

Strategy.
"My lad," said the stern parent as he picked up the long white shingle, "this is going to hurt me more than it does you."
The bad boy grinned.
"It certainly will, pop, if you ain't keenerful," he chuckled; "I've got a dynamite cap in my back trousers pocket."
And after pa had vanished around the barn at a Lou Dillon clip the bad boy removed a turnip from his pocket, winked at the barnyard rooster and started on a fishing expedition.

Debt.
Debt does not seem to worry anyone at the present day. The average man borrows, pays, and forgets it and forgets it. He is quite as happy in debt as out. If he can very conveniently pay, he may pay; but if to pay requires him to shorten his traces a little bit, or incommodes him in the slightest degree, he will never wipe out his obligation. There used to be a debtors' prison. It was a noble institution until captured by the vilest grafters, and had to be abolished on the score of humanity.—N. Y. Press.

Kimono Arrangement.
A woman who was trying on an elaborately embroidered kimono for the edification of her dearest friend was surprised and disconcerted to hear a cry of horror as she emerged from her dressing-room wrapped in the silken folds of the garment.

"Why, my dear," explained the friend, who had recently returned from a trip to Japan, "you gave me the most awful shock I've had in a long time. Don't you see you've got the right side of that thing fastened over the left?"
"Well, what of it?" asked the other.
"What of it?" echoed the visitor.
"Why, just this: In the country where these garments constitute the conventional female dress there is but one occasion upon which they may be draped in the way you have yours."
"And that?"
"That—in a tone of deep solemnity—is when the wearer is lying in her coffin. At all other times the kimono is arranged with the left side over the right—like American men's coats, you know, and just the opposite of women's."

"Hearing" of "Deaf Mutes."
Contrary to the general belief, nearly all deaf people, according to a foreign scientific magazine, can hear some sound, but unlike the normal ear, the deaf ear hears only very deep sounds.

It happens that some of the lower animals hear only deep sounds; this is to be concluded from the fact that they do not seem to notice any other. The spider is of this class; since it does not possess hearing organs, it must get the sound by a process akin to touch. If this be the fact, could not deaf-mutes develop the power to "hear" more than they have heard up to the present time, asks the writer in the above magazine.

Death and Tired Legs.
Alpine climbing, long walking tours and similar fatiguing recreations may be suitable enough for those who keep in training all the year round but are disastrous for those whose ordinary exercise consists of a short daily walk.

I have often thought that the reason of the many mountaineering accidents which we read of lies in the inability of the muscles of the legs to retain that steadiness and firmness which climbing demands and which are soon lost in the absence of strenuous practice or in those who have never followed the sport seriously.—*Cassell's Magazine.*

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THE MYSTERY OF THE LAWS IN CHINA

The Funny Things One Sees in Smiling Round the World
By MARSHALL P. WILDER
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Shanghai has 12 precinct police stations and one court, known as the "Mixed Court," because some representatives of the several consulates sits each day with the Chinese magistrate.

I was introduced to the magistrate by Dr. Barchet, and found him very gracious, and possessing a fair supply of English. He was dressed in full mandarin dress, brown satin coat, beautifully embroidered, and a black velvet hat turned up about the edge, and decorated with the button, the horse-tail and the peacock's feathers that indicate a mandarin's rank.

We went into the courtroom, everyone quickly took their places and the hearings began. All prisoners when brought before the magistrate must kneel during the entire proceeding. Though all the prisoners were Chinese, and the cases were conducted in that language, I could follow most of them, as the English sergeants preferred their charges to Dr. Barchet, who is a proficient Chinese scholar, and he in turn translated them to the magistrate.

When a policeman brings a man before the court he drives him by his cue, and when he takes him away, he pulls him by it, or if there are several prisoners, he knots their cues together and pulls them along in a bunch. With such persuasion, a prisoner is not apt to hesitate long.

For thieving, prisoners are sentenced to a certain number of strokes with the bamboo, or the cane for so many hours a day—sometimes both together.

The cangue is a large square board that fits about their necks, and be-



PULLS THEM ALONG IN A BUNCH.

sides being very heavy and uncomfortable, is considered a great disgrace, for it has the prisoner's name and crime pasted on it. In order to make the punishment more severe, the prisoner is often condemned to be taken to the place where the crime was committed, and made to stand near the store or house where the nature of his crime, as well as his name are plainly to be read by every passer-by. This is a terrible punishment for them, for the Chinese are very sensitive about being publicly shamed, "losing face," they call it.

In the afternoon I went back to the mixed court and saw some men bamboozled. It was done in a different place from where the trials take place, being at one side of an open court, where a desk was placed, behind which the assistant magistrate sat.

The prisoner throws himself on a piece of matting laid on the top step leading to the magistrate's desk, his wouzers are pushed down, exposing his thighs, and two men in ridiculous



"Make Little Squeeze."

red sugar-loaf hats trimmed with blue, seat themselves on the prisoner's feet and shoulders, the latter one clutching his cue.

Two men with little flat bamboo rods about a yard long squat each side, when one begins and delivers about 25 lashes—then rests, and the other takes it up, counting aloud as they beat. The prisoner howls and cries and begs, tears streaming from his eyes, for though it does not break the skin, it is extremely painful.

The men sitting on the prisoner joke and laugh, the officers standing about carry on animated conversations, and as this all takes place in a courtyard, open to the street, children run in and out, playing and laughing, mothers with babies in their arms look stolidly on, the babies blinking solemnly, while a little crowd of curious men stand about the entrance.

TO REDUCE WAIST

der the jurisdiction of foreigners, is necessarily more merciful and lenient than an unmixed Chinese court. A gentleman told me of witnessing a courtroom scene in the interior of China, where a man who refused to confess was struck on the ankle bone with a mallet until he fainted from the hideous pain—the bone being crushed to a jelly.

The most dreadful of all executions in China is the ling chee, or hundred cuts, where the condemned man is given 99 cuts on different parts of the body, contrived with such devilish cunning that death does not come until the last cut, reaching the heart, puts them out of their agony.

This execution is only administered for three crimes, attempted assassination of the emperor or empress, the killing of father or mother or the killing of a husband by a wife. The killing of a wife by a husband is not so serious a matter.

In China a man must sign his own death warrant by inking his thumb and making the impression of it on the paper. Chinese law, when once it has a man in its clutches, is loath to give him up whether he be innocent or guilty. So if he does not sign the warrant willingly he is tortured until he does it in sheer desperation.

Political prisoners, who are sentenced to banishment, seldom reach the place of their destination, for after such a sentence there is almost always an accident, either by the chair in which he is carried being tipped while on a bridge by one of the coolies stumbling and thrown into the river, where there is no hope of escape from the clumsy, tightly-closed affair, or else the banished one is mysteriously attacked by highwaymen and murdered.

All executions of any sort are free for anyone, man, woman or child, to witness. And the effect of that universal and deadly system of bribery is only too apparent, a system that saps the strength and ability of China to become a great country, for from one end of the kingdom to the other there is no disinterested desire for advancement; only a case of the big fish eating up the little ones—and no man so great that he cannot be bought.

If a prisoner condemned to be beheaded will pay the executioner a fat bribe he may expect to be sent out of existence with neatness and dispatch after being heavily drugged with opium. But if he refuses, he must suffer a clumsy execution that will be attended by torture and pain before the end finally comes. Even in the simple

and less painful bamboozing, a bribe will induce the whipper to hold the bamboo stiff, causing much less pain than if allowed to bend and spring. The captain of a British barge lying off Canton described the execution of 29 pirates who had attacked a tug manned by coolies and slaughtered the greater part of them. As all executions are free to the public there was a general request by the crew of the barge for a holiday, and permission being granted by the captain, there was a general exodus to the shore.

It appeared that only those of the criminals who could not purchase ransom were executed. Those who had \$50, or friends that could supply that sum, were liberated on payment of the same to the mandarin of the district. The luckless 29 had apparently neither friends nor money. So they were marshaled out of prison under a strong guard of soldiers; and, like the prisoners in our Sing Sing who are allowed for their last meal the best that the prison cuisine affords, these malefactors were furnished any mode of conveyance at the disposal of the authorities to convey them to the place of execution.

The condemned were marshaled in line, and required to kneel on "all fours" before the mandarin and his suite. All knew the procedure, and there was no confusion. The headsmen, armed with a keen, broad-bladed sword, stepped out. If this gentleman should fall to sever the head of his victim in three blows, his own would be forfeit. But in this instance he did his work with both certainty and celerity. Approaching the first in line, he gave a swift, swinging blow on the back of the neck and a decapitated head rolled onto the sword.

This dreadful system of bribery and "squeezing" is the cancer at the heart of China. Everyone expects it from everyone else; even the children are not to be trusted. A Chinese woman sends her child to a chow shop, and weighs the food when it is brought home to see that her own child is not "squeezing" her.

In making change, the smallest boy, as feetman, will keep back two or three "cash." Should you say: "How fashion you steal my cash? You blong allee same as 'ief," he will indignantly answer: "My no blong 'ief; my ketchie you watch, then blong 'ief, but my just make little squeeze."

It would seem as if all the horrible punishments so publicly administered would effectually prevent even the most reckless and hardened from committing crime, but it doesn't seem to do so, and the courts go on flourishing on the bribes extorted and the money paid by innocent people to keep out of court, for it is openly avowed that a Chinese court of justice, among other delinquencies, is not even above blackmail.

It is not surprising that among the people are such sayings as "Tigers and snakes are kinder than judges or runners," or "In life, beware of courts; in death, beware of hell!"



If you are too tired to do your exercises standing up, you can do all the waist exercises seated in a chair. A chair without a back would be better. Bend as in the picture, first to the right, then to the left, then forward and backward. Seat yourself firmly in the chair and turn the upper part of the body as far as possible to the right, then to the left. Keep the feet firmly on the ground. Be sure and have all your clothing loose and see that you have plenty of fresh air to breathe. Practice deep breathing while doing the exercises, and if you are too weak to hold up your chest without a brace, get one and wear it during the day.

GOWN MUST HAVE SOME COLOR. JAVELLE WATER FOR LAUNDRY.

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The French use this preparation a great deal in the work of the laundry: For whitening clothing they put the liquid into the water in which they boil the clothing.

To remove stains from white goods, dilute the javelle water with its own volume of cold water. Soak the article in this until the stain disappears, then rinse thoroughly in several clear waters, and finally in diluted ammonia water.

Javelle water removes almost all stains and all colors, therefore it should not be used on colored articles. If articles are allowed to remain in it for a long time it will injure the fabric.

Reddening Cheeks. A simple method that will usually bring color to the cheeks is accomplished by means of two soft pads. These should be little larger than a silver dollar, and are made of thick cotton flannel, covered smoothly with linen, stitched around at the edges.

The face should be washed in warm water, and the pads must be soaking in water almost as cold as ice. As soon as the face is dried the pads are shaken and applied to the spot where the color is desired. One should be on each cheek at a time, and they should remain for five minutes or so. It may be necessary to chill them again. The secret of success lies in having the water icy and the face warm, but not hot, when the pads are applied.

Dressmaker Hint. If it is necessary to fit a gored or even plaited skirt at the hips and waist line by "taking in" or "letting out," be quite sure to fit the skirt at each seam, and not make the alteration all in one place. In this way the proportionate width of the gores or plaits is retained, which is a necessary detail to good tailored and well-constructed skirts.

Foot Bands on Skirts. Street dresses and dresses of all kinds—house, room and dinner gowns—are being finished around the foot in pretty ways. There is the band of silk that is put on in the shape of a wide hem, and there are fancy bands of embroidery that are used to finish the skirts of dresses. But the most popular finish is the wide silk hem.

Large and Small Hats. Small hats will be smaller, very much smaller, almost like a toque or cap, and large hats will be larger, without the bandeau turned up on the left side and trimmed with ribbons, straw pompons or large flowers, but ostrich plumes are waning in popularity.

Japanese Sleeves and Soft Tunics. Women wishing to be in style this season will not dare to wear long sleeves and ruffles. They are catering to Japanese sleeves, soft tunics and graceful folds.

The dressing of the hair has been changed to give an expression of ease and grace to the face. The wave, much softer than the Marcel, is being worn instead of the pompadour. The classic Greek braid, as classic as a wreath of laurels, is being worn by those who can wear it becomingly.

Coarse Mohair. It is often difficult to get wool thread for darning purposes. One-eighth of a yard of coarse mohair of the color desired will meet this requirement. Ravel after dampening and it will make the thread stronger and the work easier. Press with a cloth over the work and the place darned will not be very noticeable.

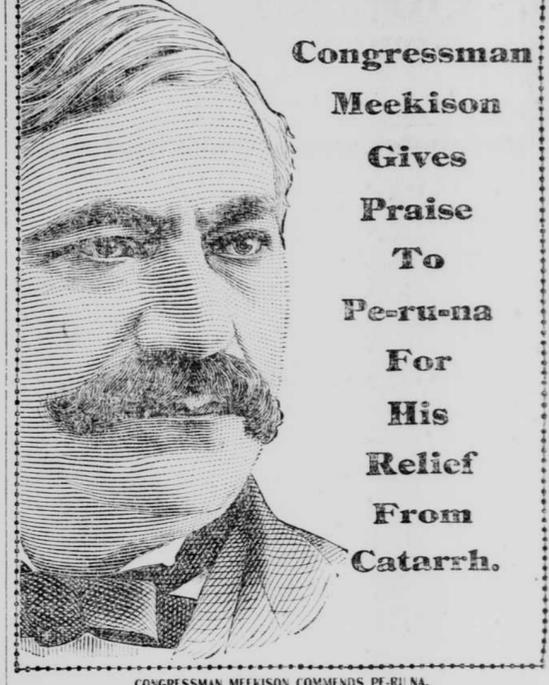
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