

Once Upon a Time.

My little child comes to my knee And tugging pleads that he may climb Into my lap to hear me tell...

Flinging Banter.

"I wish I was a little fish, Or else a little bird, Or something that don't have the curls Which grown folks think so pretty."

What Ethel Said.

Good-bye to Santa Claus, poor man. You know, papa, it is not so. It is a tale of long ago.

Indeed, papa, I'm 10 years old, And our stove-pipe is very small To hold St. Nick, I suppose and all.

Oh, dear! papa, what is the use? He could not do it; that is flat. I know you could not get a hat Through such a small stove-door as that.

Where do they come from? Can't you tell? Who came so lightly through the snow, Stepping just this way, soft and slow.

I did not listen; no, nor peep; But when I saw him through the snow, I thought most likely it was the boys Of Santa Claus, with all his toys.

And then you laughed, and mamma, too; In just one lit le minute more I heard you both come in the door, And pile the things up on the floor.

Oh, yes, papa, now that is true. The Christ-child came to us that night, To tell us of his love and might. An ill the world with Heavenly light, But Santa Claus, you know, is you.

CHINESE WOMEN.

Their Superb Physique and Comeliness— Pictures of the Celestial Empire.

Far less mysterious and poetical than the veiled women of our own Mediterranean Orient—Turkish, Egyptian, Syrian, Moroccan, Arabian—the great Chinese ladies lead, nevertheless, an indoor life, beyond the reach of vulgar eyes or public contact.

In Turkey the wives of pashas may be seen, not only at the bazaars of Stamboul, but in all the shops of Constantinople. One prefect of police—a Turk of the old stock—thought himself even obliged to publish an edict forbidding them to visit the stores of Pera.

In the houses of the rich mandarins there are always several courts—little open yards—through which one has to pass before reaching the female apartments, which are always separated from those of the men.

beside each chair is a magnificent porcelain vase—precisely the same as those Chinese vases we use for mantelpiece ornaments. These vases are used simply as spittoons. Lanterns symmetrically disposed fill the parlor with a pale light.

Chinese ladies wear robes of silk of any or every color. Their frightful little feet protrude from the legs of a straight pair of satin pantaloons much like the European garment in form. The custom of martyring the feet always affects the legs, which invariably become thin, atrophied or deformed.

Nevertheless, the Chinese Government is administered by a woman—an empress—but this sovereign does not seem inclined to do anything toward elevating her sex above its present condition—toward giving woman a larger place and more authority in the family and in society.

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ing, the eyes and other accessories are made in porcelain. The Buddhist temples are covered with porcelain tiles, and built usually in the centre of an artificial pond, where ducks live in multitudes, the duck being the favorite bird of the Chinese.

But the woman of the people, the woman of the working classes, is really agreeable to see. What strength! What skill for all trades and callings! The boatwomen who pass their whole life upon the water are admirable for their courage and patience.

The workingwoman runs, goes everywhere. She has the bold, brusque manner of the person who is wholly self-dependent, and is conscious of her force to do and dare.

TEACHING THE BLIND. Their Proficiency in Modelling, Music and Many Manual Employments. A class of little boys sat around a table in a pleasant room of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind.

"We do not realize that these little fellows are working in the dark," said Assistant Principal Battles to a visitor, softly closing the tall shutters of the window. The room was pitch dark.

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Those cranks who have no other ambition on earth than to accumulate a million postage-stamps have been struck by lightning and blown up on steamboats until the number has been reduced to about half a dozen.

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