They Are a Happy Class of People

rich to poor is about one in a thou- very like those still to be found in the other clothes than the head-bowl, and bedding are wadded with cotton. manufacture of cotton are vital nec- chain. The gin is noting more than out when there is a chance of alms. the plant coming in from India, where | Tney are turned by a wooden crank,



THE WEAVER.

A rich Chinaman wears silk, a poor | gins for taking out the seed. Instead, | unknown in China. Even a beggar | of the breast to the finger tips. Fashsand, it follows that the growth and homespun regions of the Appalachian cessities. It is thought cotton culture a couple of small wooden rollers, made was begun in the thirteenth century, fast in uprights affixed to a bench. revolve one against the other, and free the cotton of seed by drawing the lint The lint is fed to them by hand, and it takes a long and steady day's work to gin five pounds of lint-which means twenty pounds of cotton in the seed.

The cotton is carded simultaneously with the ginning. A second man stands at the end of the bench beating the clean cotton with the teekung, or earth bow, into big flaky 'bats." These bats the women spin in various ways. Sometimes they use the old-fashioned spinning wheel Much oftener it is something approximating the ancient distaff. The spinner twirls it steadily, walking around ing the lengthening thread into very it has been known for 2000 years. In to broaches or quills, they are often cadians in Louisiana, but the fabric spite of her unequaled agriculture, reeled with a hand-reel. Chinese in-China does not raise cotton for export | dustry indeed is as inveterate as Chi- | the Chinese one. -nor, in fact, enough for her own nese economy. Women usually work needs. In the growtn and manufact- at such reeling while they stand and Chinese husband and wife something rise and keeps up until dark. Noture of it, as in everything else, the aim gossip in the alley ways between their more than decently. Underwear is un- withstanding all which strikes are viris not, as in these United States, to houses. If there is no reel handy they known-so is fitting a garment. The tually unknown, and the Chinese lasave hand labor, but to use as much of | will be stitching upon a shoe sole, al- only measures taken are from the hip | borer is the happiest and most conit as possible. There are no power- ways a salable article. Bare feet are to the ground, and from the middle tented in the world.

which serves both as a hat and to held Once a year they must be ripped apart

Nothing is wasted in China. Even washed, dried and used for fuel. Scraps of paper and cloth are pasted Bits of wood are glued to build up cracy of labor, get from 25c to 30c a either a board or a post. Women spinners and straw-plaiters earn 2c a day. The spinning, though, is most commonly like the weaving at the hand looms, only a part of unpaid household labor. Machine-made cloth and thread have of late come to bear heavily upon the cotton-workers, but that fact is in a degree offset by the growing import of raw cotton. Still some of the light yellow hand-made fabric, know the world over as nankeen, from the city of export, Nankin, is shipped abroad. It is made from a and around as she twirls, thus wind- peculiar yellow-staple cotton, hence not dyed. The same yellow-staple cotlong hanks. If it is spun and run in- | ton is grown and manufactured by Aris so scarce it does not compete with

Five dollars a year will clothe a per day here. Work begins at sun-

one cotton. Since the proportion of the Chinese use the little hand-gins | wears shoes, though he may have no lons do not change. Winter garments and washed, padding and all.

How needful is economy may be grass and wheat roots are pulled up, judged from a few figures. Unskilled laborers are paid upon an average 7c a day. Masons, carpenters and stone together to make the insoles of shoes. | cutters, here as elsewhere the aristo-



According to the average of prices of articles of consumption in China 25c a day is equivalent to \$2.50



A VIEW OF THE CITY OF CHUNG KING FU, IMPORTANT COTTON CENTER AND A BOXER STRONGHOLD.

### Russians Saved Women and Children.

of the conduct of the Russian soldiers | her diary of June 19 she says: in the field. As a matter of fact, such reports generally emanate from unwere it not for the protecting arm of the czar's soldiers in China, terrible bloodshed would have resulted at many points. Some days before the capture of Teintsin a company of Russian soldiers entered the city. Of their heroic efforts in behalf of the foreigners Mrs. Charles Denby, Jr., wife of the son of the ex-minister to China, writes from Tientsin: "Enormous fires in the native city were started and the Boxers hall. There were perhaps 100 people who remained in their homes. All the rest were huddled together in Gordon hall for ten days.

"The Chinese troops were everywhere. Two days before the alarm 1,700 Russian troops arrived. They of them; let me go,' said a voice. Then saved our lives. Had it not been for Jim Watts stepped forward. 'I shall them all of us would have been slaughtered. On that Monday they fought



MISS TILLIE FAHR, In Native Costume.

bay, but in the evening the Russians | sounds, though—the moo of the hungry still maintained their position. How cows, the bray of the donkeys and from Rusians fought and suffered! I cannot the other starved animals comes a cry describe their courage. For three days | for something to eat. Poor creatures; they lay in the open, exposed to a ter- yet it is impossible to spare food for rible fire, without being able to fight | them." back. The Chinese were behind trenches, so the Russians could not afford to waste ammunition.

"All these days we were waiting and waiting for re-enforcements. We could not believe the admirals would bombard the forts at Taku, plunge us into war and then leave us with only a few hundred troops. Such, however, was named after Alberico Vespucci, but was returned that only his brother's great beauty. This royal collection the case. No one knows where the that the Florentine merchant's name wife was capable of doing it. The also includes the oldest upright oblique fault lay. There were three dreadful was changed by a French painter to Emperor sent for Lady Cho and she plane in existence. It was made in days of fighting. But when the second "Americus" in honor of his travels in was conducted in the greatest of state Paris by the inventor, Henri Pate, in additional troops were dispatched from the new world; then a German profes- to the Emperor's palace. There she 1826. Taku, after the arrival of Jim Watts, sor, either ignorantly or wilfully, ears completed her brother-in-law's work the brave Russian rider, they were ried on the compliment, and from a so satisfactorily that it is impossible Over in Linn county, Missouri, a man able with such a re-enforcement to nickname gave two continents their to tell where the man left off and the wished to marry a widow who had work their way through. Thus they present title, Jules Marcon, in the woman began. all arrived on Sunday morning and we bulletin of the Paris Geographical so-

"They are bombarding us heavier today than heretofore. Early this morntruthful sources. The fact is that, ing I stood behind a closed window peeping through the shutter slats. Four bullets pierced the shutters, but did not strike me. I rushed to the commanding officer and told him that the bullets must have come from a Chinaman concealed in a tree flanking the window. Calling four Cossacks, we went to the tree, and sure enough shook out a Chinaman, whose first inquiry was whether he had killed the lady. I told him I was very much alive. began their attack on the settlement; My would-be assassin was immediately so we were all aroused at 4 o'clock, tried and shot. \* \* \* All else may and every one who lived in the extra | be dead, but heroism still lives. Jim concession went either to friends on Watts rides to Taku to bring us re-As it happened, Mrs. von Hannekin | may ride into the very jaws of death. had asked us to come to her in case It is a most perilous undertaking, but of alarm, so we escaped to the town | brave Jim Watts gladly, gallantly risks his life. I myself heard him offer it. 'Some one must go to Taku,' said the commanding officer. 'It may mean the lives of women and children-it may go?' 'I know the roads, every inch of go; it is right. I am the older brother.' We saw him mount his horse, we heard the thuds of the hoofs beat more faintly and die. Hope took no new lease of life from this. Before re-enforcements could reach us it would be too late, granting that brave Jim Watts ever reacher Taku. And what more unlikely than that?"

> "June 23.—Through the glasses I saw the troops coming nearer and nearer. Are they re-enforcements for the Boxers or us? Closer they come, and yet we cannot distinguish them. Eyes strain through glasses nor catch a clew to their identity. Another half hour. Sudenly something flutters to the wind. The stars and stripes, thank God! thank God! They are coming to us and we shall not die. How good heaven is, how sweet is life! The stars sit in its shirt sleeves. Philadeland stripes, and we wept and HOPED phia policemen are all strictly the first time since that day long ago when we came to Gordon hall. God bless Jim Watts! Other flags are now

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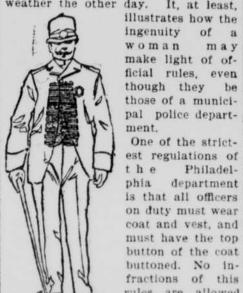
The Name "America." of the National Library of Peru, has brother was historian of that dynasty, who was also a refugee at Gordon half, review of the facts and evidence reports which emanate from importers a license.

theory.

mountain range between Lake Nica- pect that the product of their venture ragua and the Mosquito coast. The will supply the whole of Europe with termination "ic," or "ac," is common | those fruits that can be raised only in in native place-names all around the hot and moist climates. A large con-Caribbean. Spanish voyagers for signment of fruit trees has already years after Columbus were still search- been shipped to the Soudan and if it is ing for the water passage to India and found that these take root and bloom for gold. Both motives caused them as do the native trees, then millions to give particular attention to the of other trees will be shipped and set western end of the Caribbean. So the out. Experts who have thoroughly name "America" became familiar long gone over the grounds and considered before it got into books. Vespucci's the enterprise from all standpoints are account of his voyages, published in confident that the scheme is feasible 1504, was the first printed description and will prove highly successful. of the mainland of the new world. It ran through many editions in several languages, and brought its author's London Truth publishes corthe Victoria road or to the town hall. enforcements. He heads for Taku, but name into much notice. In the Latin respondence advising that paper of editions Vespucci's name was Latin- the seizure at Pretoria of a comproized into "Albericus Vespucius."

### Woman's Ingenuity.

The wives of the policemen of Philadelphia devised a plan for keeping and two letters from Henry Laboutheir husbands cool during the hot chere to Mr. White, dated respectively mean death to the rider. Who will weather the other day. It, at least, Aug. 2, 1899, and Aug. 4, 1899, which



One of the strictest regulations of the Philadelphia department is that all officers on duty must wear coat and vest, and must have the top button of the coat buttoned. No infractions of this rules are allowed even under condi-

How Philadelphiations which make Policemen Keepthe bronze statue of William Penn observing the rule, and yet they are keeping reasonably cool. The wife of

each of them has taken an old vest visible-it is 10:30 in the morning. and entirely cut away the back and \* \* The troops reached us before sides, leaving only a single thickness 2 o'clock. The rest of the day has of blue cloth in front without lining. been very quiet. The Chinese are evi- | This remnant has been sewed into the 5,000 Chinese well-drilled troops for dently puzzled what move to make coat, which is also entirely robbed of settle the franchise questions, etc., totwelve hours. At one time they next. How strange not to hear the its lining, so that while the appearthought they could not hold them at shelling! There are other discordant ance remains the substance is almost from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman,

### Chinese Code of Etiquette.

north China and after his death was war. Ricardo Palma of Lima, the director faithful to his memory. Her husband's

clety for January, 1889, conjecture! To Make a Garden of the Soudan consent of all the children and of the Miss Tillie Fahr of San Francisco, this origin of "America." Mr. Palma's Capitalists of London, according to intended bride's father before getting

We occasionally hear adverse reports | pays a high tribute to Jim Watts. In | makes out a good case for Marconi's | in this country, are formulating plans to turn the entire Soudan, in Africa. "America" is the native name of the into a gigantic fruit garden. They ex-

#### Labouchere Accused.

mising letter from Montagu White, former consul general of the South African republic in London, to Secretary of State Reitz dated Aug. 4, 1899. illustrates how the Mr. White appears to have inclosed to ingenuity of a Secretary Reitz, and a letter of Joseph woman may Chamberlain, the secretary of state make light of of- for the colonies, inviting Mr. Labouficial rules, even chere to offer explanations or observations, thereon, and Mr. Labouchere's those of a munici- reply. Mr. Labouchere's letters are pal police depart- brief and amount to advice to the Transvaal to gain time by the accept-



HENRY LABOUCHERE.

the liberal leader in the house of commons, and the liberals generally that the British cabinet proposed the ap-The standard book of etiquette in pointment of the commission with the China was written by Lady Cho 2,700 view of giving Mr. Chamberlain a years ago. Lady Cho was the widow chance to "climb down," and that the of a distinguished literary man of cabinet was determined to have no

Madame Richter, Meyerbeer's daughpublished a book reviving and review- but when his work was half completed | ter, has presented to the museum her ing the old controversy as to the he lost his sight. The Emperor sent a father's piano, a well-preserved Erard, origin of the name "America." He messenger to him asking him who and another donor has added an eightcontends that this hemisphere was not could finish his book and the reply eenth century lyre-shaped plane of

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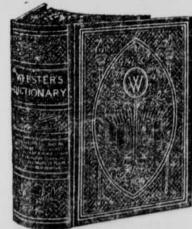
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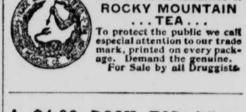
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