## Chinese Women Try "New Freedom"

Emancipation Fills Courts With Winning Cass for Shares in Estates

By HALLETT ABBEND in The New York Times

Shanghal, China-The rap.dity with whice Chinese women are beginning to understand their new position of legal equality with men. as attested by the number of cases already filling the courts, shows that an understanding of China's nea laws on family relations, is spread-ing at an astonishing rate.

Win Estate Casas Already there are court cases in which women are testing the application of the new law which prorides that sons and daughters are share equally in family inheritances. Under the old family sys-stem not only did a single daughter inherit nothing, but a married daughter was considered as the pro-perty of her husband's family, and would never have dreamed of asking for a share of the family prop-erly after the death of her parents. In all cases so far decidd under the new law, married or unmarried women who have sued their brothers for a shale of the family estate have

such wills as they choose.

erty. Even their marriage dowries, the wedding gifts and all presents Swiss system, which permits three town where virgin tropical forest has regimes to rule with regard to propnot given way to orderly rows of rub married couple may announce a community property regime, a union property regime automatically becomes statutory. Whenever the family property is insufficint for household expenses, a wife's personal property must be draw- upon for half the regular outlay.

Marry of Own Free Will The ancient Chinese custom der which parents arranged the bemade such bethrothals as legally binding as marriages, is done away with. In the future "an agreement to marry shall be made by the male and female parties of their own ac-

Legal grounds for breaking an engagement are listed and suits for damages arising out of breach of promise to marry are provided for, but the new law specifically prohibits the old custom under which it was legally possible to force a reductant man or woman to fulli a ueductant man or woman to fulli a uetrothal contract. Ir future girls
under 15 and boys under 17 may not
become engaged and marriages may
not be concluded until after a girl
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coin, suggesting he buy some makan
(food) with that. Instantly he was a

China's old law gave formal legal status to concubines and provided that the sons of concubines should share in the famlly inheritance. The law does not mention concu binage, but permits a wife to obtain a divorce if her husband is native child is threatened by a cobra guilty of illicit relations with any or a man-eating tiger; it is Pelandok guilty of illicit relations with any other woman and also specifies that children born out of wedlock are inheritances unless they have subsequently been adopt-Since immemoria: times Chinese women have been susceptible to punishment by imprisonment for adultery and the new law provides the same punishment for hus-

hands guilty of a like offense. In the past the Chinese State has never concerned itself with divorces. Under the new law husband or wife Under the new law husband or whe may apply to a court for 2 divorce it they choose to do so, but they the Pacific, feeding them myself. At may also effect a private divorce by mutual agreement if the divorce set—I had gathered together, however, betlement is made out in duplicate and signed before to witnesses.

## Better Late

The late-comer to a London con-cert hall, who imagined he was visiting a variety entertainment arrived in time to hear a performance not at all to his taste. He nudged the man next to him

"I say," he asked, "what's this stuff we're getting?" "Hush," came the shocked reply:

"this is Beethoven's Ninth Sym-

"Well," muttered the non-musical "if the other eight were like this, thank goodness I was late!"



Why does a player pick up two bats before he goes to the plate?" "It makes one bat seem lighter; don't you see?"

It's a fine scheme. think I'll try it on the biscuits at our boarding house."

Unsuccessful Author: "After my death the world will realize what I have done." Sympathetic Friend: "Well, don't worry about it, old chap. You'll be out of harm's way then."

The sole meaning of life is to serv humanity by contributing to the King dom of God, which can be done only by the recognition of the worth of every man.-Leo Tolstoy.

## Mouse-Deer

By Frank Buck with Edward Anthon "Bring 'Em Back Alire."

A poet in search of a theme could do worse than consider the mouse-deer Of all animals in the jungle this is the one that the Malays, with their strange sensitiveness to beauty, have selected for their hero. Artistically the selection is perfect; if there is a more beautiful animal than the mousedeer, or one that makes its appeal more directly to the affections, I don't know its name.

Pelandok, as the Malays call him a tiny deerlike animal which varies in height from 10 to 12 inches. He is a browser, eating the same kind of food that serves the big fellows he refood that serves the big fellows he resembles. He is almost a perfect replica of them, one of the few points of
variance being that he does not have
antiers. Figuring speed in proportion
to size, the mousedeer is probably
faster than anything on less: faster than anything on legs.

a book of fairy tales. His legs are at the time there was an epidemic of no bigger around than a lead pencil, foot and mouth disease in the west. The input fair of Agriculture had issued orders that no administration of the property of th more space than a dime. He has a eautiful soft coat of fawn color.

Indications are that thousands of years ago the mouse-deer made its home in lands where it is now unknown. The remains of an identical The new code protects the position of widows by giving them onethird of the estates of their husbands and also permits them to dispose f their property by making

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presentation of this stunning little the mouse-deer would have to be desanimal. He is to be found in Ceylon Married vomen, under the old in southern India, on one of the south laws, could own no separate propand is common in the Malay archipe the wedding gifts and all presents ago. There are many even on the is-made to them personally in after land of Singapore. One of my greatyears were the unquestioned propesties of their husbands. In the take a drive, toward nightfall, along new code China has followed the Mandi Road some 10 or 12 miles from erty of man and wife. The newly ber and cocoanut. Here I leave the car and walk to the edge of the jungle where music is to be heard that only of property regime or a separate the man who has lived in the jungle property regime. If no specia, arrangement is made, the union of the peculiar howl of the gibbon. From another point, perhaps half a mile away, you hear an answering call. Birds of a dozen varieties are greeting one another in chorus. On one of these walks I thought heard a faint tapping on the ground

tollowed by an answering series of taps, like faint drum-beats. This is how one mouse-deer signals to an trottal of their children, and which other. Later I passed a trap in which made such bethrothals as legally one of these beautiful little creatures was imprisoned. There's only one thing to do when a pair of liquid mouse-deer eyes look up appealing at you from a trap; and there are few sensations comparable to the thrill of rising the trap door and seeing a mouse-deer go bounding off in a sories of ecstatic leaps.

On this particular evening the na tive who owned the trap caught me in the act of freeing his catch. He wrung his hands and tearfully ahhappy man and I walked onward, mus ing on the natives' attitude toward Pelandok. They endow him with supernatural cunning; they make him the god of all their legends. It is Pelandok that can outwit any other ani-mar in the jungle; it is Pelandok that comes to the rescue when the life of : who is all things to the native. So perhaps it isn't surprising that one of those things should be food. To the native there is nothing inconsistent about devouring his hero by the hun-

dred. I decided one year to bring some mouse-deer to America. As I made my preparations, I still found myself thinking of these pygmy deer in terms of the unreal—as dolls of the animal world. I assembled a group of nine, putting them in two boxes. I fore sailing, some of the green plants they are fond of (and on which, along with rootcrops and jungle fruits, they mainly subsisted in the thicket). kept these plants in the ship's icebon and once I got the lovely little minia tures used to the idea of eating in captivity, I fed them two other dishes which they learned to like, apple and

sweet potato, both finely chopped.

The women passengers made a regular practice of visiting the were entranced by these idols of Malay mythology, declaring that there wasn't a member of their sex that wouldn't want a mouse-deer having once looked at one. Wild prophecie were made as to the amount of money I could make by introducing the spe cles as pets in the United States

The ecstasy of the ladies on board

## Missing the Point

The young man at the seaside hotel oasting of his wonderful Arctic explorations gazed at the girl he was trying to impress.

"Just imagine," he said, dramatic-

ally, "an enormous ice floe!" "Yes. I'd like an ice," she repli absently, "but my name isn't Flo!" I'd like an ice," she replied.

## Birth-Stones

For laundresses, the soapstone; For architects, the cornerstone; For cooks, the puddingstone; For soldiers, the bloodstone; For politicians, the blarneystone: For borrowers, the touchstone; For policemen, the pavingstone; stockbrokers, the curbstone; shoemakers, the cobblestone; For burglars, the keystone: For tourists, the Yellowstone; For beauties, the peachstone; For editors, the grindstone; For pedestrians, the tombstone -The Parade

## reached new heights when a baby was born to one of the female Pelandoks. Never have I seen a loveller bit of living daintiness. So tiny that I was able to place it in the palm of my hand,

t was even more a creature out of a BY ANNEBELLE WORTHINGTON

it was even more a creature of the second than the other nine.

After we were about ten days out, Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Purnished With Every Pattern nished With Every Pattern my little Pelandoks were very tame, responding to the greetings of visitors by running eagerly to the openings of the front of the boxes. Only the nurs-

ing mother remained aloof.
Not until we were nearing San Francisco did I remember that small as these animals were, they were rumin-ants nontheless, and special permis sion would be necessary to ge into the country. The Bureau of Ani-mal Industry of the Department of Agriculture has done important work tive of the Bureau of Animal Industry faster than anything on legs.

A shy little creature, walking with ruminants and ordered them back to ruminants and ordered them back to the seems like something plucked out of a book of fairy tales. His legs are issued orders that no animal classed as a ruminant be granted a special permit without an O.K. from Washing-

I felt confident there would be a favorable reply to the telegram sent to Washington, outlining the case of my dainty little Pelandoks. They the mouse-deer would have to be des troyed. This was the official pro

Never have I had a more painful task. One by one I chloroformed them.
They seemed to die the second the fumes reached their nostrils. When the bodies were burned the law was satisfied. This ended my only attempt to get mouse-deer into the United States. Some day I hope for a modification of the law at that Americans may have a chance to gaze upon these magical little creatures that have never been seen in this country .-Readers' Digest."

### Soviet Seeks to Double Rail Mileage by 1938

Moscow.—On transportation will be concenerated an important share of Russia's campaign of development under the new, or second. Five

Probably more than in any other basic phase, the U.S.S.R. is sadiy deficient in its transportation facilities.

The lack of adequate railway lines,

rolling stock, highways and motor transport has been regarded as a serious handicap in the vigorous ef-forts to bring the current Five Year Plan to fruitition.

In hopes of raising the transpor-tation standard's preliminary estimates for the new program call for a doubling of railroad lines between 1933 and 1938. Much attention also will be paid to a general improvecquipment.

## A Dog's Death

The loose earth falls in a grave like a peaceful, regular breathing: like, for I was deceived a moment by the sound:

s covered the heap of bracken Quiet the spade swings, there we have now his mound.

the wood's renewing chamber i All around is grass and moss and the hyacinths' dark green sprouts And oaks are above that were old when his fiftieth sire was a

puppy, And far away in the garden I hear the children's shouts.

would have it otherwise.

SETTLES FOR THE EVENING

returns determinedly

TO BOOK

WITH GOOD BOOK

# Is Wearing



A charming model for matrons. Its slenderizing lines so beautifully disguise overweight. The dip in the hipline seaming especially conceals breadth, adding height to the figure. And it's so smartly appropriate for eneral day wear for summer fashionvoile print. Why not make it now? the plants to set the seed in conn You'll enjoy wearing it when the hot days arrive.

Style No. 3117 may be had in sizes 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust. Size 36 requires 3 yards of 39-inch material with 5% yard of 39-inch contrasting and 13% yards of 2-inch ribbon.

To make it! The bodice cuts all in one until it joins the skirt. The belt may be worn at most becoming line. Shantung, cotton mesh, dotted dimity, men's shirting fabrics and vashable crepe silk are also suitable for this model.

HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS. Write your name and address plain-ly, giving number and size of such patterns as you want. Enclose 20c in stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap it carefully) for each number, and address your order to Wilson Pattern Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto

### Stamps From Byrd Crash Worth 1,000 Francs Each

raris.—Philatelists here are tak-ng a great interest in all airplane s covered the heap of bracken ing a great interest in all airplane that the gardener laid above accidents, for the stamp enthusiasts the higher the value of the stamps recovered.

One of the most prized and sought

after stamps, for those who are folfrom flax, the fibers of insect-pollinalowing the new tendency in stamp ted plants. But the fabric which
collecting, is one from the mail
brought over with Admiral Byrd on
his trans-Atlantic flight. When the
plane was forced down in the sea

Sheep may be raised exclusively on at Ver-sur-Mer, the stamps were soaked from the envelopes, in deliv-

it,
would have it otherwise.

—J. S. Squire, in "Animal Life."

dent the mail was recovered from.

| Same the control of a stamp that any year's crop because New Zealand did not have the proper insects to polling that gives me as my part, attended and the proper insects to polling that gives me as my part, out of its growing scarcity.

SNAPSHOTS OF A MAN IN THE MOSQUITO SEASON By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

RETURNS TO BOOK BUT

FOR EXPECTING MOSQUITO

TO BITE HIM ANY SECOND

CREEPS FORWARD

AND BRINGS HAND

JUST A SPECK ON

TABLE CLOTH.

DOWN. FINDS IT WAS

CAN'T KEEP MIND ON IT

IMAGINES HE HEARS MOS-

QUITO HUMINING. TRIES

RIVETS EYES ON TABLE-

CLOTH. THERE HE IS!

TO LOCATE MOSQUITO

## What New York Hold Babies in Various Positions Nurses and Mothers Are Advised

Nurses or mothers never should after birth. Thus the animal bodies hold babies always on one arm or in are developed evenly and symmetrications position but should shift frequent.

If from one position to another, not to save arm strain for themselves but to make better muscles for the baby. So, have avoided the method of the baby. save arm strain for themselves but to shapes or postures which might have make better muscles for the baby. So says Miss Charlotte Walls in a recent communication to the American Medical Association. One habitual way of bolding the baby means, she asserts, that the development of the growing and as much as possible. One way to do this she auzests, is to place the that the development of the growing and as much as possible. One way to bones and muscles is likely to be undones in later life if not in actual deformity. Shifting the baby from one arm to the other acts like a balanced gymnasium exercise for the baby's own muscular each. This encourages the beginning system. Animal mothers begin to train and exercise their young. Miss Walls points out, almost immediately later needed for walking.

## Insects vs.

## The People

Condensed from The Scientific Monthly by Frank E. Lutz.

For hundreds of years there has been a case before the court of public opinion. It is the case of Insects vs. The People. The insects, unfortunately, have had very few witnesses or active advocates on their side.

One of the charges against insects of our fruit crop. This suggests a hypothetical question. Suppose we had never had any apples, pears, plums, peaches, oranges, strawberries. of a great variety of such fruits and told us that they, the strangers, could make it possible for us to grow all these things, in return for which they asked that a 20 per cent. com-mission be paid to their relatives.

pollen from flower to flower, enabling the plants to set the seed in connec-This process of carrying pollen from

one flower to another is called cross pollination in contrast to self-pollina-tion, the process by which certain flowers fertilize their seed with their own pollen. Plants with inconspicu ous flowers, such as the grasses, and trees like maples and oaks, secure cross-pollination by the wasteful meth od of producing vast quantities of pollen and allowing the wind to blow it over the landscape on the chance that over the landscape on the chance that here and there a grain will fall on another flower. Plants such as our fruit trees and berry bushes have flowers which are attractive to hundreds of kinds of native bees, to flies, butter-flies, and other insects. These insects, flying directly from flower to flower accidentally carry pollen on their bodies and bring about the cross-pollination.

If we were asked what fabrics we owe to insects most of us would mention silk, but we would be likely to stop there. In the Court of Public Opinion we have heard much about the cotton boll weevil, the pink boll worm, and perhaps half a dozen other insects which injure cotton plants, but ing a great interest in all airplane worm, and perhaps half a dozen other accidents, for the stamp enthusiasts have started collecting stamps from mail recovered from plane wrecking. The greater the catastrophe the higher the value of the stamps or carying the pollen that enables the er carying the pollen that enables the plant to set the seed.

Linen in all its varieties is woven

Sheep may be raised exclusively on Here at its last, has August mad grasses, such a timothy, that are That narrow field anew, wind-pollinated, but the practical With multitudinous tall flowers Soaked from the envelopes, in delivitive practical strange how we bury our sorrow for the touch of perishing things, idly with open eyes

How we give our hearts to brutes, that will die in a few short seasons.

Nor trouble what we do, when we do

Soaked from the envelopes, in delivitive was given at the bottom of the mail bags. Now at the bottom of the mail bags. Now a pellowed envelope and stamp from the Byrd plane is worth 1,000 in proved red-clover seed to improve their pastures. The red clover grew, or a hard, querulous hand.

Each envelope and stamp from an but there was no seed for the next their pastures. The red clover grew, Or a hard, querulous hand.

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troduced from England. These insects became established in New Zea-land and are now year after year pol-linating clover, making possible cortinuous and rich grazing for the sheep. Of course, what is true of wool is true of the mutton which it covers.

Also, the same thing is true of cattle the beef we eat, the milk, the butter, the cheese, and even the leather on which we walk. Every important vegetable in your

garden, except corn, came directly or indirectly from a seed that was fer-tilized by pollen which insects carried; also your roses and the other beautiful flowers, cultivated and wild. The tobacco you smoke, if you do smoke. The coffee, tea, and cocoa that you drink. These are-just some Suppose, however, that a group of that you drink. These are just some strangers brought us delicious same of the things we owe to flower visiting · insects.

But even wind-pollinated plants must have good soil in which to grow Darwin rightly praised the soil-mak-ing activities of earthworms but ground-burrowing insects are mor mission be paid to their relatives.
Would this be an unfair proposition?
There is no disputing that certain insects do immense damage, in the aggregate, to our orchards, but it is not fair to forget that we would not have any of these orchards if it had not been for other insects that carried nollen from flower to flower, enabling the state of the state genous plant-food such as manure and the dead bodies of animals. Birds are of immeasurable value to

us in their beauty of sight and sound and this value, which is real, should be a sufficient reason for their protect tion, allowing us to drop the largely fictitious reason that they stand be tween us and the menace of injurious

Not more than half of one per cent. of the tens of thousands of kinds of in-sects in the United States are now seriously injurious to man or his property. Of these relatively few kin practically all have been brought here by man from foreign countries. Why are these introduced insects so in-jurious here although they were not particularly injurious in their native homes? Because birds kept them in check there? Not at all, but because they were kept in check by other in sects that were not brought to this country with them. Our greatest pro-tection against lesec which are either potentially or actively injurious s the hosts of other insects which are the special enemies of those that we rightly fear.

How, then, stands the case of Ir more, it would clearly be wise for us to learn more about our insect friends and to cultivate their riendship more carefully.

## Succory

Here at its last, has August made

In silver ancient candlesticks In a stilled, half-wrecked land, With not a wind to snuff them out,

This shaking of the heart.

This wistful, hard-wrung opulence, That cracks my wits in two. Makes all else nought, except to kno To dance with my shadow along the A succory flower is blue. -Lizette Woodworth Reese, in "White April."

## Correct

An actor entertaining a party of friends to lunch was annoyed by the slowness of the service. The waiter eemed casual in the extreme, and refused to hurry.

When the bill was presented the

actor doled out the exact sum, add-

actor doled out the exact sum, adding one solitary halfpenny.

The waiter coughed.

"Made a little mistake, haven't The complement of you, sir? This here is a halpenny." sures of which we are "No mistake, no mistake," said the Sir W. Hamilton.

## Easy

The jealous wife of a theatrical nanager was neeved when he came and announced that he had that day selected from a big crowd twenty-four wonderful chorus girls. "I suppose," she declared, sarcastically, "it was very difficult worl for you?"

"Oh, no, dear," he told her. "Simply a matter of form." "Humph! Brown absent again to-I'll bet he's got some sort of lame excuse." "Yes, sir.

HAPPINESS "Happiness depends on health. To get happy homes we must have healthy homes. So often outpour-ings of what might be called a warped mind are traceable to a warped ody, for the body feeds the mind. -Mrs. Stanley Baldwin.

## U.S. Citizens Stick to Habits

### Nearly as Many Cigarettes Smoked, Candies Eaten, Movies Patronized

Washington-The depression has ot caused the average American to

break many of his habits. many cigarettes as ever, to play cards just as eagerly, to consume about the same amount of pop, to eat nearly as much caudy, to drink more coffee, to find recreation is more colles, to find recreation is golf, baseball and tennis, and to file into the moving picture shows about as often as before the business slump began, according to Govern ment and industrial figures

A grand total of 115,379,197,004 cigarettes was sold last year, compared with 117,363,370,000 in the boom year of 1929 according to fig-ures compiled here. The per capita consumption of eigarettes was 937 in 1930 and 971 in 1929.

Moving picture theatres took in a billion dollars in 1939. This was 530,000,000 below 1929, but more than in 1923 when the total was 5900,000,000. Candy consumptive dropped just a bit from a total of 1,570,251,790 pounds in 1929 to 1,570,251,790 pounds in 1929 pou 545,387,563 in 1930.

Coffee imports into States for the first six months of the year were far above those for the total through June this year 972,676,000 pounds compared 343,423,000 for the last year.

#### Blind People Extensive Users of Radio in Canada

Montreal-Six hundred and fifty ine blind people are the possessors of radio receiving sets, it was re-vealed in a report made public hero by the Department of Immigration and Colonization of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The increasing popularity of radio among all classes of people in the Dominion is indicated by the fact that there were 60,030 more receiving sets in operation at the end of January, 1931, than at the same time a year ago. "Radio receiving sets owned in

Canada now total 493,176," the re-port sets forth. "Tals is an average of about one radio to every four families. Toronto owns more radios than any other city, with a total of 77,194. Montreal is credited with 41.378, Hamilton, Ont., with 16.392, Vancouver with 19.530 and Winnipeg with 19.433.

"The ownership of radios is re-ported unusually high in the rural districts of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Radio has been an effective means in the settlement of farm lands in western Canada Even the most pioneer settlement keeps in close communication with the affairs of the world."

Proud man, in ego steeped profound. With regal robe or vestment gowned,: In whom such vanities abound From gather fame As served to lift to heights renowned

If you for self-appraisement's sake Would know the gap your loss would make.

A boasted name:

Go, thrust your finger in the lake. To gain your goal; Your digit from the water tak!— And find the hole.

-Chas. Sloan Reid, in the New York Times.

## Ragman

Down the alley the ragman calls, 'Any rags? Any rags, iron, 'r rubber?" Lilac trees lean over the walls, Shaking dow on his dusty hat. Sun-flecks dapple his overalls To the tune of his walking, walking

Any rags? Any rags, iron, 'r rubber?' The cardinal bends a crimson head To this other being whose work is Sone Around the corner a watchful cat

Advances one ear and a curious eye. Dogs rush after the noisy tread Of wheels, and the musical, haunting cry. And probably I shall run out some day, leedless of what ever gossip will say,

wall And sing at my loudest the ragman's call. Any rags? Any rags, iron, 'r rubber?"

-Katherine Ventres Welch in "The

## HAPPINESS

Сурзу."

Soundness and perfection of mind. Antoninus.

A maximum of well-being, both in my present and future state.—Kant. The complement of all the pleasures of which we are susceptible .-

Ever to seek, and never to findthe quest still retaining its attraction.-Professor Tyndall.

The partrimony of all; the natal land and future country of all those who have not voluntarily repudiated it.-Lacordaire



"Sir, I should like to work only half time during the summer." "Keep right on, my boy; you are working only half the time now.