

TIBETS CALL FOR THOUSANDS OF BRIDES

FROM their mountain fastnesses thousands upon thousands of Tibet's Buddhist monks are now looking down toward matrimony. Such a wholesale marrying and giving in marriage as the land of the lama is about to undergo would be hard to parallel.

Every here and there throughout this country of mysteries is stuck a Buddhist monastery, some of them with 2,000 to 2,500 occupants. Fountains of Buddhist faith are these men. Ascetic, ecstatic and all such terms may be applied to them. Abstract reasoning is their forte. Most of their time is given over to the contemplation of things and thoughts infinitely higher than this earth—that is, if tradition is to be believed.

Probably a good many of them are old reprobates; but of that there is little positive testimony. What is undoubted, however, is that they are the head and fore-front of the Buddhist religion, which holds sway over millions upon millions of yellow men in the far east: the Chinese, the Japanese and the Indians.

Now the practical Chinese are going to drive these monks out of the monasteries and marry them off, whether or no. The thousands of brides will be required.

Wedded bliss is to be obligatory. There is to be no respite, no choice between the ascetic joys of bachelorhood and the loving arms of yellow brides. When the Chinese do a thing they do it thoroughly.

Having called the dalai lama an "ungrateful reprobate" and driven him into India, the Chinese government promptly announced that it would make short shrift of his followers.

This is in pursuance of a scheme of China to take actual, as well as nominal, charge of the Tibetan government. Practically all the government there has resided in the monks, who are numerous, powerful and have almost a monopoly in the brains of the nation. Most of the people are ignorant, licentious lot, so that the priests are all-powerful.

Now, everyone knows that it is no easy task to destroy the power of a body of men such as this at one fell swoop. Even when robbed of their temporal authority, their indirect influence will be as great or even greater than before.

Trust the Chinese, though, to find a way. With their ways that are peculiar, they generally arrive at results. This instance possesses both novelty and effectiveness. Marry off the priesthood and its power is gone.

Each yellow bride, no doubt the astute celestial reason, will convert a scheming, mischievous monk into a happy man of family, with plenty to do to provide provender for hungry yellow mouths.

All through the plan there is to be found wisdom in large chunks. Herebefore these men have lived in splendid isolation. Tibet is pretty well up in the air, anyway, being mostly a plateau about 15,000 feet above sea level. Much above that tower its highest glaciers and it is in these that the monasteries are perched. Veritable mountain forts they are, to which the populace has for untold ages looked up with awe and reverence, as befitted the contemplation of those prime mystics of the Buddhist church.

At one fell swoop these monks, old and young, are to be robbed of their awe and mysticism. As plain, ordinary heads of families they will appeal to their former followers as merely married men. All their craft, it is to be presumed, will be required to keep their wives in order and the Chinese government will therefore have a large job taken off its hands by these presumably lovely yellow brides.

This, however, is as little a laughing matter for the hundreds of millions of yellow men in the far east as it is for the monks who are being plunged into the marital state. Since the origin of the Buddhist religion, which goes back to the age of fable, there has been no such momentous happening.

This very dalai lama who was sent hiking about his business from the "sacred city" of Lhasa was known as the Buddhist pope. When he reached India women became hysterical to kiss his holy hands and he had to take the top floors of hotels so that none less holy could sleep above him.

If the Chinese are to be believed, he is irreligious and dissipated and the fortress-like monastery where he held forth was a hotbed of vice and revolt. Nevertheless, he was the head of the Buddhist church, to which the Chi-



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These themselves owe many of their cardinal beliefs, and his influence was felt throughout the eastern world.

Who he is or whence he came none knows. Often these dalai lamas have been chosen and have ruled when mere children, so that they have had literally no personality outside of the church.

There is another, known as the tashi lama, who has co-ordinate authority and takes command when the dalai is off the job. This functionary is a young man whom England has patronized and who, a few years ago, acted as inspector of monasteries.

It is possible he may be elevated to supreme power, but if so, the chances are he will be a figurehead. China has decided to wipe out the Buddhists' power and both England and Russia have promised to keep hands off. Therefore it is probable that the changes now being brought

FATHER'S JAR OF GOLD COINS

The finding of nearly \$2,000 in shining gold coins, hidden away a hole in the cellar floor of their dead father's home south of this city, came as a pleasant surprise to the children of D. B. Disbro, who died a few weeks ago, a Union City (Mich.) dispatch to the New York Herald says. The disclosure came about in this way:

They, with the members of their own families—for they are all men and women grown—were invited to eat dinner at the old Disbro home-stead by their stepmother, who has been such for nearly a quarter of a century. After a bountiful meal the elder Mrs. Disbro invited the guests to accompany her to the cellar. Then, in their presence, she raised a small stone from the floor and took from a hole beneath a glass jar, in which could be seen many gold coins. Poursing them out into her lap, she divided the precious store into nine equal parts and presented each of the children a share, for there are just nine of the children in the Disbro family.

Explanations followed and it was found that when the first Mrs. Disbro

about will mark an epoch in the history of the yellow race.

Rarely, if ever, has a religion been subordinated and a subordinate government effaced with such swiftness and dispatch as China has shown. In fact, not even a shortage of brides could stay the conquering hand, for in some regions of Tibet polyandry is still practiced and several distur-

ers might be paroled out to one lady. It might be remarked that, in regions where the wives rule they have shown themselves amply capable of keeping several husbands in order.

In all the world there exists no such mysterious, picturesque and numerous assemblage of so-called monks as are concentrated in Lhasa. Moderate estimates have placed their numbers at 11,000; but the observation of those western intruders allow for many thousand more.

They are of all varieties, representing every vagary which genuine fanatic zeal can devise for the humiliation of the flesh. Some crawl on their stomachs their entire lives and occasionally processions of them have the appearance of a huge serpent.

Yet even this is greatly outdone. In one monastery you may see the abbot, attended by his acolyte, tap on one of many stone slabs. Slowly it slides away and there, within the black chasm the aperture reveals, you may discern the wasted form and perhaps a glimpse of the pallid face of one of the men who are undergoing the living death of permanent self-entombment.

The whole religious system seems to center about devil-worship. At the New Year festival the lamas dance to scare away all the demons that rend the human world and they manage to make themselves up so demoniacally that he must be a nery devil indeed who doesn't chase himself at sight of them.

died 25 years ago Mr. Disbro found in her pocketbook several hundred dollars in gold coin, with the written request to Mr. Disbro that he add to the store as he felt able and some day present the whole to their children. He faithfully followed the request, with the result that there was more than \$2,000 when he died.

He confided the secret to his second wife and after his death she carried out his wishes and divided the money among his children. As she had been amply provided for in Mr. Disbro's will she refused any portion of the hoard, but the children insisted upon her accepting a few of the coins as a token of their esteem.

Soaked Consumers.
"You'll always find," said the talkative customer, after his third drink, naturally turning to politics, "that under any tariff law it's the poor consumer gets soaked every time."
"Don't you ever believe it," said the bartender. "Why, I've seen many a rich consumer try to light the wrong end of his cigar with a toothpick."—Literary Magazine.

SOME CAUSTIC RETORTS

An exceedingly ugly man, says Jaml, was once in the mosque, asking pardon of Allah for his sins, writes Charles Johnston in Harper's Weekly. One who overheard his prayer said to him: "Wherefore, oh, friend, wouldst thou cheat hell of such a countenance? Art thou reluctant to burn up a face like that?" Once again, the story writer tells us that a certain person with a hideous nose was once on a time wooing a woman. Describing himself to her, and trying to make an attractive picture, he said: "I am a man devoid of lightness and frivolity and I am patient in bearing afflictions!" "Aye!" said the woman, "wrest thou not patient in bearing afflictions? Thou hadst never endured thy nose these 40 years!" All of which is more witty than kind. Hardly less sharp is this next tale: Bahlul, we are told, once came into the presence of the famed Caliph of Bagdad, the good Haroun-al-Raschid. One of the viziers

accosted him, saying: "Rejoice, oh, Bahlul, at these good tidings! The Prince of the Faithful has made thee ruler over apes and swine!" "Take my orders, then," quickly retorted Bahlul, "for surely thou art of my subjects!"

Ossified.
"I hear," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that Doctor Cutler has recently turned to osteopathy."
"You don't say," replied the hostess after she had tossed a five-dollar gold piece to the burly gurdy man outside and told him to move on; "I always expected something of that kind to happen to him. Didn't you ever notice that he seemed to have such a stony stare?"

Its Style.
"That singer has a velvet voice."
"I suppose that accounts for the pile she gets from it."

hain't they got a railroad down in the ground under this street?"
"They surely have," indulgently answered the officer. "It is the subway."
"That's what they told me," responded the farmer, with another glance toward the center of the street, "but I hain't never seen it. Howsomer, I jes' seen a fellow crawlin' down ter ketch a train, an' sez I to meself, them holes may be all right for their men passengers, but they must me mighty derned inconvenient for the women folks."

Plump Arms.
Cocoa butter will make the arms plump. Soften and warm the flesh with cloths wrung out of hot water and then rub from shoulder to wrist with a circular motion with cocoa butter warmed slightly. Cocoa butter may be had at any drug store in small cakes; it is hard and must be warmed before using. Unless the flesh is clean and warm it will not absorb.

Newest Bathing Caps



Photograph by Underwood & Underwood, New York.

Rubberized silk, tight fitting caps inside the handkerchiefs. Border of Persian design, red figured rubberized silk, white washable chiffon, taffeta banded across hair on top tied with wide rosettes.

DRESS COMMENT.

Black chiffon tulle over blue or green or orange satin foundations are among the more favored styles.

Lace is more and more claiming the attention for trimming hats and gowns.

Black and white are most used, and when decorating skirts it is adjusted in flounces or as a tunic.

Old gold silk for afternoon and evening wear is being combined with Chantilly lace.

Cloth of gold and silver tissue comes again to a supple and glistening rescue when the dull rose and mahogany shades cry for a contrasting touch.

Yards and yards of shaded or changeable ribbon will be devoted to the hats in enormous loops, bows and scarfs.

Figured silks are vying with two-toned effects for street and house dresses. Large flat hats have appeared with flowers in wreaths encircling the low crowns. This style is becoming to nine out of ten women, for it is undeniable that the long, sweeping lines of hats will add to the charm of the face beneath, and they are rarely trying to the wearer on account of stiff or straight effects.

DRESSING JACKET.



This jacket is in kimono style; the entire edge being cut in rather large scallops that are bound with contrasting material cut on the cross. If the jacket is in lawn, muslin, or zephyr, the binding would be in zephyr; if jacket is in nun's veiling or delaine, then silk would be used for binding. Materials required: Two yards 40 inches wide.

A New Black Dress.

It is a chain mail dress, a sheath-like robe of coarse chenille threaded with jet beads, which the makers insist upon calling black diamonds. The excessive brilliance of the dress is lessened by broad bands of chenille that are crossed in fichu lines and carried down the sides of the tunic. The wide band of velvety black is again used under the arms so that the glistening black armor is not so aggressive as it sounds.

Soft folds of chiffon form the short sleeves, and white mulline gives the chemisette in the most attractive form.

Use for a Lace Gown.

Now that transparent overdraperies are so much in vogue, those women who possess a half-worn lace gown should resurrect it. White, black or a color may be utilized. White or cream chiffon should veil laces in these shades, but black may be used under black chiffon or a dark color, such as a dull wine red.

Colored laces may be covered with chiffon in the same shade, using a different tone—lighter or darker, as considered the better choice—or a color harmonizing with the lace.

MANY ARTICLES IN PURSE

Remarkable ingenuity displayed in Design and Workmanship of Parisian Jeweler.

A useful purse, just imported from Paris, is made of pearl colored glazed leather, lined with watered silk with a very unostentatious gold clasp. It is simple enough, and quite demure outwardly, but its interior contains unusual treasures for so unsuspecting an exterior. Besides the usual compartments for change, bills and visiting cards, there is fitted neatly under a gray leather flap a small mirror. In a compartment next to this is a beautiful little cut glass and silver mounted vinaigrette, and in the corresponding compartment a powder box with a little puff. In the other side of the wonderful little purse is another compartment containing a small pair of chased silver opera glasses mounted in mother-of-pearl, and last, but most surprising of all, because it is so carefully hidden in the uppermost fold of the purse, is an exquisite tiny fan of ivory and spangled lace. Never have so many vanities been gathered together so neatly and compactly to delight a lady's heart inside of one little insignificant and inconspicuous flat gray purse not six inches square. It can be called the much in little purse.

New Petticoats.
If you expect to make your own petticoats, select white muslin, blue chambray, tan chambray, white insertion or unbleached muslin and gingham for bands. In making the unbleached muslin petticoat cut the skirt in goreds and attach a flounce. Trim the flounce with a narrow band of gingham and head it with a fold of gingham. Both materials will wash nicely. In selecting a muslin by all means eliminate lime-filled. It is cheap and soon turns yellow. If a ruffle of swiss embroidery is used select the kind with small notched edges and it will be less liable to tear. If laces are wanted the Valenciennes are durable, but a heavier linen variety can be used over and over again. For a chambray petticoat a net ruffle gives a pretty effect. Curtain net will serve the purpose. Hem it and head the hem with a very narrow fold of petticoat material. Three small bands look pretty on it. A serviceable petticoat is made of black or navy blue silk. It wears well, has a silk finish and may be washed.

Pumps for Street Wear.
The new pumps for street wear are made with ankle straps, which are an improvement over the pumps used last year, for they were scarcely practical for outdoor wear.

To be quite correct the stockings worn with pumps of this description should be plain and fine, of course. This rule applies to the street only. For house wear any of the dainty styles in embroidered hose may be donned as suits the taste of the wearer.

Economical Suit.
The smart-looking suit consisting of a foulard frock in polka-dot or a small figure design with short coat of cloth in the same shade as the foulard, is one of the most economical investments a woman can indulge in.

For she will possess a serviceable suit for eight months of the year, and if she cares to take the frock for house wear, from November to March, it will be useful for a whole year.

S. A. M.



Cyrus—Say, Mandy, Hiram tells me them New Yorkers had dinner at six o'clock. I reckon accordin' ter that they must hev supper when th' cock crows.

BABY WASTED TO SKELETON

"My little son, when about a year and a half old, began to have sores come out on his face. I had a physician treat him, but the sores grew worse. Then they began to come out on his arms, then on other parts of his body, and then came out on his chest, worse than the others. Then I called another physician. Still he grew worse. At the end of about a year and a half of suffering he grew so bad that I had to tie his hands in cloths at night to keep him from scratching the sores and tearing the flesh. He got to be a mere skeleton, and was hardly able to walk.

"My aunt advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I sent to a drug store and got a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of the Ointment and followed directions. At the end of two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since. I can sincerely say that only for Cuticura my child would have died. I used only one cake of Cuticura Soap and about three boxes of Ointment.

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Pointedly So.
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Bocker—Yes, he didn't forget to leave me out.

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A Divided Family.
The bright six-year-old daughter of a physician happened into his reception room the other day and a waiting woman patient engaged her in conversation.
"I suppose you go to church and Sunday school?" she asked.
"Oh, yes, ma'am," she replied.
"And what denomination do your parents belong to?"
"Why," said the little one, "mamma's a Presbyterian and papa's a stomach specialist."

Noisy Nuisances.
Ill-fitting doors and windows represent a happy hunting ground for the disturbing winds. In fact, so annoying does the constant rattle of these openings become that many determined individuals, who resolve to admit the fresh air, choose the lesser of two evils and close the openings in preference to sleepless nights. This can be remedied if a small wedge of wood be driven in at the side of an open window; a door can be prevented from rattling if a pad or strip of thick felt be nailed on the edge of the door.

The annoyance of creaking drawers can be eliminated by rubbing common soap upon the top, sides and bottom of each.

Creaking hinges on anything should be well oiled, while the grating, irritating noise of a sewing machine can be overcome in a similar manner.

The little noises wear away the patience that is required for other things. It were foolish to dissipate energy through the channels of irritated nerves when a little time will obviate the nuisances.

Surprising Event.
Mr. Brown (rushing excitedly into the room)—Marie, Marie, intelligence has just reached me—
Mrs. Brown (calmly interrupting him)—Well, thank heaven, Henry—Life.

Something Visible.
"Show me some tiaras, please. I want one for my wife."
"Yes, sir. About what price?"
"Well, at such a price that I can say: 'Do you see that woman with the tiara? She is my wife.'"

Mr. Adee in Europe.
Second Assistant Secretary Adee of the state department is on his annual vacation in Europe. In company with Mr. Thacker, United States consul general at Berlin, and Mrs. Thacker, he will devote about six weeks to a bicycle tour of southern France. He expects to return to Washington about the middle of June.

One Type of Religion.
"Too many people," said Rev. Charles F. Ake, at a luncheon in New York, "regard their religion as did the little boy in the jam cuset."
"His mother pounced on him suddenly. He stood on tiptoe, ladling jam with both hands from the jam pot to his mouth."
"Oh, Jacky!" his mother cried. "And last night you prayed to be made a saint!"
"His face, an expressionless mask of jam, turned towards her."
"Yes, but not till after I'm dead," he explained.

LIFE-SAPPING PARASITES THAT WRECK HUMAN SYSTEM

The following remarkable statement was recently made by L. T. Cooper. It concerns the preparation which has been so widely discussed throughout the country during the past year, and has sold in such enormous quantities in leading cities:

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"People afflicted with one of these parasites are nervous and depressed. Their chief sensation is one of languor, and they tire very easily. Lack of energy and ambition affect the body, and the mind becomes dull and sluggish. The memory becomes not so good, and the eyesight is generally poorer."

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Rough on Woman Travelers

A genial Joshua, who runs a chicken plantation and cornstalk refinery down in the Salem county section of Jersey, came to this city the other day to buy a pair of winter boots and a box of axle grease, says the Philadelphia Telegraph. After rambling around in the ferry zone for a while he bravely cut loose and started up Market street.

He had not proceeded far when he

saw an employe of the Philadelphia Electric Company lift the lid of a manhole and crawl down into the confidit chamber. Evidently the sight filled Joshua with much thought, for he gazed earnestly toward the manhole for a minute or two and then went over to a cup who was holding fast to a sunny spot on the corner.

"Excuse me, constable," said Joshua, addressing the police person, "but