

## TO MY MOTHER.

How fair you are, mother:  
Ah, though 'tis many a year  
Since you were here,  
Still do I see your beautiful face,  
And with the glow  
Of your dark eyes cometh a grace  
Of long ago.  
So gentle, too, my mother:  
Just as of old, upon my brow,  
Like benedictions now,  
Falleth your dear hand's touch;  
And still, as then,  
A voice that glads me overmuch  
Cometh again.  
My fair and gentle mother:  
How you loved me, mother,  
I have not power to tell—  
Knowing full well  
That even in the rest above  
It is your will  
To watch and guard me with your love,  
Loving me still.  
And, as of old, my mother,  
I am content to be a child,  
By mother's love beguiled,  
From all these other charms:  
So, to the last,  
When thy dear, protecting arms  
Hold thou me fast,  
My guardian angel, mother:  
—Eugene Field in Chicago News.

## THE STORY OF YIN LING.

There once lived in the city of Canton, China, a poor family named Tszun. The father had once owned many large and prosperous rice fields throughout the province of Quang Tung, but his grief at the death of his wife had been so great as to cause him to neglect all his business for his opium pipe, and little by little all his possessions had been lost.

Now he was compelled to work almost as a slave in one of the big fields which had formerly belonged to him in order to support his two children, Yin Ling, a pretty dark-eyed girl of 13 years, and his son, Ko Jou, 5 years of age.

But the terrible appetite for the opium often caused Tszun to neglect his two little ones, and then gentle Yin Ling would weave a bamboo mat and sell it to one of the neighbors that her darling little brother might not go hungry.

Yin Ling even cut a hole in the wall between the two little rooms of their home so one lamp would give light to both rooms, that her slender purse need not be overtaxed.

Finally the little family became so poverty stricken that there were many, many nights when the two children sought their little bamboo mats and cried themselves to sleep for the want of their supper of rice and tea; and, worse than all, the opium had caused a terrible change to come over Tszun, for he was no longer even kind to his babies. One day he came to Yin Ling and told her that he was going to take her away and sell her. He said he would have to do it to save himself and little Ko Jou from starvation.

Poor Yin Ling cried long and bitterly all that night, but she knew that her father's will must be done. The last evening was a sad one for the little family. Early in the evening Yin Ling kissed Ko Jou while he was still asleep and went away with her father to the great city.

All day until nightfall they wandered about the streets. Tszun at length found a T'iao general who paid 400 taels into his grasping hand.

The general was the commander of the troops of all southern China, and, being a distant relative to the emperor, Hein Fung, had influence with the imperial family at Peking. He was immediately fascinated with Yin Ling's pretty face and modest actions, and took her home to his wife as her special maid. The general's wife was greatly pleased with her gift, and at once ordered a set of pretty robes and gowns for her new maid servant. She then put her in charge of the private boudoir in which she received all the distinguished ladies who called upon her.

The sudden change from a life of pinching poverty to one of luxury and comfort brought out the gentle nature and true disposition of Yin Ling as rapidly as a sun scorched lily renews life under the cooling drops of a spring shower.

Her hands became white and soft and her amiability, as well as her radiant face, soon became so noticeable that the ladies of the household became attracted to her and showered many gifts upon her.

The old general was especially delighted with her, and when a year had passed he and his wife decided not to have Yin Ling as a slave but as a daughter.

Yin Ling was summoned.

"Yin Ling," said the general, "from this day you are no longer to be a slave in my household."

The bright smile faded from the maiden's face and the tears gathered quickly in her eyes. Trembling she turned to go.

"Stay, Yin Ling," cried the general. "You must remain, not as my slave, but as my daughter."

Yin Ling's face brightened, and smiling through her tears she ran to the general and fell sobbing on his breast. He kissed her tenderly.

"You have made me so happy," said she, "that I would gladly die for you."

The delighted general bought a complete new outfit of gorgeous silk robes for Yin Ling and a special tutor was provided to teach her how to read and write, and accomplishments enjoyed only by daughters of high officials.

Being naturally intelligent Yin Ling progressed rapidly in her studies and in the mean time her newly adopted mother and other ladies of the household had not neglected her other accomplishments, such as the embroidery of the fine golden silk and the playing of the little two stringed banjo.

At the age of 16 years Yin Ling was known as one of the most beautiful women in the province of Quang Tung.

About this time the venerable old T'iao general, on account of his age and the great service he had been to the empire, was recalled to Peking for promotion and honors as one of the heroes of the great Tai Ping rebellion.

It was always customary for such distinguished officials when they were to receive new honors to take to the em-

peror some rare gift as a token of their respect and loyalty.

The general wanted to present to the emperor something especially fine, but he could not decide what it would be.

One day a happy thought flashed across his mind. And his face, which had been for some time clouded by deep thinking, lighted into a bright smile. He called his wife and told her he thought he would present Yin Ling to the emperor as his token.

"It is well," said she; "what could be more honorable for our little daughter than a home in the imperial palace?"

When Yin Ling was told what was required of her she smiled, but there was a tinge of sadness in her face.

The thought of becoming a member of the imperial family was a distinction of which she had never dared to dream. "If it is your desire, father," said she, "I will go. My life and welfare are in your hands."

This answer pleased the general greatly, and he kissed his daughter affectionately.

Preparations were immediately made for the journey to Peking, and early the next morning Yin Ling entered her sedan chair and was carried rapidly away.

After a journey of nearly three months over big mountains and across many rivers the T'iao and his party arrived at the imperial palace. They were at once admitted, and after the general had received his new honors he stepped forward and presented the beautiful Yin Ling to the astonished emperor.

Hein Fung was almost bewildered by the wonderful grace and beauty of the blushing maiden who stood before him.

The emperor was charmed with the new addition to his household, notwithstanding the fact that he already had seventy-three wives and many, many children. But, strange to say, among all the children there was not one boy.

Yin Ling was given an elegantly decorated suite of apartments and named by the emperor "Que Fay," or "Exalted Auxiliary."

Two years later a son was born, and the event was heralded throughout the empire, as it was the first male child in the entire household.

Yin Ling was his mother, and she was immediately raised to the title of "Wong Tai Ho," or "Ange Empress."

A few years after this she gave birth to a second prince, and the entire kingdom rejoiced.

In the year 1865 the emperor Hein Fung died, and his son, Tung Chee, who was but 5 years of age, ascended the throne in the arms of his mother, Yin Ling, who became at once empress regent.

Thus she continued conducting the affairs of the great empire for twelve years, when Tung Chee died.

Then her second son mounted the throne with his mother, who again assumed the title of empress regent, as the Ling was but 14 years of age.

Yin Ling decided to find some trace of her family, and sent to the province of Quang Tung special envoys to look up her wretched relatives.

The officer in charge of the envoy found that the father had died five years after he had sold his daughter, and the boy was now grown up and living somewhere in the province.

It took the mandarins many weary months before they could get any trail of Ko Jou. He was at length found working as a farm hand in a small village.

Although a stalwart, fine looking fellow, he was deplorably ignorant. When he saw two handsomely dressed men with long, black satin robes, heavily jeweled, with strange shaped hats surmounted by big red coral buttons, and great, gorgeous peacock feathers dangling at their sides, coming toward him, he was terribly frightened and turned and ran at the top of his speed. In a few minutes a dozen fleet footed soldiers had surrounded him, and he begged piteously to be let go.

"What do you arrest me for?" he asked. "I have done nothing wicked for years."

Then one of the mandarins stepped forward, knelt low to the ground, and all the soldiers and guards did the same. The mandarin finally arose and told Ko Jou of his good fortune, and at once prepared him for a suitable appearance that would become the uncle of an emperor.

The meeting between the empress and her only remaining relative was an affecting but a joyful one, and Yin Ling ordered the entire city to celebrate for two days.

Yin Ling at once ordered an annual salary of 500,000 taels (\$750,000) to be paid to Ko Jou, who received the title of "Imperial Grand Uncle." He was also placed in the hands of experienced tutors, and today is one of the leading men in the empire.

Nor were the good old T'iao general and his family forgotten. They were given apartments in the imperial palace, where they are living today.

Yin Ling is now 45 years of age and retains much of her youthful beauty. And this is the true story of the little slave girl who has ruled China for the past thirty years, and let us hope will continue to rule for thirty years to come.

—New York World.

## Pre-Raphaelitism.

Pre-Raphaelitism was a literary rather than an artistic movement. It was an echo of the influence of Wordsworth and Coleridge, of the Tractarian movement, and of the Gothic revival. It was a manifestation of certain moral and philosophical preoccupations that have little in common with the permanent acceptance of art. We might even go further and say that Rossetti and Burne-Jones are great artists not because they were pre-Raphaelites, but in spite of pre-Raphaelitism.—Theodore Child in Harper's.

It is stated that primary batteries are no longer used for telegraphic service at the Central telegraph office in Berlin, storage batteries charged by the dynamo electric machines of a lighting station being substituted as a supply of operating current.

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## U. S. LAND OFFICE.

1. Pre-emption Proof, Witness Claimant.	2. Homestead Proof, Witness Claimant.
3. Pre-emption Proof, Affidavit required.	4. Homestead Proof, Affidavit required.
5. Affidavit required of Claimant.	6. Pre-emption and Homestead Affidavit.
7. Homestead Affidavit in two columns.	8. Declaratory Statement.
9. Timber Culture Certificate.	10. Timber Culture Entry, Final Affidavit.
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13. Homestead, Notice of Final Proof.	14. Notice for Public Sale.
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## U. S. CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURT.

1. Bill of Fare.	2. Absconder.
3. Demurrer.	4. Repetition.
5. Return.	6. Affidavit for Order.
7. Order.	8. Deposition Envelopes.
9. Subpoena of U. S. Commissioner.	10. Subpoena of Examiner.
11. Complaint.	12. Warrant.
13. Notice to take Deposition.	14. Notice to take Deposition, de bene esse.
15. Notice of Examination of Witnesses and Order.	16. Reorganization of Witness.
17. Prisoner's Recognizance.	18. Recognizance to appear before Commissioner.
19. Bail Bond.	20. Commitment.
21. Certificate of Attendance of Witness.	22. U. S. Commissioner's Certificate of Attendance of Witness.
23. Transcript of Proceedings.	

## DISTRICT COURT.

1. Court Wrappers—civil.	2. Court Wrappers—criminal.
3. Court Wrappers—transcript of Judgment.	4. Subpoena—original.
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Chattel Mortgage—long form.	2. Chattel Mortgage—short form.
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5. Bill of Sale.	6. Application for a Loan.
7. Articles of Agreement.	8. Township Plats—6 inch.
9. Township Plats—9 inch.	10. Township Plats—12 inch.
11. Plats with sixteen 6-inch plats on one sheet—24x36.	12. Coupon Note—10 coupons.
13. Coupon Note—20 coupons.	14. Soldier's Discharge—2 colors—red, blue.
15. Power of Attorney, General.	16. Contract for Sale of Real Estate.
17. Affidavit of Vendor or Lessor.	18. Druggist's Permit.
19. Physician's Statement.	20. Agreement for Building.
21. Statement of Liquor Sold.	22. Pedigree.
23. Coupon Mortgage Note.	24. Power of Attorney.
25. Six-inch Plat, printed.	26. Certificate of Survey.
27. Chattel Mortgage Release.	28. Note—10 coupons.
29. Dental Statement.	30. Dental Certificate.
31. Farm for Sale.	32. Attorney's Receipt for Books Loaned; 100, 200 and 300 leaves to book; 2 receipts to page.
33. Attorney's Complete Docket.	34. Attorney's Complete Docket.
35. Collector's Dockets.	36. Surveyor's Field Note Books.
37. Hotel Register's.	38. Grievance.
39. Examiner's Report for Loan Agent's Notes.	

35. Confession of Judgment.	36. Order of Hearing.
37. Decree.	38. Subpoena—long form.
39. Record, plain and printed.	40. Record of fees received.
41. Card, with list of fees for office use.	

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1. Petition for Letters of Administration.	2. Letters of Administration and Oath.
3. Administrator's Bond.	4. Inventory by Administrator, Executor, or Guardian.
5. Administrator's, Executor's and Guardian's Report.	6. Petition for Letters Testamentary.
7. Notice of Creditors of Estate.	8. Executor's Bond.
9. Petition for Appointment of Guardian.	10. Guardian's Bond with Oath.
11. Letters of Guardianship.	12. Notice of Probate of Will.
13. Notice of Settlement.	14. Citation.
15. Claim Bill—short.	16. Claim Bill—long.
17. Warrant to Compare to Assessor's Dower.	18. Appraiser's Commission—realty.
19. Appraiser's Commission—personalty.	20. Appraiser's Commission—property of a married woman.
21. Affidavit on Application for Marriage License.	22. Married Couple's Certificate—red, green and gold.
23. Marriage Certificate—three colors—red, green and gold.	24. Petition for Letters of Administration.
25. Letters of Administration.	26. Administrator's Bond.
27. Administrator's Notice.	28. Petition for Letters Testamentary.
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## SHERIFF.

501	Sheriff or Master Commissioner's Deed.	D
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503	Deed under Mortgage.	D
504	Deed under Execution.	D
505	Delivery Bond.	F
506	Appraisal.	F
507	Application on Appraisal.	F
508	Sheriff's Sale.	F
509	Return to Order of Sale.	F
510	Order of Execution.	F
511	Indemnity Bond.	F
512	Inventory and Appraisalment of Property Attached.	F
513	Notice to Garnishee.	F
514	Garnishee Summons.	F
515	Return of Garnishee.	F
516	Receipt of Fees.	F
card, with list of fees for office use.		