

NO LAUNDRIES IN CHINA.

Sailor Ponders Over What to Him is a Mystery.

"It's the funniest thing to me," said an old sea captain who for many years was in the China trade, as he settled himself comfortably back in his chair and blew a few rings of smoke into the air, "that nine out of every ten Chinamen who come to this country open laundries and engage in a business which does not exist in their native land.

"As everyone knows, the Chinese at home wear soft cotton and woolen garments, according to the season, and there is not a pound of starch in all China. Stiffly starched clothes are unknown, and the Chinese men do not do the washing, as they do in this country. Neither is there any regular laundry in the Flowery Kingdom. Therefore it is more than passing strange that Chinamen should all come to America to engage in a trade so foreign to their home industries."

HAD HIS LESSON LEARNED

Pupil in Mr. Rockefeller's Sunday School Gave Good Answer.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as is well known, is an ardent Sunday School worker and superintends a gathering of youngsters every Sunday. His experiences are not unlike those of other religious workers and the answers to some of his queries are amusing. In fact, one answer was embarrassing rather than amusing.

He desired to encourage the members of his class to commit to memory certain bible verses. Sometimes the teacher would quote a portion of the sentence, half, and almost involuntarily the student would complete it. "The earth is the Lord's?" suggested the teacher.

The boy could not continue. "And the fullness thereof?" encouraged Mr. Rockefeller. "Belongs to the Standard Oil company," added the pupil.

Kept Given Name Secret.

Col. A. W. Shaffer, ex-postmaster of Raleigh, N. C., and a man of prominence throughout the state, lived for thirty-five years in Raleigh and was a resident of that place at the time of his death last week. But no one there or elsewhere, not even his wife, knew his given name. When Col. Shaffer was appointed postmaster by President Harrison it was supposed, of course, that he would give his full name when subscribing to the oath of office, this being required by the government. The colonel, however, refused to do so and it was only after considerable correspondence that he was permitted to assume the office. No one knows why he was so secretive about the matter.

Negroes Will Reign Supreme.

An American paradise for the negro is soon to be established on Long Island. It will be known as Beulah land, and the design is to populate the colony with negroes from the Virginias, Pennsylvania and the southern states. The object is to have a co-operative colored colony. The colored man is to rule everything. Three hundred colored men and women will come from Georgia and North Carolina within a month. They will be established in portable houses capable of accommodating five persons and costing \$125 each. Negroes will own and operate the factories, electric roads, electric light, gas and water plants.

Rather Ambiguous.

George Seton, a London writer, has published a budget of anecdotes, one of which tells of a fashionable woman who appeared before Pope Leo in a very low-necked dress. His Holiness disapproved of the costume so strongly that he sent a cardinal to re-monstrate with the wearer. The messenger made this rather ambiguous explanation: "The Pope, my dear madam, is rather old-fashioned, you know, and dislikes seeing any lady in evening dress. I, on the other hand, who have spent six years of my life as a missionary among the cannibals, am quite used to it."

Where Feathers Come From.

The beautifully colored feathers one sees in the shops come from China, Japan, and the islands of the Pacific South seas. India, Africa and South America send a great quantity of paradise birds, herons, cockatoos and parrots, although most parrots' skins come from China, where the small, green parrot is so common as to be almost a pest. The iridescent impion and the little merle come from South America. White pigeons from Japan take the place of the gull, now protected on American shores.

A Good Suggestion.

Beerbohm Tree, the London actor, has a daughter, Viola, who shows strong artistic tendencies, though she does not wish to enter the profession in which her parents have been so long prominent. When quite a little girl she begged her father to get her a pony. "But, my dear," said he, "a pony costs a lot of money." Little Viola considered a moment and then said: "Well, why don't you act better and then you would get more money."

Her Words Came True.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, telling how healthy his section of the state is, remarked: "A mountaineer, aged ninety-two, and his wife, aged ninety, were returning from the funeral of their oldest child, who had died at the age of seventy-one. They were both deeply grieved. As they were discussing their loss the wife said: 'I always told you, John, that we would never raise that child.'"

STOCKINGS WITH WHITE FEET.

Physician Claims They Promote Ease and Will Cure It.

A physician in a published interview, says the Indianapolis Journal, urges that the wearing of stockings with white feet will do more to promote ease in walking and relieve foot ails than anything else to be suggested. Socks or stockings of cotton or flax thread in back bird the feet and make them swell, he says, no matter how fine and open they may be. The black dye with the hard thread of the flax variety is a combination that is particularly torturing to the feet. Thin, unbleached halbrigan he recommends. Preferably the whole sock or stocking may be white, but at least the foot should be. A further caution he added that new cotton hose, as well as all new cotton undergarments, should be washed before worn, to take out the sizing used by manufacturers.

MANY OFFERS OF MARRIAGE.

Twenty-two Thousand Elack Maidens for Paul du Chailu.

M. Paul du Chailu, the African explorer, is in St. Petersburg to study Russian life and intends remaining in the country some years with a view of eventually describing his experiences in a book. He was honored with an audience of the czar, who accepted fifteen volumes of his various works of travel.

Lecturing in the hall of the British-American church, before an audience of members of the English colony here, M. du Chailu related that during his sojourn in West Africa he received about 12,000 offers of marriage.

On a single day he was offered 753 brides by some black king. He got out of the difficulty by telling the king that if he married one the remaining 752 would be jealous. His Majesty agreed with him and invited him to marry all of them.

Tibet's Mysterious City.

Sarat Chandra Das, a learned native of India, who visited Lha, a capital of Tibet, in 1882, thus describes that mysterious and forbidden city: "The whole city stood displayed before us at the end of an avenue of gnarled trees, the rays of the setting sun falling on its gilded domes. It was a superb sight, the like of which I have never seen. On our left was Potala, with its lofty buildings and gilt roofs; before us, surrounded by a green meadow, lay the town, with its tower-like, whitewashed houses and Chinese buildings with roofs of blue glazed tiles. Long festoons of inscribed and painted rags hung from one building to the other waving in the breeze."

Actress Murdered by Lover.

The celebrated Russian prima donna, Theodore Emova, was recently murdered on the stage at Kaluga, in Russia, by a rejected lover, Count Paul Kremervic. The assassin had pestered the actress with his attentions for many weeks, having followed her from town to town, and always being repulsed. One night at Kaluga he took a box in the theater, and when the prima donna was singing a love song, shot her through the heart. She fell dead before her horrified audience. The murderer, who is only eighteen years old, has been arrested. The dead artist was thirty, and had amassed a large fortune.

Snake in Paris Cab.

While a lady was seated in a cab in the Ternes quarter of Paris the other day she suddenly gave utterance to a succession of piercing shrieks. The cabman immediately stopped and inquired what was the matter. The lady, who was extremely pale, jumped out of the cab and pointed to where an enormous boa constrictor reared its ugly head from beneath the seat. The cabman took the reptile to the commissioner of police, and investigation showed that it had been left in the vehicle by the proprietor of a menagerie who had hired the cab earlier in the morning.

Brave Engineer Saves Lives.

Twenty-four Lancashire miners owe their lives to an engineer's gallant devotion to duty while in the throes of death. The men were being lowered down the Tydesley coal pit the other day, when the engineer, Scott, was seized with sudden dizziness. His whole thought, however, was for the safety of the men in the descending cage. By a supreme effort he applied the brake and stopped the engine, thus saving the men from being dashed to the bottom of the shaft. This accomplished he fell back and died in a few minutes.

Women at Potter's Wheel.

The newest outlet for woman's energy is pottery making, says the Brooklyn Eagle. The famous Rockwood works were started by a woman, and many women are now turning their attention to the possibilities of the wheel, combined with deft fingers and delicate fancy, in the manipulation and designing of clay. All over the country women are becoming interested in pottery making. Classes are being formed and find enthusiastic students ready to join them.

Twain Wanted Everything.

A friend once wrote to Mark Twain asking his opinion on a certain matter and received no reply. He waited a few days and then wrote again. His second letter was also ignored. Finally he sent a third note, inclosing a sheet of paper and a 2-cent stamp. By return post he received a post card on which was the following: "Paper and stamp received. Please send envelope."

Color Was All Right.

The elder Dumas once was wearing the ribbon of a certain order, having recently been made a commandant, and an envious friend remarked upon it. "My dear fellow," he said, "that ribbon is a wretched color. One would think it was your woolen vest that was showing." "Oh, no, my dear fellow," replied Dumas with a smile, "you're mistaken. It's not a bad color; it is exactly the shade of the sour grapes in the fable."

Mystery Cleared.

A steam trawler on the coast of Scotland, has brought up the carcass of a horse and a carriage. Their recovery explains a disappearance 16 years ago of a doctor's coachman. He went to meet the doctor one wild night, and was never heard of again. At the time the belief was that he had been engulfed in the river and carried into the Gare Loch.

Export of Rabbit Skins.

Not everyone knows of the enormous trade between England and the United States in rabbit skins. Over 3,000,000 were dealt with by one Birmingham dealer last year. The skins are first sent to the Continent, where the long hairs are extracted by hand, the skins being subsequently prepared for the making of hats.

Rarity Among Women.

There may be some husbands who will be filled with envy when they read that the deep melancholy in which the czarina is said to be leads her to preserve silence for long periods even in the presence of guests. Certainly her alleged mania might take a more acute and objectionable form.

Ireland's School Census.

The commissioners of National Education in Ireland, in their report which was issued recently state that during the past year they had provided places for 897,408 pupils. The number in average attendance, which in 1900 was 478,224, showed last year an increase of 3,807.

A Bridegroom's Gift.

Cameos are again coming into fashion, and some beautiful things in the line have just been seen in a French bride's "corbillon." The bridegroom gave his future wife a cameo bracelet, each cameo being a life-like profile of the bride's father, mother, brother and sisters.

Superstition About Cats.

Scotch peasants believe that a cat scraping is a sign that some beast—horse, cow, pig or dog—will be found dead on the farm before long. A cat washing its face portends rain next day; turning its back to the fire portends storms and rains.

No Wonder.

King Lewanika created some consternation among his subjects when he arrived at Lilala, the Barotseland capital, wearing a silk hat, frock coat suit, kid gloves, patent leather boots and carrying a walking stick and an umbrella.

Prof. Dolbear's Career.

Prof. A. E. Dolbear of Tufts college has just celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday. For over twenty-eight years he has been a professor at Tufts. He was born in the same house in which Benedict Arnold was born.

Irving's Fondness for Tea.

Sir Henry Irving has a weakness for tea. He likes to brew it himself, and never travels any long distance without taking a full tea equipment with him. Sir Henry's favorite brand is an expensive China tea.

A Young Biblical Student.

One day my little brother William was asked how many apostles there were, and he replied, "Eleven." On being corrected, he said: "No, there wasn't twelve, 'cause Judas resigned."—Little Chronicle.

Runs Through Natural Tunnel.

The railway from Bristol, to Big Stone Gap, Va., is the only one which runs through a natural tunnel. This tunnel is 230 feet long, and was formed by a river known as Stock Creek.

Statue of Sheridan Completed.

Augustine St. Audens has completed the construction of the statue of Gen. Phil Sheridan at West Lebanon, N. H. It is ready for shipment to New York, where it will be erected.

Wanted It, Anyway.

Gerald—As it is to be a secret engagement, it would not be wise for me to give you a ring at present. Geraldine—Oh, but I could wear it on the wrong hand.—Judge.

Just Dividends.

Probably it isn't true that Pierpont Morgan wants the earth. It may be that he only craves the fullness thereof.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Has Served Five Years.

Albert von... has been professor of... at Wurzburg, Germany, for the last five years.

More Medicine.

A patent medicine... the public is asked to swallow.

Millions of Buttons Used.

The world uses about \$16,200,000 worth of buttons yearly.

Yellowstone Bears Are Tame.

Numbers of bears congregated around the dump back of the Canyon hotel in the grand canyon of the Yellowstone. They are tamed and are fairly tame, although they retreat when any one offers to handle them. One bear carried a tin can from the dump on his foot for over two months. There are probably thousands of bears in Yellowstone park, as the government prohibits hunting.

Kaiser is a Mighty Hunter.

The German emperor has just celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of his career as a sportsman. Germany being the classic land of statistics, it is scarcely surprising that an exact record should have been kept of his majesty's "bags." It is announced, on the basis of official figures, that since he started shooting and hunting thirty years ago the emperor has accounted for no less than 44,443 head of game.

Invitation From Dead Man.

A resident of Walmington, Essex, England, had rather a bad shock the other evening. He received a letter the address of which was in the handwriting of a friend who had been dead six months. Upon opening the missive he found it to be an invitation to lunch. The letter had been nearly a year in transit.

More Arbitration.

The world's arbitration tribunal, which has just settled a dispute between the United States and Mexico, has another question to arbitrate, this time between Japan and England, Germany and France, over the rights of foreigners to hold property in Japan. It's arbitration the world over.

Last Shakespeare Descendant.

A memorial stone, commemorative of Shakespeare's granddaughter, Elizabeth Barnard, wife of Sir John Barnard, has recently been placed in the church at Abingdon, Berkshire, where she was buried. She was the last direct descendant of the poet. Her death occurred in 1669.

Possibility of Error.

On one occasion Voltaire spoke highly of Haller and then was told he was very magnanimous. So, as Haller had spoken in the contrary way of him. "Perhaps," remarked Voltaire, reflectively, and after a pause, "perhaps, we are both mistaken."

Where He Slept.

Hoax—Sunday's such a slow day. Why, I was in bed and asleep by 9 o'clock last Sunday night. Hoax—Huh! I was asleep at 7:45. "Come off! You never went to bed that early." "Oh, no; but I was in church at that time."—Philadelphia Record.

Much Campaign Literature.

Postmaster Hubbard of Boston furnishes good evidence that the recent political campaign aroused considerable interest in Massachusetts. Nearly twice as much campaign literature was handled as was ever before known in his office.

He Meant Well.

"This bell," said a well-meaning sexton when showing the belfry of an interesting village church to a party of visitors, "is only rung in case of a fire, a flood, a visit from the lord bishop of the diocese, or any such calamities."

Possibilities in Advertising.

The man who thinks satisfactory ads can be dashed off in a few minutes at any time thereby proves that he has no comprehension of the immense possibilities of good advertising.—Advertising Experience.

Taking No Chances.

Clerk—I'm sorry, sir, but I can not sell you morphine. Homely Customer—Why, do I look like a man who would kill himself? Clerk—I don't know, but if I looked like you I should be tempted.

Old London Bridge.

Old London bridge took the record time of thirty-three years to build. It was begun in 1176 and not completed till 1209. The present bridge was begun in 1824 and finished in 1831. It cost \$2,500,000.

Want Chamberlain in Australia.

Mr. Barton, the premier of the Australian commonwealth, will invite Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, who is on his way to South Africa on a visit, to extend his tour to Australia.

Work of English Painter.

C. Ricketts is an English painter who is following the lead of Bucklin and Franz Stueck in painting centaurs. He indulges in Biblical as well as classical subjects.

Ancient Coin Found.

A silver penny minted at Bristol in the reign of Edward I. has just been unearthed in that city during some excavations for a new water main.

Remedy for Whooping Cough.

Baked mouse, it is alleged, is still considered a good remedy for whooping cough in some parts of Yorkshire, England.

Long Race on Stilts.

The longest race ever run on stilts took place from Bordeaux to Biarritz in 1893. The distance is 303 miles.

Saloons Are Plentiful.

Lynn, Norfolk, England, has one saloon for every hundred inhabitants.

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