My little child comes to my knee
And tugging pleads that he may climb
Into my lap to hear me tell
The Christmas tale he loves so well— A tale my mother told to me, Beginning "Once upon a time."

It is a tale of the skies that rang With angel rhapsodies sublime; Of that great host, serene and white, The shepherds saw one winter night-And of the glorious stars that sang An anthem once upon a time.

This story of the hallowed years cells of the sacrifice sublime Of One who prayed alone and wept While His awearied followers slept— And how His blocd and Mary's tears Commingled, once upon a time.

And now my darling at my side And echoes of the distant chime Bring that sweet story back to me-Of Bethlehem and Calvary, A 1d of the gentie Christ that died For sinners, once upon a time.

The mighty deeds that men have told In pouderous tomes or fluent rhyme, Like misty shadows fade away-But this sweet story 'bides for aye, And, like the stars that sang of old, We sing of "Once upon a time." -Chicago News.

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

" It hurts so when I have them brushed, And Mary, ev'ry morning, Says 1 am 'such a naughty girl,' She surely will 'give warning.'

"She jerks, and don't care how she pulls, She says I'm 'very trying.' But when they're tangled full of snarls, How can I keep from crying?

"I'll play I am the barber-man, And cut them all to pieces. I don't care if my papa does Call them his golden fleeces."

She took the shears and cut them off, With grave, absorbed demeanor. And when the little lamb was shorn, I wish you could have seen her. -Golden Days.

What Ethel Baid.

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

I really don's see how you can. Indeed, papa, I'm 10 years old, And our stove-pipe is very small To hold St. Nice, his pipe and all. Although he is not very tall, I don't believe all I'm told.

And do you think I do not know?

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. Indeed, I am not such a goose.

Where do they come from? Can't you tell Who came so lightly through the snow, Stepping just this way, soft and slow, For fear his little girls should know, And at the doorstep tripped and fed.

I did not listen; no, nor peep; But when you made that dreadful noise, I thought most likely it was the boys Of Santa Claus, with all his toys, I winged so hard I could not sleep.

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

Oh, yes! papa, now that is true. The Christ-child came to us that night, To tell us of his love and might, An i fill 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, Moresque, Arabian-the great Chinese ladies palanquin is entirely closed up, its windows shape of the woman within the palanquin, which is always decorated with the insignia of the privileged classes. A mandarin's wife must not show herself under risk of being sullied by the gaze of the populace. She shares the honors of her husband, gives parties in her own house, visits her female friends, but the street is forbidden to her.

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 Tark of the old stockthought himself even obliged to publish an edict forbidding them to visit the stores of Pera. In China no weman of the mandarin class is ever seen in a shop. When she precious than the other varieties. desires to make a purchase the goods have to be brought to her house to be examined. If you should chance to meet a well-dressed Chinese woman, either walking or in an that she belongs to the demi-monde. As great ladies receive company they always open palanquin, you may assure yourself for the women of the people, they can go freely through the streets; they carry packages, merchandise of all kinds, and adopt very successfully, by reason of their uncommonly well-developed muscular power, the trade of porters. The great Oninese ladies are served by female domestics called "amahs." These servants sometimes perform commissions, but not as a rule. No woman employed in such an aristocratic family allows herself to be seen upon the streets without good reason.

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. The married people alone occupy the same room; every other member of the family must occupy a separate room. The most luxurious Chinese upholstery and furniture never invites one to idle reposein fact, the best furnished house is parely comfortable. The bed has ro spring, but has a number of little cotton mattresses covered with silk; and padded counterpanes, which are rolled up in one mass during the day. Such a bed represents a perfect square, covered like a catafalque. The lighter furniture, of a very handsome hard wood, are stiff looking; the tables are usually heavy, marsive, solid, but I have the winter season in the city. In the and terms. World's Dispensary Medical seen some light ones made of bamboo. A Ohinese parlor always looks like a council hall. Against the centre of the wall at the further end a divan is always placed, covered with thin mattresses. At either side is a row of chairs, and on the floor

chair is magnificent | ing. porcelain vase-precisely those Chinese vases mantelpiece ornaments. vases are used simply as spittoons. Lanterns of an artificial pond, where ducks live in symmetrically disposed fitt the parlor with multitudes, the duck being the favorite a pale light. Nothing even appears dis- bird of the Chinese. The walks are paved disturbed or even animated in these vast with mosaic, and lined with magnificent and glacial rooms during winter. Painfully vases, containing the rarest flowers. the Chinese ladies moved their little feet over the slippery floors or other strips of of the working classes, is really agreeable Pekin carpet. Objects of art, valuables, to see. What strength! What skill for all etc, are kept in boxes padded and lined trades and callings! The boatwomen who with silk. They are taken out occasionally, pass their whole life upon the water are shown to visitors, admired, and put back admirable for their courage and patience. into the boxes again. Embroideries and With their bare legs and arms they are fine silks are in large chests. They are only | veritable Nereids; they leap boldly into the taken out on the occasion of a wedding or current to pull the boat over the gravel some great holiday. Then they are hung bars; they wrestle against rapids; they at the doors, or draped all around the wade and swim by turns; re-enter the walls. This custom prevails also on the junks and direct their course with astonishbroidered stuffs and colored textures in Chinese rivers. What wonderful types! their youries.

or every color. Their frightful little feet woman-it were just as rational to say protrude from the legs of a straight pair of that all French women look alike. The satin pantaloons much like the European race type is the same; but the physiognomy garment in form. The custom of martyriz- is very different. I have seen fine aquiline ing the feet always affects the legs, which noses, long or oval faces. But all these invariably become thin, atrophied or women have bright, intelligent, decided, deformed. Little feet are not admitted to energetic features. Their costume is the imperial court. Unly the daughters of simple, very graceful; and some little the Tartar generals are admitted to the jawel of jade always glimmers in the ear, Emperor's palace; and these Tartar girls or on the swarthy arm. are never subjected to the torture of having | The workingwoman runs, goes every their feet deformed. Still, I am told that where. She has the bold, brusque manner the Tartar girls are not at all anxious to of the person who is wholly self dependent, go to Pekin, where some dozen of the poor and is conscious of her force to do and creatures are condemned to the life of a dare. She is the exact counterpart of the recluse in those huge palace buildings spr. aristocratic lady who staggers about upon before her door as long as she lives a our- always given, with an air of shocked surtain of yellow silk. The curtain does not prise: "Oh! a woman with little feet, of suffice to assure the happiness of these course!" That is to say, he has not marastonished at the multitude of infirmities waist by European women and the deform-Nevertheless, the Chinese Government is in the Paris Figuro.

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 Their Proficiency in Medelling, Music and woman a larger place and more authority in the family and in society. Very old Russian ladies, who remembered the time of Catharine II. have told me that under the reign of that truly great empress women held a preponderant power in the State. It is otherwise in Chica, where the women remain cloistered in the gymnæ seum. The Chinese women love their children, and are much loved and respected by them. The story about Chinese infants being thrown into the river is pure humbug. The affection shown to their children by the women of the lower classes is often very touching. They carry them wrapped to their should ders even white at work. Cninese husbands are like husbands the world over-neither better nor worse. It is just a question of temperament and character, as it is everywhere else. Those whose professions oblige them to travel-such as governors appointed to distant Provinces or diplomats -take their wives along with them if they are fond of them, or confide them to the care of their own families if unable to do otherwise. In China the infidelity of the husband is not considered a crime. It is very diffierent in the case of women; but the Chinese are far from being so severe in this respect as certain badly informed writers have declared. During my stay in China a woman was put to lead, nevertheless, an indoor life, beyond death for having killed her husband. She When they do go out they are always consul went to see the execution. He accompanied by numerous servants, the stood vary close to the victim, and came are covered with curtains of impenetrable while they were still fresh. Even now I gauze, one cannot even distinguish the shudder with horror at the memory of that recital. But let us return to the aristocratic Chinese ladies. I remarked that they are very fond of pearls; their heads are always adorned with them Strings of pearls are coiled into circles like little shields, which are fastened near the temples. Emeralds, sapphires and rubies are found in the Chinese mines, and are well appreciated; but the jade-stone is prized above all other stones and most sought after. The greatest ladies wear jade bracelets on both arms; some wear rings made of it. The color of this jade approaches either a torquoise blue or a pale green. The women of the people also wear bracelots of gray or white jade, less

> The hair of the Chinese women is thick, black, smooth, without ever a gleam in ita dead black. This one of the things which I do not admire in them; but it is a distinot characteristic of the race. When the eat alone. The men remain in other parlors and there receive their male friends. Every wealthy family has several country kiosks. They are built upon little hills. The gardens are united together by bridges, and stairways lead from one to the other -just precisely as is represented in the designs upon Chinese fans. Some mysterious little kiosks contain only two or three rooms, which were shown me with a peculiar smile. What mysteries must go on in these immense families! I have known Chinamen who had more than 150 mouths to feed. Here and there among the klosks little temples of honor of Buddha, and of other Chinese divinities, are erected. Here the family worship is celebrated, and I was present at one ceremony. Some mandarins attired themselves as priests, others sang to a slow and melancholy air, certain religious chants, accompanied by the sound of gongs and cymbals. Candles were lighted, incense was burned, and when the ceremony was over we promenaded from one kiosk to another, in each of them the ladies invited me to take tea and eat some Chinese sweets, poppy-seed candied (which has also become a popular dainty in Russia), candied prunes, letchis ginger, quince jelly and almond preserves, together with excellent liquors, of which the basis is rice-brandy. The rich pass

and other accessories the eves porcelain. The Budthe same are made in we use dhistic temples are covered with por-These celain tiles, and built usually in the centre

But the woman of the people, the woman other side of Asia, among the Khirghiz. ing case and grace. A painter could make They also, upon great occasions, hang up his fortune simply by navigating the

It must not be supposed that one Chinese Chinese ladies wear robes of silk of any woman exactly resembles another Chinese

rounded by lofty walls. If one of them her little feet. A good example of Chinese find herself favored by a momentary high life is shown by the fact that if any caprice of the Emperor, the only preroga- one asks what sort of a woman some great tive she obtains thereby is the hanging mandarin has married, the answer is girls-they consequently use all kinds of ried beneath him. It seems that poor stratagems and ruses to avoid the honor of humanity is not quite satisfied with all the attracting imperial favor. The high com- misfortunes and pains which nature inflicts, missioner sent to the various cities of the but must needs inflict artificial evils, among empire to choose these young girls is often | which I may cite the compression of the from which they pretend to suffer. One ing of the feet among Chinese ladies-two says she has a wen, another consumption, tortures each of which involves the most another declares she is blind of one eye, etc. unfortunate consequences .- Lydie Paschkoff

TRACHING THE BLIND.

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, at Twentieth and Race streets, yes terday afternoon. They were modelling in clay, and under their nimble fingers the outlines of boats, houses and other familiar objects began to appear. It was semitwilight in the room. Outside murky skies, mist, and a drizzling rain darkened the surroundings.

"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. The busy modelling fingers could only be heard. "Oh, Mr. Battles, just look at my cup.

Wait and see me put a handle on it." crept back into the room. The class with stating " that in an experience of twenty

in which machinery does not compete," said the assistant principal, "When this institution was founded a rope-walk was making the manufacture of shoes was yahs had gone up at that date. taught, and since then making of baskets, brushes, door mats, mattresses and carpetweaving. Machinery first took from the blind the rope and twine making industry, caue chairs, weave carpets and make matby hand and machine, knitting, embroidery, crocheting and fancy bead-work are taught to girls and women.

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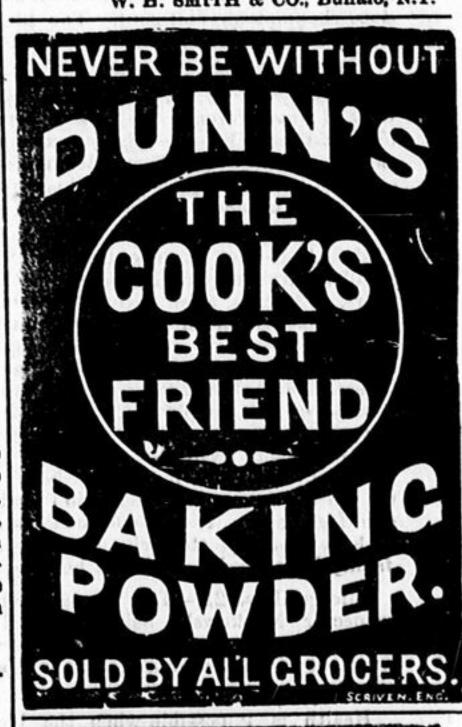
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