CANTON--CHRISTMAS ABOARD SHIP

The Funny Things One Sees Smiling Round the World MARSHALL P. WILDER

Canton, in spite of its dirt, in spite of its myriad and insistent smells, is fascinating. Beside the ordinary sights of street life that are like a kaleidoscope for change and color, there is a tall and stately pagoda to be seen, the "flow-ly" pagoda, your guide will tell you. Another, known as the five-story pagoda, built in the year 1400, stands at the point of the citadel, the culminating point of the city wall, the ramparts of which are decorated with grotesque little cannon of a bygone age, resting in wormeaten and rotting wooden gun carriages.

Another sight of Canton is Examination hall, an institution peculiarly Chinese. Here are 7,500 cells in rows, the fronts open to the air. They are only four feet by three, and their only furniture a couple of boards, laid crossways, one for a seat and the other for a writing desk.

Here the civil service examinations other, or with anyone outside

The examination lasts nine days altogether, in groups of three, with intervals of three days in between, when the students may go outside. It the tests are very severe.

man to pass this examination if he nates you must stand on your head can. Some old students have been known to go there every three years feet supplicatingly in the air. for 30 years without passing. Out of | The serving of the Christmas dinperhaps 6,000 or 7,000 never more ner was truly gorgeous. The procesthan 300 pass, generally much less.

for any magisterial office in the pro- course was brought in with as much

know what his neighbor held. This mode of procedure provoked hearty laughter and much curiosity as to the ultimate fate of the gifts, each one being securely wrapped until the eventful day should appear.

The 24th of December dawned-not, as we should say in America, clear and cold-but "muggy" and hot. Clothing, even of the thinnest sort, seemed superfluous: exertion, even the mildest sent little streams of moisture trickling down towards one's shirt collar. But, never mind. It was Christmas-dear old Christmas eve, and if we were 6 000 miles-more or less-away from home, we were not going to have any less pleasure and happiness out of the occasion. So we donned our bravest attire and, summoned by the bugle, made our way with the rest of the passengers, also in full dress, to the dining saloon. Here a scene of marvelous beauty burst upon our eyes; but don't ask me to describe that table. Running the whole length of the gorgeous saloon it was decorated and twined and blazoned with potted plants and vines, garlands and flags, the whole being set off by a most ingenious and beautiful arrangement of electric lights, that peeped out from every leaf and fold and dish as though some fairy wand had touched them into glittering wonder. LittleSwiss chalets, set amid snows of cotton and spangled icefields, gleamed with lights in every tiny window: cascades ran down through little ice-gorges, lit up with firefly gleams; the hearts of Christmas roses sent out flashes of beauty, while at the head of the table was a snow man of life-like size and proportion, whose smile was as broad as his ample form. Truly a wonderful sight.

take place for the whole province. dinners, but this was absolutely Students who wish to compete enter a unique. The cuisine of the German cell, where they remain for three days steamers is world-famed, and justly and nights, absolutely alone, and so. The celebrated P. & O. line guarded by soldiers to see that they starves you to death in the most have no communication with each highly genteel manner. The insular exclusiveness of this ancient institution, like that of the much overrated Cunard, has wrung the stomach and bled the pocket of the wayfarer for nearly half a century, while the chilly is exceedingly arduous, for there is hauteur of its officers has sent many not room for comfortable sleep, and a passenger to his berth with a frigid heart. Rudyard Kipling says that if It is, however, the ambition of every you want a favor of one of these mag-

A man who passes is then eligible ing table to the kitchen, and each vincial government, and if he is still pomp as though it were a banquet to



THE PROCESSION OF WAITERS.

more ambitious and can pass the ex- | Old King Cole as we see it pictured in amination at Peking, as well, he is the children's holiday books. eligible for metropolitan offices.

So that in China education is the had their separate procession, and the only patent of nobility. In this re- turkey-ah! that turkey! borne aloft spect it is one of the most democratic on a platter, accompanied by all the countries in the world, for a man may "trimmings," each with a separate rise from the lowest rank to a high bearer; while the gravy!-words fail position. Only three castes are prohibited bearer? A youth with solemn brow

are prohibited from most things, as it were an offering to royalty. In the well as their descendants for three matter of style he certainly was all to generations.

ich bore us bravely from Hong-Kong conceivable Christmas glee and carol on our way to India's spicy isles, and also furnished an experience the like baum" of the Vaterland, which these of which we had known neither be- German officers rolled forth with a fore nor since. I refer to our Christ- volume that made the dishes dancemas dinner, which we ate amid sur- was sung. And then, the tree! roundings so truly novel as to seem to us now almost as the passing of a reached from the floor up into the

a good, staunch ship; she was a mag- far up almost out of sight from the nificently appointed steamer - in saloon. Every year the decorations short, a floating palace, and the din-



The Five-Story Pagoda

ner which we ate-each smallest com- else!" ponent part thereof, from soup to coffee-was laid in at Bremen before the steamer sailed. The splendid tree, a big green fir, had been cut in Japan and lay strapped to the lower deck, lest some sudden cataclysm of the ele-

part of the festivities, i. e, the pres- dingy green. ents, must be purchased there; so a pool was formed and the presentshaving been selected and purchased by a member detailed for the purpose were handed up the ship's side in packages on the end of sticks, or cine show in Steiwer hall Wednesday | the veil is of tulle it should be as long dangling from strings, or in small but- evening. She went through her board as the train and it may be edged with terfly nets, so that the lottery effect before any of her competitors had got lace. When lace is used for the entire

And the dinner-well. I have eaten many dinners, and many Christmas

before the chief officer and wave your sion of waiters reached from the din-

The oysters, the soup, the fish, each

me How shall I describe the gravy. from competing in the examinations, and stately step, who bore aloft upon harbers, actors and chiropodists, who one hand the dish of gravy, as though

the gravy! With the dessert and coffee song The good ship Prinz Eitel Frieder and merriment burst forth. Every -not omitting the good old "Tannen-

This gorgeous piece of upholstery which lanters, which is the nautical The Eitel Friederich was not merely name for the open dome which rises are brought out from their storing place and hung upon the tree, and most gorgeous are they to behold, glittering with electric lights and swaying to and fro with every motion of the vessel.

The distribution of presents was a iolly ending to the evening's festivity. Some people got their own presents, that they had bought in contributing to the pool, but they enjoyed them just as much. One of ours was a handsome silver spoon, engraved with Chinese characters similar to those on the cane which was presented to me by Mr. Wei Yuk in Hong-Kong, and Period Hat for Silk or Cloth Costume which mean "long life and happiness," or something to that effect.

The next day we arrived at Singapore, and it was with indescribable feelings that I stepped ashore in a glare of tropic sunlight, saying to myself, "Christmas day! It is impossible -I cannot believe it!"

But it was, and I smiled as I said to a friend: "Well, we're certainly in for a hot old time, all right, if nothing

The Precious Stones.

The pearl is nothing but carbonate of lime, and vinegar or any other acid will eat away the polished surface in a few moments. As for the opal, hot ments might roll it overboard and water is fatal to it, destroying its fire, cheat us of what proved to be the and sometimes causing it to crack. most enjoyable part of our Christmas | Soap is a deadly enemy to the turquoise. If a turquoise ring is kept on It was understood before leaving the hand while washing, in a short Hong-Kong that the most important time the blue stones will turn to a

How Is Julia on Splitting Wood?

silver knives, forks and spoons in a | becoming and drapes beautifully from board-sawing contest given by a medi- the wreath of orange blossoms. When of a table. was maintained and no one could well started .- Fossil (Ore.) Journal, veil a shorter length is permissible, stage

STYLISH LINEN SUIT



This charming suit is developed in light blue Irish linen. The fancy coat is pointed at the front, somewhat after the manner of an Eton, and cut like a cutaway model at sides and back. The side-back seams give long graceful lines to the figure and the flowing cape-sleeve is in elbow length. Fancy white cotton braid trims all the edges, and the insertions and medallions are of renaissance lace. The skirt is a 13-gored model with an unusually full flare around the foot. Each seam is heavily stitched, and the three bias bands are trimmed with the braid at the lower edges.

METHODS OF CLEANING STRAW. KEEP GARMENTS IN CONDITION. Renovation a Comparatively Easy Hint for the Woman Who Would Thing to Accomplish.

To clean a white Milan or a split straw, scrub with toothbrush or nail dressed and well groomed, although brush dipped in a weak solution of her pin money is but half of yours, is oxalic acid and water, then with clean the one who never lets her clothes water, not wetting more than neces- wear out sary. Then scatter precipitate of sul- When she discards any garment it hat will be clean and white. A black worn too thin for further use. She Milan, hemp braid or horsehair, clean mends the instant a need appears. a coat of bottle shoe blacking. Col- woman, however,

are sunburned or faded is to give them her heel in it, endangering her life or a coat of polish or take them to a pro- at least her bones. fessional. White, colored and black The braid that is beginning to fray lace or net hats can be cleaned by is ripped off and turned, or replaced dipping the entire hat, without the with new. The little jagged tear, trimming, in clean gasoline and dry- where she caught her skirt on a nail

ONE OF THE LATE HATS.



-Fine Straw, with Band of Embroidery Around Crown.

Brides' Negligees.

The bride who has her trousseau in mind should by all means have at least one fairly elaborate negligee. She will, of course, have a serviceable bath wrapper and possibly a kimono in some of the soft Japanese silks or cotton fabrics, but these will not take the place of a loose semi-fitting garment that in a pinch might do for a tea gown. These are neither so costly nor so hard to make as one might judge from

their elaborate appearance. Remnants of crepe de chine or liberty silk may be picked up at the sales, also lace that is fine, even if not of the latest pattern. As for the making, a good pattern can be bought for ten cents and the rest is easy.

cases out of ten, even where the bride Miss Julia Chapman won a set of can afford lace. It is very soft and

Appear Well Groomed.

The woman who always looks well

phur and lay in the sun. Brush off shows no unsightly rents and tears with a clean brush when dry and your or any spots and stains; it simply is with nap side of velvet dipped in al- Mending is a lost art nowadays. with the There are few omen who can mend tips of the fingers. Black chip, give intelligently. This perfectly groomed keeps threaded ored hats, clean with gasoline and a needles in her pin cushion, where they piece of velvet. Faded hats can be will be ready for instant use. A rip tinted with a dye made of oil paints or split in her glove is mended as soon as it appears and the braid of her The only remedy for chip bats that skirt is mended before she catches

> is mended with a piece of adhesive tissue such as is sold at the notion counters for just such mending.

> Woolen underwear is natched be fore there is a hole. The thin snots are detected and carefully covered with a patch before they wear through and when any undergarment is too far gone to make further patching feasible it is cut down for children's

> With a stitch here and another one there one's clothes can be kept in perfect condition if all spots are removed as soon as they appear and creases are smoothed away by careful and thorough pressing.

Thin Dress Trimming. Borders for skirts and parts of the blouse or corsage are made by working the material first one way and then another to form a lattice, with baby velvet ribbon, and then in each diamond formed a tiny velvet button is placed. This is particularly charming and pretty when done on an evening gown of some sheer material.

Everyday Hats. Children's everyday hats this year, when of straw, are generously widebrimmed and so shade the eyes, and the tender skin that the prevailing style of Dutch yoke displays at necks. The straw is of lightest weight and a ribbon crown band and silk pompons are the simple trimming.

Flowers Much Worn.

Flowers are more the rage than ever, whether real or artificial, and they are worn in bunches on the blouse or tucked in the bu tonhole of the jacket. Of course, now that Dame Fashion has decreed that one may wear silken flowers as well as those created by Mother Nature, it is not particularly expensive to keep on hand a stock of orchids, gardenias, azaleas and poinsettias, and these are the ones that are most popular. When natural flowers can be worn they are, of course, preferable, but the imitations are now so perfect that very little difference can be noticed unless the delicious fragrance is missed. This is sometimes supplied by a good perfume. Strange to say, this spring many women are wearing autumn leaves instead of flowers, which really Tulle is chosen for the veil in nine does seem slightly out of season.

> Fruits are said to be fast supplanting flowers for the central ornament

The hips yoke has again appeared, but is as yet only in the experimental

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"I knew a man out west who had the right idea about it. His father had made a great fortune in the pork packing business. The heir was not puffed up by his millions. Long after he had grown accustomed to the money and might reasonably be expected to look down on butchers, if in walking in the country with his children they saw a drove of hogs on the road, he would make his little boys stand at attention and take off their hats. 'I want them to respect the sources of wealth,' he said."

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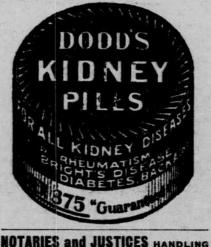
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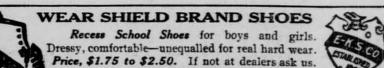
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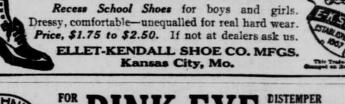
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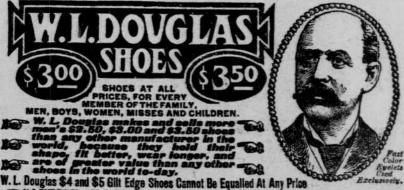




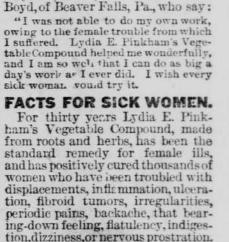


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