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CHINA'S AGED

Li Hung Chang.

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A SHANGHAI INTERVIEW view Li Hung Chang talked of the looting DETA'L OF trocps. Surprising Frankness of the Diplomat -Boxers Petted by the Empress-Reform of China Must Come from Within. of the legations by saying: (Copyright, 1900, by Oscar King Davis.) The note from the consul said that his excellency would be glad to see us at his house the next morning at 10 o'clock. An interpreter was not necessary, as among the retainers of the viceroy there were always some who were well versed in English. The consul would send his own man to attend to such preliminary ceremonies her opinion and her attitude." as were essential Earl Li Hung Chang was at the house of a friend down the Bubbling Well road. It happened that there was stopping at the hotel at the time a gentleman who has been in the diplomatic service for several were. years and who had just come to Shanghai from a term of service as acting consul in Canton, where Li had been viceroy for some time. The diplomat professed such an acquaintance with the viceroy and his ways that we were all ashamed of our ignorance and inexperience and listened eagerly to his advice. "You can't spread it on too thick," said this wise man of experience. "The baldest fattery will please him. Hand it out to him on any kind of a plate and he will smile. Ring all the changes on his being the greatest man in all the world and you will win him right at the start. We accepted the advice meakly and set out to find how it would succeed. At the secure that reform from within and at the "riend's house," a fine brick structure, the external appearance of which showed no trace of Chinese architecture, we sent in partition. our cards and four or five Chinese in long. One of the closest friends of Li Hung flowing gowns of blue, or white, or laven-Chang in Shanghai and one of the most inder slik, came to the doorway and eyed fluential Chinese is Sheng, the Chinese us curiously. Presently we were taken into Cassandra who sent the most reliable inpleasant room on the side of a court. where there came to us a smooth young this country during the slege, but who never man in a long coat of gorgeous blue, who was believed if there was any possible spoke English with almost flawless accent pretext for doubting him. He is much and talked with us as familiarly about the younger and more vigorous than the old doings of the newspaper world as if he statesman, but, like the viceroy, he has were the high priest of the craft. It dediscarded the custom of the Chinese in veloped later that he was a nephew of that meeting foreigners. Some notion of his Marquis Tseng, who is reckoned among the position in Shanghai and in Chinese affa rs world's greatest diplomatists. He told us may be had from the fact that he is that the viceroy was engaged at the modirector general of railways and telement on most important matters, and graphs, of the China Merchants' Steam then he entertained us with the latest Lon-Navigation company, of the Imperial bank, don gossip. The nephew of the great marof the Nan Yang college and of the cotton mill. It was through the American adquis is a clever young man, and he wears ery nice gold-rimmed spectacles, which viser of Sheng that my colleague and myhelp to lend dignity to his short stature. self had an interview with the busy Chinese statesman. We were shown into a How Earl Li Receives Visitors.

STATESMAN

We were led through a long dark hall little room off the court, which is always to a sparsely furnished room at one side the center of a Chinese residence, and which stood the viceroy waiting for us. there Sheng came to us. He shook hands He seemed very old. Two sturdy servants | and went at the business of the meeting supported him as he stood, one at each without ceremony or formality of any shoulder, each with one arm across his kind. He understood that we had come to ported him. He put a trembling hand out His hands were soft and flabby and cold. He smiled ever so little and bowed slightly. The interpreter said his excellency was you can feel their penetration. very glad indeed to see us.

There was a small marble-topped table in the center of the room. Four chairs

hours of talk, the viceroy lifted his glass of champagne to his lips the two husky men stepped quickly to his chair, one at each side, and deftly and gently raised him to his feet, supported him while he shook Oncar King Davis Draws a Pen Picture of hands all around again and helped him out of the room. It was the perfection of service Persistently throughout the long inter-

and of the outrages committed by the When we did finally succeed in getting in a few questions he answered sometimes with amazing frankness. Thus he accounted for the contradiction in the edicts issued from Pekin during the siege

"While our government is nominally an absolute monarchy it is the fact that the monarch is surrounded by advisers whose suggestions usually are accepted. In this case she was badly advised. At first she was told that the Boxers were invulnerable and would be able to make it rather hot for the foreigners, so she supported them. But afterward she found out that she had been misinformed and then she changed

The calmness with which he thus accused the empress dowager of complicity in the Boxer movement was astonishing It may be worth while to note that Li Hung Chang did not ask us how old we or when we were married or what were the names of our sons. He is a very different person in China from the Li who "jollied" his interviewers when in America. The nearest he came to a personality was when he inquired, with a grin, after he had been talking about the looting of Tien Tsin and Pekin, "whether, by chance, any of the correspondents got any godsends." From the political point of view the most important thing the chief peace commissioner said was his frank admission that China could not go on in the course it has pursued for so many years. Reform of the government is essential to its life, he said. The great object of himself and the other Chinese of influence and position was to

hands of Chinese, without the interposition of foreigners. What they feared most was

formation of the real situation in Pekin to when she brings her mental energies to her exhausted energies.

commended.

The old man advanced slowly to talk about the crisis in Chinese affairs and The housewife in moderate circumstance greet us and the stout attendants sup- its cause, and that we wanted information often hesitates to attempt the discharge about the Boxers and the court. He is a of any social duties, as her means will not a few inches toward each one of us, and as much smaller man than Li, round and well allow her to incur the expense she deems we took it he wiggled it a few times feebly. fed. He has "gimlet eyes" like Inspector necessary in carrying out the requirements Javert. They are small, round and black. good form demands. Let her console her When he talks he looks straight at you in a self with the knowledge that good taste, fashion that sometimes makes you imagine refinement and a very little expense, coupled with the indefinable atmosphere

Sheng Talks of Reform. It was a very long talk. He gave us the cordiale," will be far more pleasing and ews of the court, which the cable imme- in much better form than those perfuncdiately made public, and then he told us tory affairs that may have excited her the story of the origin and growth of the envy or made her feel the utter useless-Boxer movement and how it came to have ness of allowing her mind to dwell upon its hold upon the empress and the princes hospitable thoughts intent. of the imperial clan. When we asked him The hostess who can surprise her guests how many Boxers there were he replied: with some undreamed of novelty, whether "When the empress is a Boxer there are in the way of a "new creation," in viands. just as many Boxers as there are Chinese, decorations or favors, may be sure of hold but when she really ceases to be one then ing a pleasant remembrance in the minds there will be no others left." of her guests. So jaded does the mind of In other words those who did not recant the habitual diner become that they feel when she did she would behead. Sheng aggrieved, indeed, when the hostess does said that after Yu Hsien, the founder of the not arouse them from their ennul with Boxers, was degraded from the governorship something new under the sun. of Shan Tung he went to Pekin and there Celebrating family birthdays and wedding he told the story of the wonderful prowess anniversaries are occasions for real social and invulnerability of the Boxers to fisu enjoyment, as all formality and ceremony Tung, one of the tutors of the young heir are foreign to the event. They should parapparent, who is the son of Prince Tuan. take more of the nature of family gather-Hsu Tung influenced Tuan, always a rabid ings, though very often fashionable folks foreigner hater, and the two succeeded in make them quite a social "affair." convincing the empress. So the thing grew. For a small party this idea might be This was especially interesting, confirming arried out and the effect is very beautiful. as it did the statement of Li Hung Charg All the table lines should be snow-white. with respect to the empress and her relaif any embroidered pieces are used they tions with the Boxers. Shong went much must not have colored designs. From the further than Li in declaring that reform of chandelier down to each corner of the the government by Chinese was imperative. table bring long ribbens of wood shavings, He admitted frankly that China could not broad, white and sating; smother these in stand another upheaval such as that of asparagus ferns and add here and there a 1900, if indeed it weathers that one. But pink chrysanthemum and little, fine, curly if there is no reform that is genuine, he tendrils of shavings. At each corner have said, the Chinese themselves would revolt. bow and ribbon ends of the shavings and a and that would mean the end of the embig, pink chrysanthemum. Falling from the pire. This was a reference to the secret top and hanging down from the chandeller societles that have since been stirring up arrange the chrysanthemums and curls and trouble in the Canton district. While he asparagus ferns. In the center of the table was viceroy there Li Hung Chang kept them quiet, but he beheaded more than have a small wooden tub filled with the 'mums" and forms. At the end of luncheon 3,000 in doing it. these can be passed around to the guests. Sheng talked like a man who has reached At each cover, instead of a guest card, a settled conviction. He spoke of the fuplace a tiny wooden pie-board with a little ture of China frankly and with a conviction that was convincing, especially when rolling-pin and potato-masher tied to it with pink ribbons. Have the guest's name one remembered that he was one of those written on the rolling-pin and the hostesa' who were principally responsible for the on the pie-board, with dates of her wedculet which prevailed in the Yangtse provinces in spite of the positive and imperative ding and anniversary and also name of demands of the empress that all her loyal guest of honor. If pezsible to obtain, use in the oven for ten minutes. Draw out carved, wooden candlesticks, otherwise subjects there should rise and exterminate sprinkle the top thickly with sugar, grated wroughtiron, but not china, silver or glass. the foreigners. It remains to be seen how Arrange these near the centerpiece. Use clear was his vision. pink candles and shades. At each cover PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS. place a tiny wooden bowl with a tiny lace dishpan the wine around it and let it stand till cold. doily in it and filled with fine pink and "Tommy, Tommy, remember. Santy white mints. On each bread and butter of glorified cheese cakes. Cream very omes only to good boys." plate place a rasped roll and the spreader. "Yes, ma; but boys 'at you think iz awful light a pound of hutter, beat into it a Serve the following menu. The salad should pound of moist sugar, then add the yolks bad Santy thinks iz tollable good. be passed around, allowing each guest to of twelve eggs beaten very light and beat help themselves, as it makes a very pretty His Mamma-Willie, I don't like that dish when served in the shell: Oysters on the Shell. Oysters on the Shell. Salted Peanuts, Pim Olas, Consomme with Sherry, Mushroom and Sweetbread Pattles, Fried Chicken, Peas, Fried Chicken, Peas, Lebster Solad, (Served in Shell on Bed of Lettuce), Montrose Pudding, Chestnut Sauce, Fancy Cakes, Coffee, Line shells with puff paste rolled very cough of yours at all. Willie-I ain't stuck on it, either, thin; arrange seeded raisins starwise in mamma half peel snippels of citron, then fill with

"Ma, I bought you some candy down

"That was kind, Tommy; where is it?"

"Well, ma, I was so long comin' home

"Is that word in the dictionary?" he

First Boy-I've got to take a lickin' when

Second Boy-Oh, well, that won't amount

Willie-Pa, ma says you're the head of

Will'e-And, pa, Uncle Harry says I'm

chip off the old block. What's "the old

Willie-Well, then, pa, you're an old

Second Boy-Father or mother?"

on the cars that it didn't last till I got

town.

here.

"Rubber!"

asked.

to much!

block ?"

the emotional matron.

self from her embrace.

get home tonight.

First Boy-Mother.

the house. Is that so?

Pa-It is, if she says so.

Pa-I suppose that's me.

blockhead, ain't you?

TABLE AND KITCHEN, Practical Suggestions About Food and the preparations of It. ................ Daily Menus. MONDAY. BREAKFAST. Frait Cereal

Cream, Hashed Potatoes. LUNCH. Tomato Sauce Wafers. Vegetable Ro able Roast. Stewed Fruit. ced Frun. DINNER. Cream of Celery Soup. Siewed Corn. String Beans. String Beans. Lettuce Salad. Whipped Cream. Meat Plo Stewed Figs

BREAKFASH Fruit. Cereal. Fried Liver and Bacon. Creamed Pointoes. Breakfast Rolls. LUNCH. Fried Oysters. Fried Oysters. Congerbread. TUESDAY, BREAKFAST. Fruit. Cereal Conver-DINNER. Potato Sodp. Brown Fricassee of Chicken. ed Rice. Sweet Potatoes.

Botled Rice. Sweet Po Celery Mayonnaise. Pumpkin Ple. Coffee.

WEDNESDAY. BREAKFAST. Baked Apple. mel. Same of Smoked Beef. Baked Pointoes. Same Syr Cerecl Fricass Syrup Griddle Cakes Coffee. LUNCH Rice Croquettes. Cream Sauce. Brown Bread. Stewed Dates. Cereal Coffee. DINNER. Tomato Soup. Braised. Mashed Potatoes tewed Carrols.

Fresh Tongue Stewed Carrots. Cold Slaw. Apple Charlotte. Coffee.

Hints for Entertainments. If the inventive faculty displayed by the

odern hostess in devising new and novel methods for the entertainment of her guests could be given a more practical application in the household economy it would, no doubt, be the means of overcoming many of the difficulties of housekeeping. That women have the gift of invention is evident bear upon the subject dear to her heart and touching her womanly pride and ambition. To be rated among the knowing ones as a charming hostess and successful entertainer; to have gained this distinction seems to be sufficient compensation to many wearied hostess who has worked herself, a well as a corps of willing assistants, to the verge of nervous and thys cal prostra ion by the end of a most successful season. "The end crowns all." To be able to console herself with the triumphant fact that her social "functions" were the envy and despair of all her friends acts like a tonic in restoring Just as long as the desire for more dis

play, the ambition to outdo others, does not become the predominant motive to the exclusion of good taste and refinement. this desire to add beauty and attractiveness to our hospitable undertakings is to be

of unassumed hospitality, that "entente

# The Restaurant Rush!

CACRIFICED to the American passion for hurry." That was the verdict given by a writer in Leslie's Weekly on the many victims of the ferry accident at Mount Desert. There was plenty of room on the boat, plenty of time to reach it. But the hurrying crowd jostled and struggled and crushed till they broke down the landing stage and produced a horror of death and destruction which shocked the entire country.

"Sacrificed to the American passion for hurry," is the epitaph which might be legitimately carved on the tombstones of thousands who have passed away as victims of liver disease, heart disease, lung disease, or the disease of some other vital organ, but who were in reality victims of stomach disease, induced by the American habit of hurry at meals.

Look into any favorite restaurant in any city at the lunch hour. Men are crowded about the tables and eating as if for a wager. Behind them and around

them other men wait for their seats, wondering impatiently why people are such slow eaters. These are the people who sacrifice themselves to the passion for hurry. They eat heartily, rapidly, indifferent to everything but a speedy return to business, and the result is that the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition become diseased. Since the stomach is the vital center from which the whole body is nourished, it follows that no man can be stronger than his stomach. The "weak" heart which is so fatal to this hurrying generation will be found often to be the result of the weak stomach. The "disordered liver" will be set in order when the diseased stomach is cured. It is the same with other organs. They are all fed from the stomach. When the stomach breaks down they starve, and starvation means at first weakness and ultimately death. This being true, it follows that the cure of diseases remote from the stomach would often follow the cure of diseases of the stomach and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition. And that has been the experience of thousands who have taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, only hoping for relief from "stomach trouble," but who have found to their astonishment the liver regulated, "heart trouble" cured, "weak lungs" strengthened and nervous diseases entirely overcome. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures diseases of the stomach and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures through the stomach diseases remote from the stomach, which have their origin in a diseased condition of that vital organ. If a man cannot eat he cannot live. If he can eat, but cannot properly digest and assimilate his food he does not live but only exists, until some starved organ becomes a prey to disease. By curing diseases of the stomach and digestive and nutritive systems "Golden Medical Discovery" removes the obstacles to the perfect nutrition of the body and all its organs. By increasing the nutrition it increases the supply of blood which is made from food, when properly digested and assimilated, and this blood is the vital principle which nourishes the body and all its parts.

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DOCTORS GAVE NO RELIEF.

were placed about it and Li moved toward one of them to sit down. His two men of muscle caught him by the arms at the shoulders and lowered him gently to his Then the interview began, and at scat. the first question an attendant came and poured out champagne instead of ter, the drinking of which by the viceroy would be the signal that the interview was ended. True to his old custom Li Hung Chang did most of the questioning. He wanted to know all about the actions and conduct of the troops of the allies at Tien Trin and on the way to and in Pekin. He was particularly concerned about looting and the atrocities of the Russians and French. It was almost impossible to get in a word or a question unless it was attached by main strength to some wholly irrevelant answer to one of his questions. The political man from Washington-friend of the wise and experienced man in the diplomatic service-began to despair of getting a chance to use any of the carefully honeyed words. At last there was an opportunity and he jumped at it. He told the interpretor to assure his excellency of the great esteem and high regard which the people of the United States had for him. Young Mr. Tseng translated quickly and the reply was swift and straight:

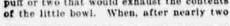
Then why do they object to me as a commissioner to negotiate a settlement of the present difficulty "" asked the vice-TOY.

The political man from Washington was stumped, but the man from Oregon answered as the great Tseng might have done, that the objection was most certainly only that of the rabble who always shout loudest and count least. The viceroy smiled and seemed to be satisfied that it was so. Not warned by this the political man watched his chance again and when it came experimented with a few gaudy expressions of his own opinion of the remarkable attainments of the viceroy. Young Mr. Tseng turned his gold rimmed spectacles toward the Washingtonian and said in a tone of unutterable weariness

"Yes, his excellency has some small reputation.

#### Perfection of Service.

He did not take the trouble to translate the remarks of the Washingtonian, who thereupon withdrew into his shell and closed the door. All this time a crowd of half a dozen or more servants hung in the doorway or stood in the hall and occasionally peeked into the room. Not the slightest motion or sign of their master escaped them. Their movements in attending to his wants were absolutely noiseless. A little wave of the hand brought them to him. He seemed never to speak to them. They divined his will, got what he desired and withdrew to the doorway again. Occasionally he smoked a cigarette, but his favorite was a long Chinese pipe. One of his men would fill it and stand with lighted taper holding the end of the long stem to the viceroy's lips, waiting for him to take the puff or two that would exhaust the contents





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# FEELS YOUNG AGAIN.

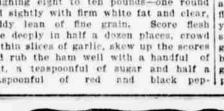
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the bottom of half of them. In the other

the batter, and bake quickly. Make a

frosting of the whites of eggs, stir fresh

cocoanut into half of it, and frost half the

but before the frosting hardens strew

blanched almonds lightly over it.

cheese cakes. Frost the other half plain,