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said, "Fortune knocks once at every man's door," but I know he was wrong forty, and even fifty. in his implied meaning, that the knock came only once in each lifetime.

lon, and we do not recognize her many and develop slowly. times. We pass her by with averted gaze, or indifferent air, or scowling noble and persistent efforts to attain glances, or looks of fear.

That is our fault, not hers. It is beare not looking for the good dame.

bles him at every street corner. He is "Fifty is the youth of old age." Beso constantly and so persistently in her tween fifty and eighty there are thirty mind that every passer-by takes on his good years for work and success and semblance.

And by and by he comes. If we are fully expectant and positive, Fortune will come to us, and even in trouble, disappointment and loss we will see a semblance of her face, a sign of her coming.

Do not for one instant allow yourself to believe that she has passed you by. The road she travels is an endless circle. She reappars again and again to the watchful and observant eye.

If she hs passed your door today, and knocked while you were sleeping, and you awoke to see her retreating form down the roadway, do not despair and say the opportunity of your life is gone.

Remember, it is only one opportunity. Set yourself about your business, keep busy, hopeful and expectant, and look expect to see her in the same gown and bonnet. She loves new apparel. | uary. She is a woman, and fond of new ef-

you again unobserved. But, even if she of the regiment is not demanded, but passes a second time, you need not de- it will help to facilitate delivery. spair. She is immortal, and never dies. But you are mortal, and you need to enjoy her benefits while you have the be sent through the mails. All pack-

idea you want to toss into your mental waste basket. In my early youth I remember read-

ing somewhere that unless a man had not be sent later than December 1. achieved something at the age of thirty he never would make a place for himself in the world of men. He who was a failure after three decades would be a failure to the end. I have heard men of tihrty quote this saying with despondency and self-contempt in voice and face. It has discouraged more minds than it ever stimulated. Observation has taught me the absolute fallacy of the idea.

There have been instances of great | months to come.

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SEVEN-YEAR OLD

I do not know who it was that first | men who achieved nothing but a succession of failures until after the age of

We must remember that man, not God, divided time into years. Some men Fortune is often near us, if we only are younger at fifty, in brain and heart knew her face. She appears in as many and body, than others at twenty-five. and changing guises as a lady of fash- Some natures, like some trees, grow

It is wise for every youth to make some measure of success before thirty. It will enable him to enjoy a restful cause we lack insight, and because we middle life. But if he fails, through his own errors or the unavoidable occur-When a woman is looking for her rences of fate, let him by no means imlover, she sees some one who resem- agine he is to be a permanent failure. happiness .- Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Chi cago American.

SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS,

Limit of Time For Mailing Remembrances.

With the approach of Christmas people are making preparations to send remembrances to the soldier boys and others of their friends in the Philippine Islands, Cuba and other of Uncle Sam's new possessions.

For their benefit this paper presents the following information:

To insure prompt delivery in the Philppines before December 25, parcels, packages and other mail must be deposited at the postoffice on or before November 23. Mail posted after that for the return trip of Fortune. Do not date, or November 24, at the latest, will not reach the Philippines till Jan-

On addressing letters or packages to a member of the military, give name See to it that she does not slip by of company and regiment, the location

No package or parcel of any gind exceeding the weight of four pounds can powers of enjoyment left in your brain ages sent to the soldiers will be received and body. There is another time-worn at domestic rates, which is 1 cent per ounce on merchandise and 2 cents per half ounce for letters.

For Cuba and Porto Rico mail should

For China, same as the Philippines, domestic rates also prevail where the letter or package is addressed to the

It requires not less than thirty days for a letter to reach the Philippines, but owing to the rush of Christmas mail, delays are probable.

Although the coal strike is practically over, the coal barons will continue striking the consumers for several

# THE DIFFICULT

Constance Williamson, a 7-year-old Chicago Lawn girl, opened a school of nusic recently for plane instruction. The school has started with the founder as president, director and instructor 'n one, and there are two pupils, both older than little Miss Williamson. They are Helen Carr, aged 9, and Marie Pudvis, 8 years old.

Constance is a musical prodigy. She is a tiny bit of a lassie scarcely four feet high, with a round, rouguish baby face and a mass of auburn curls. She is so short that when she sits at the piano her feet cannot touch the pedals, so improvised pedals are built upward toward the stool by means of a wooden box, through which levers reach to the pedals below. In this way the child musician gives tone and expression to

The little girl made her first public appearance as a musician when she was but two and a half years old, and carried off honors fit for an opera queen. When she was three years old she played in several of Prof. C. W. Edwards' recitals in Chicago, where the musical elite were present. At four she practiced several hours a day, but only when she wished to, for her music is always spontaneous and never forced. In this particular Constance is unlike a genius. for even Mozart and Beethoven were made to practice when mere babies. Constance studied with Prof. Edwards for three years, and when he left for Europe she took up her studies at the Musical College. Now Prof. Edwards is to reopen his down-town studio and Constance is again his pupil.

SHE LIKES CLASSICAL MUSIC. The child has always played music by the best composers only, heavy classics that many a grown person cannot master. She reads rapidly and accurately, and possesses a natural knowledge of harmony. She has loved Beethoven's sonatas since she was old enough to notice any sounds at all, and later when her mother would play for her amusement the little girl would beg for compositions which she was told were "sonatas." One day she climbed to the piano stool by means of a divan and commenced to play a soft, low melone side. She was then so short her

"What are you playing, Constance?" her mother asked. "A Cincinnati," the child replied.

Constance is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Williamson of Chicago awn who, naturally, are very proud of their laughter's beauty and genius. Constance has played in many concerts in palls and churches of the South and West Sides. She is full of fun and hildish and not a bit spoiled by the raise and attention that has howered upon her.

When she was old enough to walk she was old enough to touch the keys of the plano in perfect chords, never striking liscords, as do most children. She has a wonderful knowledge of musical techpique and possesses the power of im-parting what she knows to others.

# CHINESE LANGUAGE

It's an easier thing to teach a Chinaman the Christian religion than to learn his language, which is, viewed in all lights, a strong statement. The hard working missionaries who have done both are to be marveled at. It may be berely a matter of patience

to convince a Chinaman of the beauty of the golden rule, but supreme and extraordinary gifts must be required to master the irrational, uncouth, squirming characters that make up the Chinese alphabet, which is, of course only the merest beginning.

No language so abounds in idiom or revolves ifself into so many distinct dialects. An ordinary person finds difficulty in even counting the different ways in which Chinese is spoken, while nobody has ever yet been heard of, not a necromancer, who was able to read the legend on his laundry bundle.

There are scholars and diplomats, however, who are able to tell you without consulting the dictionary that the Chinese for "boxer" is a word of six characters that looks as if it were made up of umbrellas, chairs and rocking

It is much simpler to write, however, that the Chinese words for the various pronouns, which must be continually used in any language. Eight elaborate characters, for instance, are required to express "him," while half that number represent the translation of the pro-

Among the shortest words and phrases in Chinese are, rather curiously, treatment of women, as if they had 4stance, to speak of "abandoning his T. A., Omaha, Neb. wife." Two characters are sufficient. And "to abuse a woman" is expressed in similarly concise fashion.

Expressions of tenderness may not be of as common use with the Chinese lord of the household. At all events the word for "dear" is an appallingly cumbersome affair comprising sevenody with her head turned knowingly to teen character. It must take an abunbaby feet stuck out straight from the | dance of Oriental leisure to indulge oft. en in this phrase,

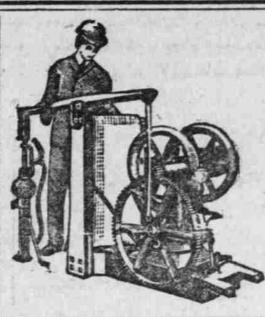
"Christian," on the other hand, is expressed in four letters, "war" in five, and "laugh," a verb which few persons would dream of connecting with the Chinese, in two.

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