and southwestern Pacific Islands and eventually to Australia's great cities and to the Great Barrier reef, and to New Guinea, the Straits Settlement, Siam, Java, Japan and China, in a restless effort to restore his broken health. An all-round master of oral surgery, orthodontics and periodontics, he practiced in all of the countries where he alighted and also aboard the scores of vessels (both sail and steam-driven) which carried him upon his wanderings. To augment his income from dentistry he also collected both sea shells and achatinella for commercial trading as well as to supply specimens to the curators of conchological museums. His meticulously kept business accounts reveal that he also did much trading in beche de mer, artifacts of archaeological value, in tobacco, drygoods, tapa cloths, mats, et cetera.

A man endowed with very superior powers of observation and a most sensitive and conscientious recorder of details, Dr. Rabe left for posterity a treasure trove of journals essentially free of romantic distortion, rarely prosaic and never redundant, providing unique, first-hand accounts of most of the Pacific Ocean cultural milieus which in the latter half of the 19th century were undergoing vast cultural and political mutations caused to a great extent by the commercial and colonial ambitions of many Western powers. The Doctor saw kings and princes rise and fall, usurpers seize power who had assassinated legitimate rulers. He met and consorted with scores of notables of that by-gone era, but he also knew some of the most infamous adventurers who frequented the remote frontiers where he plied his dentistry and traded. Often as the only medic in an isolated region or on board a vessel, he played the role of physician as well as dentist.

The biographical record of this amazing man is so far rather sketchy. John was one of three sons of one William Rabe, the other brothers being James and Benjamin. He was born February 14, 1850, presumably at the family homestead in Cumberland, Guernsey County, Ohio. In 1869 he commenced his studies of dentistry by reading with Dr. J. C. Jacobs at Coshocton, Ohio. He matriculated at Ohio College of Dental Surgery in October 1869. Upon graduating from this college in the summer of 1871, he was employed in the office of Dr. J. Taft, a brother of William Howard Taft, in Cincinnati. After some months with Dr. Taft, he was a brief time in practice at Cleveland. From April 1872 until April 1874 he practiced at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. In this period he met and married his first wife, Emma. Then he set up his practice at Austin, Minnesota, which continued until he entrained for California where he arrived May 25, 1877. His first glimpse of California, which he records in a detailed and quite amusing journal much like R. L. Stevenson's *Journal of an Inland Voyage*, was of the famed old "Cape Horn" gold mines between Truckee and Sacramento. It is not clear when John Rabe's brother, Dr. Benjamin Rabe, arrived in California. He graduated from Western Reserve College of Medicine and practiced largely in Oakland, California, throughout the 1880's and 1890's and, according to records, at least to 1914.

Finally forced by frail health and advanced age to retire from his Oakland practice, Dr. John Rabe settled in Calistoga, Napa County, California, early in 1912. It is known that he commenced to build a substantial mansion in December 1912 at the west end of Calistoga's Main Street which now has another name. This house had not been long completed when Dr. Rabe suffered a series of cerebral strokes from which he died during the evening of January 4, 1914, at the age of 63 years and 10 months. A second wife, Lillie, survived him as well as a son, Arthur, and two daughters, Hazel Rabe and Mrs. Della Baron. His burial took place at Oakland, California.



His life was somewhat analogous to that of the great R. L. Stevenson's in that his search for the ideal clime for his frail health took him over most of the same sea lanes and into the same archipelagos during the same general period of years, even being struck down by the same ailment—cerebral apoplexy. And perhaps more so than Stevenson, he possessed a sort of genius for being at the scene of events and ceremonies of historic and/or cultural importance. In Samoa, Tahiti, Marquesas, Fiji, Tonga and Yap he was one of the few literate individuals on hand to witness and to record political and cultural upheavals of more than ordinary significance to contemporary students of these regions. Often his journals furnish us with the only first-hand record in existence of events and folk ceremonies in certain Pacific Island communities. His foresight in procuring from the almost legendary William Gibbons, Sr. his Pelew vocabulary and the three holographic accounts of Pelew legends, and from the anonymous Englishman his translation of the old Marquesan Chief's story of the Cosmogony, et cetera, places scholars of today much in his debt. And in what R. L. Stevenson termed "The Samoan Imbraglio", Dr. Rabe seems to have witnessed at first hand a great deal more of the stuff of history than did the illustrious Scotsman.

Moreover, the Doctor's description of the burial of King Abba Thule's wife, the old Queen of the Pelews, could be scarcely improved upon by such men of science as Boaz, Malinowski, Linton, and Emory. The vigorous adventurer-trader, Capt. D. D. O'Keefe, must have found Rabe to have been a stimulating talker and possessed of charismatic charm for after two hours in his dental chair he invited him to take free passage aboard the schooner "Jennie" from Manila down to his Micronesian domain.

**NOTE:** According to data furnished by William Gibbons, Sr. in 1890, he had arrived in Micronesia (from Jamaica) about the year 1855. At least one offspring resulted from his union with a Palawan Chiefess, William Gibbons the younger, who is frequently mentioned in Dr. Rabe's accounts. Charles Gibbons, now in his seventies, would appear to be a grandson of the elder William Gibbons. This genealogical note will bear more careful checking.

**NOTE:** R. L. Stevenson's extensive voyages in "Casco," "Equator," and "Janet Nichols" carried the poet and his household from San Francisco to Hawaii twice and throughout much of Central Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia, touching Australia but excluding the Far Eastern countries to which Dr. Rabe devoted many journals. Again, our peripatetic Doctor, who was close to R. L. Stevenson's age when the latter died, was given little time to enjoy his final place of dwelling at Calistoga. Stevenson's demise at Vailima occurred not long after the old German plantation houses were refurbished to more comfortably accommodate his household. They had not been in Samoa together. Dr. Rabe left Apia November 14, 1887. R. L. Stevenson set out for Apia June 28, 1888 aboard "Casco". The Doctor actually saw the Revolution take place.

**NOTE:** Dr. Rabe gathered that old King George Tobou (Topou) was "about 85 years" when he did extensive work on his teeth in December 1887. The birth of King George sometime in the first decade of the 19th century would likely place his parents on the scene when the Tongan Islands were discovered.

**NOTE:** Journals No. 19 and No. 20, which deal with cruises among the islands of the Great Barrier Reef and off the Eastern Cape of New Guinea, contain the raw material, the very essence of novels of the period written by Louis, Becke, Beatrice Grimshaw, Joseph Conrad, and others. Rich in ethnology, nature notes, nautical lore, and incidents with the natives, these journals are replete with picturesque names and characters: German Harry who got the Steamer "Merry England" off a reef; George the Greek and his native wife; the trader "Cockroach" Kissack; the mountain-climbing naturalist Prof. Goodwin; Jumbo Richards, who came out from far Detroit, Michigan to start a coffee plantation for Kissack; the house of Rev. Chalmers on a small South Cape island which was the first Mission Station set up in New Guinea; the Trading Station and residence of Ah Gim, New Guinea's wealthiest trader of Chinese ancestry, married to a Raratonga woman; and the account of warfare in the Woodlarks between the fierce Kana-ki-bora and the Wamen warriors—to name but a few highlights.



## DESCRIPTION OF LEDGERS AND JOURNALS

1. First account ledger of Dr. Rabe's pre-California years, Dates from February 9, 1869 to August 10, 1872. Consists of 51 pages of expense accounts.
2. Second account ledger of Dr. Rabe's pre-California years. Dates from April 1, 1872 to December 14, 1874. Consists of 114 pages of both income and expense accounts.
3. Third account ledger of Dr. Rabe's pre-California years. Dates from December 15, 1874 to May 7, 1877 (see page 337). Consists of 360 pages of income and expense accounts.
4. First holographic journal of Dr. Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Brief notations of trips throughout California. Dates from October 18, 1881 to May 27, 1883. Consists of 155 pages in size 5½x3 inches. Approximately 6000 pages.
5. Second holographic journal of Dr. Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Account of trip via train and steamer and afoot throughout the mountains, mines, ranches, et cetera of California. Dates from May 29 to July 8, 1877. Consists of 134 pages in size 5½x3 inches. Approximately 9000 words.
6. Third holographic journal of Dr. Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Travels among ranchos via train and steamer down the state to Los Angeles. Dated from October 18, 1881 to May 24, 1883, in size 5½x3 inches. Consists of 140 pages with approximately 5000 words.
7. Fourth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. A train junket from Oakland, California through to Denver, as far eastward as Philadelphia, then returning via Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Minnesota, Wyoming, Kansas, Colorado, and back to Oakland. Replete with vignettes of travel in that era. Dated from September 3 to October 29, 1883, in size 7x3½ inches. Consists of 89 pages with approximately 8000 words.
8. Fifth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Mostly notes of daily life in Oakland, with notes also on Nevada City and Grass Valley, California. Dated from January 1, 1884 to January 2, 1885, in size 6x3 inches. Consists of 170 pages with approximately 12,000 words.
9. Sixth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Notes on camping trip and hunt for mineral specimens from Oakland to Stockton, Tuolumne River, Hamilton's Ranch, Crane's Flat, Hog Ranch near Merced, Hetchy-Hetchy, H. P. Crocker's Ranch, O'Keefe's Saloon, Small Jim Camp 5 miles from Toll Gate, Colfax Springs, Chinese Camp, Sonora, and to San Francisco. Dated from July 2 to July 26, 1885, in size 4½x3 inches. Consists of approximately 4000 words.
10. Seventh holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Log of a voyage to the Marquesas—Washington Island, Christian Island, Dominick Island, Taio'Hae, and many other parts of this Archipelago. Of many vessels that figure in this junket, the first was the Brig "Tahiti", Capt. Lorin Turner (136 feet long, 32-foot beam, and 12-foot hold). Embarked from Mission Street wharf, San Francisco, at 9:10 a.m. December 1, 1885; 11 passengers. Detailed account of voyage to harbor of Taio'Hae, arriving December 20. Contains detailed and colorful accounts of traders, Catholic missionaries, French officials, oppressive French rule over natives, political-social organization of Marquesan natives, superstitions, customs, diet, material culture, flora and fauna, strange burial customs, legends, etc. Dated from December 1, 1885 to February 7, 1886, in size 10x5 inches. Consists of 196 pages with approximately 35,000 words.
11. Holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Contains daily notes and observations of the voyage to Marquesas and sojourn in that Archipelago. Commences New Year's Day of 1886 with meeting of Marquesan Prince Stanislaw. Covers the Marquesan adventure in different wording and accounts, then describes voyages throughout balance of the year 1886 to Papeete, Tahiti, and other places in Tahiti such as Chapman's Ranch, Mataha, Mateaiea, Vairao, Vaitahoe, Pueu, Pau's at Pape Uriri, Taiarapu, Tautiera, Hitiaa, Mahaena, Papinoo, Paea, etc. Detailed notes of meetings with the members of Tahitian royal and chiefly personages, the Branders, various governors, pioneer traders both English and French. Detailed notes on the customs and superstitions of the Tahitians. Comments on decay and disease amongst the Tahitians. Voyage on Steamer "Raiatea" to Raiatea Island and then to Juan Fernandez, Valparaiso, Angol, Concepcion,



Santiago, back to Valparaiso for extended stay (Captain Viereck in command of S.S. Raiatea). Concludes with voyage from Chile to San Francisco and Oakland, California. Dated from January 1 to December 31, 1886. "Raiatea" reached San Francisco September 10, 1886, and notes through balance of the year are from Oakland, California. Notebook size 6x3 inches. Consists of approximately 40,000 words.

12. Ninth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. The first section of this journal contains a literary and historical manuscript approximately 8,500 words in length. It is the transcript of an Englishman's translation of a speech delivered by a native Marquesan chief sometime during the year 1850. This curious bit of ephemera is a lyrical and absorbing conglomeration of the Marquesan origin through descent from Papa, the grandson of Apana, of Papa's sons Atea and Tane; the early voyages of migration, the ancient ways of life in contrast to the confusion and decay brought by the French rulers; the decline of warfare, of the tapu system, of old-time burial practices, the desecration of sacred altars by vahine, et cetera. It ends with a resume of the teachings of Christian missionaries.

First accounts, after the Speech of Marquesan Chief, find Dr. Rabe aboard the brig "City of Papeete", Captain Baroudy (?) commanding, bound for Tahiti. He then took passage aboard the "Tuamotu", Captain Graylor commanding, with Mr. George Goltz as Mate, for a two day's voyage. Lists inventory of curios and many ancient artifacts, some of which were possessions of the Royal family. Some seventy pages recount the Doctor's notes on Tahiti—his travels and impressions. Dated from February 21 to May 3, 1886. Notebook size 9x6 inches. Consists of 135 pages with approximately 22,000 words.

13. Tenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This account covers the period also recorded in the smaller notebook (eighth holographic journal) commencing with the Tahitian junket, thence to Raiatea aboard the steamer "Raiatea" to Chile and finally back to San Francisco. Dated from May 26 to September 10, 1886. Notebook size 11½x5½ inches. Consists of approximately 31,000 words, 173 pages, of which nine pages display 24 portraits in caricature drawn by a gifted young Tahitian, and three charts of Chilean coast by Dr. Rabe.

14. Eleventh holographic item. This time a letter written to Dr. John Rabe's brother James, by another brother, Benjamin Rabe, dated Cleveland, Ohio, July 25, 1886. This letter is an excellent recapitulation or resume of Dr. Rabe's Tahitian experiences to which is added evaluations by brother Benjamin. Page size 11x8½ inches. Consists of twenty pages of approximately 8,000 words.

15. Twelfth holographic account of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal recounts the Doctor's voyages to the Samoan Islands and to the Tongan or Friendly Islands and Dr. Rabe's experiences in these Polynesian Archipelagos. He sailed from San Francisco June 23 aboard the schooner "Golden Fleece" bound first for Apia, Samoa, Captain Henderson in command. The "Golden Fleece" arrived at Apia on July 22, 1887. At this time the vessel sent to Samoa by the King of Hawaii, Kalakaua, was at Apia. A band concert was given by the Hawaiian lads, then a party was attended at the Hawaiian Consulate in honor of Kalakaua's departing man-of-war. The Commander was one Captain Jackson—an Australian who was drunk most of the time (tallies with other historical accounts). His crew is described as ex-inmates of the Hawaii reformatory and a "tuff set". Dr. Rabe accompanied the Samoan Chief Justice down the coast aboard the Hawaii man-of-war for six miles to Afunga to see King Malietoa's town give the vessel a farewell. They steamed at 3 to 4 knots.

Germans land troops and guns and place Apia under martial law, declaring war against King Malietoa. Tamasese was declared King by the Germans, with several proclamations that were answered negatively by the U.S. and British Consuls. Much of the activities of Germans are recorded, also comments on Malietoa, who had hidden out in the bush with his royal guardsmen.

The rebel King Tamasese called Dr. Rabe out of bed to work on his teeth. "He is over 7 feet and has an awful large mouth. I have been wishing and planning to get him in my hands and secure a model of his teeth and jaws for a specimen. Cleaning his teeth and at the same time I took two plaster impressions of his upper jaw. It took my biggest cup—No. 1—and had to flatten it out like a saucer and when finished it was larger than my hand and resembled a young scoop shovel. And even then it was not quite large enough to take in one of his wisdom teeth." The Doctor traced an outline of His Majesty King Tamesese's upper jaw casting and dated it. A great deal more is recorded of what R. L. Stevenson referred to as "The Samoan Imbraglio," also much of his observations of the customs and habits of the Samoans.

On November 14, Dr. Rabe sailed for the Tongan Isles aboard the North-German Lloyd steamer "Lubeck". Detailed description given of the capital city, Nukualofa, also an account of the uprising and attempted assassination of the Premier—Baker of Anglican Mission. A very high chief dies and Dr. Rabe attends funeral and sees old King George Tabou



placed on a high dais. The King assists a gang of retainers to pull aside a huge stone that covered the mausoleum chosen for the interment. Dated from June 23 to November 27, 1887. Notebook size 8½X5 inches. Consists of 234 pages with approximately 25,000 words.

16. Thirteenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific region period. The first section of this journal, from January to June, 1887, consists of an account of the Doctor's activities in Oakland, California. The second half is given over to another version of his Samoan and Tongan voyages and tours of these island groups. Dated from January 1 to December 31, 1887. Notebook size 6X3½ inches. Consists of 315 pages of approximately 36,000 words.

17. Fourteenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal commences with a long letter to Dr. Rabe's brother, Dr. Benjamin Rabe, M.D., while aboard the ship "Southern Cross", dated January 12, 1888. Then follows the first month of Dr. Rabe's Fiji Island junket. Contains rare observations of native political and cultural scenes. Dated January 1888. Notebook size 8½X4½ inches. Consists of 142 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

18. Fifteenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. The first section of this account is another version of the January 1888 journal of Fiji Islands. It is a log written especially for his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe, M.D. It continues through part of February. Dated from January 12 to February 12, 1888. Notebook size 9X7 inches. Consists of 102 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

19. Sixteenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period Continuation of Dr. Rabe's adventures and observations on Levuka and Suva, Fiji. Dated from February 23, 1888 to July 4, 1888. Notebook size 8½x5 inches. Consists of 180 pages with approximately 18,000 words.

20. Seventeenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Contains brief section of Tongan notes in which he has old King George as dental patient. Takes Southern Cross, a vessel of 278 tons registry, to Fiji Islands, where he landed January 12, 1888 and carries the log through to July 1, 1888. Dated from January 1 to July 1, 1888. Notebook size 5½X3½ inches. Consists of 19,000 words (Approximately).

21. Eighteenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Small reminder of Fiji log from July 1 up to July 5, when the Doctor embarked for the New Hebrides aboard one of the last two Fiji labor ships, "The Sapho", Captain Meredith in command. Short account of stay at Port Sandwich, New Hebrides. Embarked then on schooner "Mary Anderson" of 52 tons, Captain C. M. Burke in command. Account of voyage of "Mary Anderson" to Noumea, New Caledonia where he arrived July 26, 1888. Detailed accounts of several months of exploring this island; flora and fauna, mineral resources, schools, convicts, etc. Left Noumea on Steamer "Tanais" on October 20, 1888. Arrived at Sydney, Australia on October 24, 1888. Brief account of Australian stay. Dated from July 1 to November 24, 1888. Notebook size 5½X3½ inches. Consists of 143 pages with approximately 14,000 words.

22. Nineteenth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This account extends over the year 1889 and is in amazing detail. It is rich in adventure and refers to many small vessels in which the Doctor either took passage or which he encountered under a great variety of conditions. Commencing at Melbourne, he moved to the following Australian ports: Manly, Hawksburg River, Brisbane, Rockhampton via Steamer Barcoo, Barcaldine, Mount Morgan, Townsville via Steamer Maranoa, Cooktown, New Guinea via Schooner Lucy & Adelaide, Lizard Island, Samaria, Dinner Island, Joannet Islands in Coral Sea, Sudest, Normanby Island via Steamer Aignan, Ferguson and Seagull; Albatross Group, Egam, Woodlark Islands, Sologa Bay, Yaniba, Cape Pearson, Chad's Bay. Voyage on Steamer Waroonga, Thursday Island, Port Darwin via Steamer Guthrie, to Hongkong via Steamer Tainan, from Celebes through the Sulu Sea and South China Sea to port of Hongkong, then Canton. Trading was done at all the ports of Australia, the Barrier Islands and in New Guinea. Dated from January 1 to December 31, 1889. Notebook size 5X3 inches. Consists of 356 pages with approximately 48,000 words.

23. Twentieth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Log of a voyage in the schooner "Sea Gull" from the Great Australian Barrier Reef to ports and roadsteads off the East Cape of New Guinea and return to the Great Barrier waters. Notes that Dr. Rabe had officially named the Albatross Group in 1887 when he sent the Admiralty Office a correct chart of them. Rare accounts of the native customs in this region. Also notes on flora and fauna, and recitals of violent murders of copra traders by natives with accounts of retaliation by Colonial authorities. Dated from July 31 to August 14, 1889, and is a recapitulation, with different wording and bound by itself, of the Australian and New Guinea log numbered 22. Notebook size 11X8½ inches. Consists of 51 pages with approximately 13,500 words.



24. Twenty-first holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific region period. Large page log written in clear, bold hand and taken from a smaller notebook that will be listed later. Dr. Rabe takes passage aboard the Steamer Zafiro in Hongkong, bound for Manila. Account of this passage. Street scenes of Manila, the bull fight, and an Australian circus. This

section is a substantial part of the rewritten Manila sojourn which commenced close to January 14 and terminated when Dr. Rabe boarded the Schooner "Jenny"—Captain D. D. O'Keefe—on the 12th day of April, 1890. Notebook size 11½X9 inches. Consists of 37 pages with approximately 7,000 words.

25. Twenty-second holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This book-length log of Dr. Rabe's cruise and sojourn in the Carolines, principally at Yap, is one of three such volumes which are scarcely excelled in the annals of such works of laymen because of the richness of detail and the infinite variety of folk customs which he observed and carefully recorded. The Doctor had struck up a warm camaraderie with the famous trader Captain D. D. O'Keefe in Manila. O'Keefe invited him to accompany him as a non-passage-paying guest aboard the Schooner "Jenny" bound for Yap. It flew the flag of the U.S. and was of 48 tons registry (but 100 tons gross). Captain O'Keefe was a general trader in the Caroline Islands. He was the sole owner of the St. David's Group near the Dutch New Guinea Coast. Writing to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe (letter dated April 3, 1892, at O'Keefe's canteen on Yap), Doctor John Rabe said that even then O'Keefe was a name to conjure with in the islands of the South Pacific. He had at that date spent twenty years in Micronesia. In 1892 O'Keefe owned an island in the Yap Group and a small archipelago in the Carolines and three fine trading schooners. On Yap he owned and operated the mint, a quarry, where he kept six Yap natives busy cutting out the massive stone rings used there for money.

This log book has one of Captain O'Keefe's own charts placed inside the front cover and one placed inside the back cover, and signed by O'Keefe. They are in a medium of ink and pencil and are of Yap, dated from May 8 to July 16, 1890. Notebook size 9X7 inches. Consists of 214 pages with approximately 60,000 words.

26. Twenty-third holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This volume, on large note paper and written in a larger and more legible hand as a log for the benefit of Dr. Rabe's brother Benjamin, covers essentially the material in No. 25 and also dating from May 8 to July 16, 1890. Notebook size 12X9 inches. Consists of 87 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

27. Twenty-fourth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Brilliant studies in exquisite detail of the major facets of both Yap and Pelew cultures as they were in the late 19th century. Details of the big houses where the girls go to find men at night, the status of slaves, the architecture of both the King's houses and the commoners' dwellings. Customs, superstitions and religious beliefs. Dr. Rabe witnessed the funeral of the hideous absolutist Queen of Korrer and wife of old king Abba Thule. His account of the funerary rites and obsequies is a classic that ranks among the finest of ethnological reports from that region. Dated from July 17 to October 22, 1890. Notebook size 9X7 inches. Consists of 60,000 words.

28. Twenty-fifth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific region. A condensed log, in manuscript form, of the material in the prior or 24th holographic journal and covering essentially the same period. Written by the Doctor for the special edification of his brother Benjamin Rabe, M.D., dating from August 24 to November 29, 1890. Notebook size 12X9 inches. Consists of 112 pages with approximately 30,000 words.

29. Twenty-sixth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal is a log of the Doctor's voyage to Pelew with the powerful King of Korrer, "Abba Thule", aboard Captain D. D. O'Keefe's schooner "Santa Cruz", and then on to Hongkong in this vessel. The King had a hundred warriors with him, 12 or 15 women, and 23 canoes and two boats. The Doctor's comment on the voyage discloses his contempt for King Abba Thule and is one of many indications in the logs of a feud between the two men. "And so ended my first Southern trip in company with his Royal Highness, King of Korrer (The big fat humbug and no good.)" Again: "Without moving I looked him (King Abba Thule) in the face and asked if he had brought my good money. 'De ac! No got!' Then I have nothing to say to you. You tell lie too much—me no shake hands. He is a thorough scamp, liar, and thief and murderer from his past record as a chief and usurper of the Kingship of Korrer, having the legal one killed years ago and constantly oppressing his weaker neighbors, as I have already mentioned, of Pelew and Angour." The vessel Santa Cruz sailed from Malagan Harbour at 3 P.M. of November 6, 1890, bound for Hongkong. Notes on voyage and on stay in Hongkong after arrival there November 20. Dated from October 24 to November 6, 1890. Notebook size 9X7 inches. Consists of 96 pages with approximately 22,000 words.



30. Twenty-seventh holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal contains the original log of Dr. Rabe's voyages of the year 1890. It commences at Hongkong and moves to Manila, then moves aboard the Schooner "Jennie" to the Carolines and after many months there, it records the voyage of the schooner "Santa Cruz" again with Captain D. D. O'Keefe in command, back to Hongkong. Dated from January 1 to December 31, 1890. Notebook size 5½X3½ inches. Consists of 365 pages with 66,000 words.

31. Twenty-eighth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This item is the first of three priceless tomes written wholly in the excellent Spencerian hand of old William Gibbons who settled in the Caroline Islands around the year 1855. This pious old puritan, who was dedicated to preserving the language and the legends of the native tribes of Micronesia, seems to have been a composite of such pioneer scholars in the Pacific as William Ellis, Hiram Bingham, Lorin Andrews and Judge Abraham Fornander who, of course, were identified with another brown people, the Polynesians of Hawaii. Dr. Rabe borrowed two of Gibbon's manuscripts and ordered one to be written especially for himself. Of the three, this one entitled "Traditions of the Pelew Islands" by William Gibbons, 35 years resident there, is perhaps the latest. It is a strangely poetic sketch of the rise and progress of Korror and its government, and tells much of the exploits of two Rupaks (Chieftains), namely Rubassuk and Abba Thoole. Notebook size 8½X5½ inches. Consists of 90 pages with approximately 8,500 words.

32. Twenty-ninth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Also somewhat suggestive of Beckwith's translation of Hawaii's "Ke Kumulipo", this historical fragment composed by William Gibbons is entitled "Travels or Tour of Ouramakle Through the Pellew Group". Notebook size 8½X5½ inches. Consists of 78 pages with approximately 4,500 words.

33. Thirtieth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. A vocabulary of the Pellew language (English-Pellew) compiled by William Gibbons. Consists of a notebook in dimensions 13½X5½ inches and with approximately 4,500 translated words and phrases. Also the second section of William Gibbons' "Rise and Progress of Korror" or the exploits of the Rupaks of Korror. Consists of 58 pages with approximately 10,500 words.

34. Thirty-first holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. A year in Hongkong, Japan and the Straits Settlement. Arriving in Hongkong via Capt. D. D. O'Keefe's schooner "Santa Cruz", the Doctor stayed here from New Year's day January 1, 1892, until April 20 when he boarded steamer for Canton. Sailed from Hongkong on April 30 for Shanghai via Steamer "Thames". Sailed May 10 aboard Steamer "W. C. De Vries" for Yangtze Kiang, Hankow, and Kiukiang, Wuhu and back to Shanghai. Sailed from Shanghai aboard Steamer "Oxus" for Kobe on May 25. Took train from Kobe to Kyoto on August 12, then to Yokohama, Hakone, Miyashita, Ashinoya, Kamakura, Yokosuka, Yokohama, Tokio, Nikko—back to Yokohama and Ashinoya, Koga, Odawara and back at last to Yokohama where on December 9 sailed on Steamer "General Werder" via Nagasaki to Hongkong where he boarded the P. and O. Steamer "Pekin" for Singapore on December 24 and also Penang via "Pekin". Dated from January 1 to December 31, 1891. Notebook size 5½X3½ inches. Consists of 365 pages with approximately 65,000 words.

35. Thirty-second holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. First of a series of eight log books in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother, Dr. Benjamin Rabe. These logs detail a section of the year of 1891 as summarized in the thirty-first holographic journal. Log at Hongkong and Canton. Dating from January 1 to May 1, 1891. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 129 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

36. Thirty-third holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Second of a series of eight log books in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe in Oakland, Calif. These logs each detail a section of the year 1891 as summarized in the thirty-first holographic journal. Log at Shanghai, China. Note that he met a General Gordon managing a skating rink in Shanghai. Dated from May 8 to May 26, 1891. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 140 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

37. Thirty-fourth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Third of a series of eight log books in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Benjamin Rabe, M.D. in Oakland, California. These logs each detail a section of the year 1891 as summarized in the thirty-first holographic journal. Log at Yokohama and various other cities of Japan. Dated from May 27 to October 1, 1891. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 150 pages with approximately 26,000 words.



38. Thirty-fifth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Fourth of a series of eight log books in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe in Oakland, California. These logs each detail a section of the year 1891 as summarized in the thirty-first holographic journal. Log continues at various places still in Japan and leaves off at point of the Doctor's departure aboard the steamer "Werder" from Nagasaki to Kowloon wharf where he disembarks December 17, 1891. Dated from October 2 to December 21, 1891. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 141 pages with approximately 25,000 words.

39. Thirty-sixth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Fifth of a series of eight log books in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe in Oakland, California. These logs each detail a section of the year 1891 as summarized in the thirty-first holographic journal. This log, however, extends into 1892 to April 2. This log starts at Hongkong and runs through various locales until Timben Langket, Sumatra. Page three of this journal indicates that the Doctor was still getting news of his old cronies back in the Caroline Islands. "Old-Edwards has told me all the Yap and Pellew news. Simms has left O'Keefe's employ and living on Angor Island, where he claims to be selected King by the natives because he helps them against Abbe Thule. Last year they have had regular fighting and several killed and the rascally old King gained nothing. And Simms is now fixed to his wishes. But I doubt if he can manage to save \$2.00 or \$3.00 per year out of the place. Poor old Gibbons is not with O'Keefe, and his son is now trading for Charlie and the Germans. The priests have now made a permanent location at Korrer—and old Abbe Thule has removed in disgust to Malacan Island where we lay so long in harbour at the fire Spring. Mr. Gibbons sent me no manuscript or historical log—but writes I may expect some next trip of Schooner. ...." Dated from December 22, 1891 to April 2, 1892. Notebook size 9x6 inches. Consists of 136 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

40. Thirty-seventh holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Sixth of a series of eight logs in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe in Oakland, California. These logs each detail a section of the Doctor's far Eastern junkets. This log commences at Bindgay, Sumatra and ends still in Sumatra. Dated from April 2 to April 10, 1892. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 142 pages with approximately 25,000 words.

41. Thirty-eighth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific Regions period. Seventh of a series of eight logs in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe in Oakland, California. This log is unaccountably in two parts, although bound as one volume. It commences in Sumatra April 11, 1892 and runs to August 4. Then it starts at October 12 in Bangkok and runs until October 29, 1892, still at Bangkok. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 145 pages with approximately 26,000 words.

42. Thirty-ninth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Eighth of a series of eight logs in the form of letters from Dr. John Rabe to his brother Dr. Benjamin Rabe, in Oakland, California. This log is also unaccountably in two parts, although bound as one volume. It commences in Penang, Straits Settlement on August 5, 1892 and runs to Singapore, dated October 8, 1892, where he boards the steamer "Hecate" for Bangkok. Notebook size 9X6 inches. Consists of 138 pages with approximately 24,000 words.

43. Fortieth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal opens with a few pages referring to the last few days the Doctor spent in the Far East. On January 1, 1893 he was aboard the S. S. "Medusa", Captain Webster in command, bound from Bangkok to Singapore. Next on January 8, 1893, he boarded the Steamer "Dencalion" enroute to Batavia, Dutch Java. The journal then jumps to June 20, 1893, with the Doctor aboard the S. S. "China" at Honolulu a brief time. Here he did some work on the dentures of the famed sugar planter, Mr. Claus Spreckles: "Mr. Spreckles left us at Honolulu and asked my charge. I said \$5 would answer, when it ought to have been about \$15 in one's office. He had to jump to get ashore and had only time to say that Mr. Smith would hand it to me, and after dinner Mr. Smith handed me for Mr. Spreckles \$20 in gold as my fee. Quite a surprise." This may have been Mr. W. O. Smith who was very prominent in government affairs and much involved in the political upheavals of that time in Hawaii, 1893 being the year when Queen Liliuokalani's throne toppled. The rest of this journal consists of notes on travels across the U.S. to Upper Sandusky, Chicago, Canada, et cetera. Dated from January 1 to December 31, 1893. Notebook size 6X3¼ inches. Consists of 207 pages with approximately 35,000 words.

44. Forty-first holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. One of two log books in the form of extensive letters addressed to Dr. Rabe's brother Dr. Benj. Rabe in Oakland, Calif., which are revisions into literary form of journals already listed herein. The localities dealt with are Singapore, Siam, and Java. Journal opens with account of trip up river from Bangkok on American Steamer "Meping" to see the great timber merchant of Cheang Mai—Dr. Chuk.



Account of Thot Kathin Festival. Series of brilliant accounts of various Kings and dignitaries met in these countries. Notebook size 11½X6 inches. Consists of 262 pages with approximately 52,000 words.

45. Forty-second holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. One of two logs (second) in form of extensive letters to Dr. Rabe's brother Dr. Benj. Rabe of Oakland, Calif., which are revisions into literary form of journals already listed herein. Deals with Siam & Java. Treaties on Siamese medical practices. Trips aboard S. S. China and S. S. City of Peking to Penang and Japan. Accounts of customs, architecture, war against Sultan, dances, et cetera. Dated from February 9 to June 7, 1893, at which date the Doctor boarded S. S. China for San Francisco via Hawaii. Notebook size 11½X6 inches. Consists of 243 pages and 58,000 words.

46. Forty-third holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal mostly about Oakland affairs and some adjacent ranches he visited. Dated from January 5 to July 18, 1894. A camping trip is recorded in another small log. It then resumes on August 5, and runs to Dec. 31, 1894. Notebook size 6X3½ inches. Consists of 330 pages with approximately 50,000 words.

47. Forty-fourth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. Small log of camping in Mendicino City. Dated from July 19 to August 4, 1894. Notebook size 4X2½ inches. Consists of 54 pages with approximately 2,800 words.

48. Forty-fifth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal finds the Doctor again in the South Pacific. It opens at Perth, West Australia, then Sidney. From Sidney he embarks on the Steamer Birkgate for Noumea, New Caledonia. Steamer Birkgate then carried him to Suva, Fiji, and then to Levuka, Fiji. From Levuka he sailed to Apia, British Samoa, on the Steamer "Ovalan". In Samoa he once more visited the village of King Tamasese, also No-fah-le, Pata, Pololo, Ma-ta-ta. He next caught the Steamer "Taviana" for Nukulofa, the capital city of the Tongan Group. Dated from January 22 to December 31, 1897. Notebook size 5X3 inches. Consists of 344 pages with approximately 45,000 words.

49. Forty-sixth holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This final journal reaches over the year 1901 and deals with events in Oakland, San Francisco and the Mather Ranch, Atlas Peak, Napa County, California. Notebook size 5x3 inches. Consists of 365 pages with approximately 68,000 words.

50. Forty-seventh holographic journal of Dr. John Rabe's California and Pacific regions period. This journal consists of accounts of the Doctor's dental patients in the South Seas. It is out of context and order of dating and is added here to the collection because it contains the following items which are corroborative of his practicing dentistry upon historical and/or royal personages: Itemized lists of work on the teeth of Mr. and Mrs. (John F.) Bush of Hawaiian Man-of-war "Kaimiloa"; King Tamesese of Samoa, in which he took a casting of the royal upper jaw; Old King George Tebou of the Tongan Islands, Nukulofa. Notebook size 6½X4 inches. Consists of 84 pages.