A Chinaman's Strange Attachment.

In Alaska street, on the corner of a narrow alley below Sixth, there is a dingy laundry, with "he name of "Wah Kee" painted in flarting letters on a crazy sign atove the works and spends his lonely lite.

The hous across the alley is just as old, and the roof is just as crazy, and the lolks that live there are just as poor and lonely as poor Wah.

Tot. Tot's clothes were old, and Tot's face was wan, but at mehow the soul of the little one crept into the heart of the lonely Chinaman, and Wah Kee's eyes beamed as they never beamed before.

across the alley at Tot and smile-and Tot would patter across the little ocean of dirt and water and clasping her chubby hand around Wah Kee's legs, look up in his face and coo

bated the sight of "the haythen," as they called Tot's friend,

looked in vain for the baby. Another day passed and then Wah Kee's face grew sad and his heart heavy, and he shambled across the narrow alley and begged Tot's folks to tell him where Tot wa ..

again.

rolled up his sleeves and went to work again, but his head was heavy and his heart was | disappear? Let us examine this more closeacross the alley in the little house where Tot | ly. lay il.

by the window.

damp, but Wah Kee stood outside and talk ed in pantomime and Tot, purching her fists

So every day Tot was propped up in the window and Wah Kee stood in the shop and looked at the little face and sighed.

Semetimes when Wah Kee's countrymen came to see him they laughed, an i Hop Long and Lee Yeo and Wong Sing Lung chiaed him for the strange love he bore the taby, but Wah Kee only shook his head and answered

Kee's baby.'

But Tot died, and yesterday they buried was one for Tot and t e father and mother of the dead baby-and Wah had a carriage, and all alone, in the silence of the tightclosed cab, he rode and grieved for the sunny face and the grattling nonsense of the child he had worshipped with all the devotion of his pagan faith.

grave in a little plot almost as small, and Wah Kee stood by the grave and cried, and the great tears streamed down his face. and, dropping upon the grave, he kissed the place where Tot-or all that was left of her -slept in silence. - [Philadelphia News,

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The Struggle Between a Man and a Panther.

A Bombay shikaree narrates how he once actually fell into the claws of a panther, and lived to tell the tale. After describing the incidents of the hunt up to the time when

the beast broke cover, he says: "I had to wait until the panther was within a few feet of me, and then I put my rifle down to his head, expecting to roll him over like a rabbit (as I had succeeded in doing on other occasions), and then place my second bullet pretty much where I pleased. To my horror, there was no report when the hammer fell. The next moment the panther, with an angry roar, sprang upon me. Hanging on with the claws of one forepaw driven into my right shoulder and the other round me, he tried to get at my head and neck, but I fortunately prevented this by raising my left arm, which he instantly seized in his huge mouth. I sha'l never forget his sharp angry roar, the wicked look | stated that the number of American teleof his greenish yellow eves within six inches of mine, the turned back cars, his fetid number of telegrams forwarded during breath upon my cheek, and the feeling of his huge fargs closing to the bone through | telegraph offices in Great Britain and Iremy arm above the elbow.

"I endeavored, by giving him my knee in the stomach, to make him let go. Those who have ever kicked a cat can imagine what little effect this had. It was more like using one's knee to a feotball than anything else. The panther, with a roar, gave I tremendous wrench to my arm, hurled me some five pices down the side of the hill prone on my face, bringing my head in contaet with a tree. Stunned and insensible, a lay some seconds on the ground, and the brute, thinking me dead, fortunately did not worry me, but, passing over me, went for the retreating police constable who had brought me into the difficulty. I remember, when I came to, raising my head from the ground, leaning my head against the tree, and smiling with a certain feeling of grim satisfaction, when my eye caught the retreating form of the constable and the pursuing panther down the hill, and I thought the policeman's turn had come.

"The civil surgeon of the station probed the teeth-wounds in the arm, and found that the one at the back of the arm ran right to | ing" country, is to pronounce upon her the bone and was an inch and a half deep. The two wounds on the inner side, in or close to the biceps, were, one an inch and a quarter and the other an inch deep. The claw-wounds on the right shoulder were not serious, and had fortunately just missed the large artery near the collar-bone, injury to which would have resulted in my bleeding to dea'h in a veryfew minutes."- [The Times of India.

Plantation Philosophy.

De pusson what ain't got some selfishness

ain't nachul. Faith mighty often moves der merchinery dat wouldn't move ef dar was less belief. De hoss dat hab got faith nebber looks 'roun at de load an' in de consequence o' dat

fack, he nebber balks. It ain't fur de lub o' money dat some pussons work. It is 'kase dat when da had ter do it, da got so used ter de 'sociation dat at las' da fin's it de bes' 'panion. Er pusson ken own er disagreeable dog till he gets so used ter his ways dat sirter er while he larnt ter like him. - [Arkansas Traveler.

A DRY TIME.

When the Earth Drinks up Her Oceans. Prof Cookley, of New York, says: Most of the planets have probably cooled down door. This is where Wah Kee lives and by radiation to a solid under crust like the earth. The sun owing to his greater mass is still a fiery globe not yet cooled down so as to have a solid crust. But our moon being a body of small mass only about one eightieth of the earth's mass, is supposed to have had That's where Tot lived. Everybody knew | time to cool down to a solid globe all the way from its surface to its centre. Its internal heat is supposed to have been all radiated away into tue surrounding cold space. Now the hot interior mass of the earth can, of course, contain no water, and little or So he would stand by the door and look | none of the free gases that constitute an atmosphere. They would be boiled off, expanded and driven to the surface where are found now the great bulk of our oceans and our atmosphere. But when the earth shall have parted with all its internal heat, hav-Tot's fo ks chided the little one-for they | ing thrown it into the surrounding cold space as the moon has done, then the cold, solid but porous mass within its present One day Tot stayed away and Wah Kee | crust, which is now incapable of absorbing water or air, on account of the present high temperature, will begin to drink up the water and air just as the parched soil after a summer's drought drinks up the rain, and the ground is dry in a few minntes after the They told him she was sick, that it would shower. But you may well ask, could the be many days before Tot would be about | solid porous mass within the present crust of the earth thus drink up the whole of the So Wah went back to his dingy shop and | waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and canse all the waters of our globe to

While the interior of the earth remains as One day Wah Kee looked over the way to hot as it is at present it is no more possible the little house and his heart gave a great | for the water and air of our globe to peneleap, for there, pressed against the window | trate to these tiery regions than it is for a was the face of wee Tot-white and wan, drop of water to romain on a hot stone. But but smiling. And Wah Kee dropped his the earth is losing its heat day by day and year iron and ran across the pavement and stood by year, radiating it out into the surrounding cold space. I know it has been comput-Tot's voice was weak and Tot might not | ed that the earth receives from the sun an have the window up, for it was cold and | nually just as much heat as it loses in a year by radiation into the surrounding space. Grant that it may be so for the present and against the murky pane, laughed with for many thousand years to come. But the trouble is that the sun himself is cooling off and, therefore will not be always able to send us as much heat as he does at present. The time will, therefore, surely come when we shall lose more heat by radiation into space than the sun will be able to return to us. Then it will only be a question of time for the earth gradually to cool down, as the moon has already done, from surface to centre. When that time comes will not the dry "Wah Kee has plo one else. Tot is Wah | but solid and porous core of our globe drink up the oceans and atmosphere, causing them to disappear, not into large cavernous pock her. There were only two carriages-there ets but into the minute pores of its sub-

The proposition appears to be established by strict calculation that the interior of the earth when cold will be able to absorb more than four times, possibly more than thirty times, the amount of water now on its surface. Now, it seems certain that in the They buried ner at Fernwood in a little | manner first explained the earth will continue to lose both its superficial water and its atmosphere. The earth, the other plane's, and even the sun himself, are regarded as doomed at some future day to the same fate. Melancholy fate, some will say. But why complain of the general law of nature? Everything in naturehas its morning of life, its high meridian of glory and strength, its evening decline and its midnight of blackness and death. In the case of a world—is that the last term of a series?

The World's Telegraphs.

Canada has been represented to be a " slow-going" country. We don't believe it. In the matter of great internal improvements, she stands first among the countries of the world, regard being had to population. In railways she has gone ahead with wonderful rapidity, and in canals she is not wanting, and in telegraphic lines she is as prominent as she is in railways. A recent report of the Public Works Department points out that our telegraphic accomodation is greater than either that of the United States or any European country. The number of offices in Canada is 2,259, or 1 to 1,914 of population, as based on the census of 1881. In the Scientific American it is graph offices in 1882 was 12,917, and the the year was 40,581,177. The number of land in 1882 was 5,747, the number of telegrams forwarded being, 32,965,029. Germany has 10,803 offices, the number of telegrams forwarded being 26,260,124. Russia had 2,819, the number of telegrams forwarded being 9,800,201. Belgium had 835 offices, the number of telegrams forwarded being 4,066,843. Spain had 647 offices, the number of telegrams forwarded being 2,830,186. British India had 1,025 offices the number of telegrams forwarded being 2,032,605. Switzerland had 1,160 offices, Italy 2,590, and Austria 2,696. The number of telegrams forwarded in the last three countries mentioned was 3,040,182, 7,026,387, and 6,626,203, respectively. It will be seen by these figures, having regard to population, that Canada stands A No. 1, while she stands only third or fourth among the nations in the absolute magnitude of her commerce. To say, under these circumstances, that Canada is a "slow-goan unmitigated libel.-[Brantford Telegram, Oct. 31.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

No weman is educated who is not equal to the successful management of a family. The administration of government, like a

guardianship, ought to be directed to the good of those who confer, and not to those who receive the trust.

I know no such thing as genius; genius is nothing but labor and diligence. The ignorant man hath no greater foe than

his own ignorance, for it destroyeth where it liveth. The key of fate is in our own hands; we often unlock it and then throw the key

Many people take no care of their money till they have come nearly to the end of it. and otners do the same with their time.

The whole of human virtue may be reduced to speaking the truth always, and doing good to others.

Moon-Blindness,

Moon blindness seems to be the explanation vouchsafed by a British Rear Admiral to account for the loss of the gunboat Wasp and the imminent danger of the Trident. This affection is supposed to cause its victims to grope as if in the dark in bright moonlight and to mistake the gleam in a lighthouse for moonshine. One British writer who obj cts to this not on says he has known moon blind men to be eff ctually cured by the punishment of extra duty; and it is really worth while inquiring whether the modern eagerness to theor zein some unexpected way about disasters on land and sea, does not tend to shelter under scientific speculations simple carelessness and gross betrayal of trust

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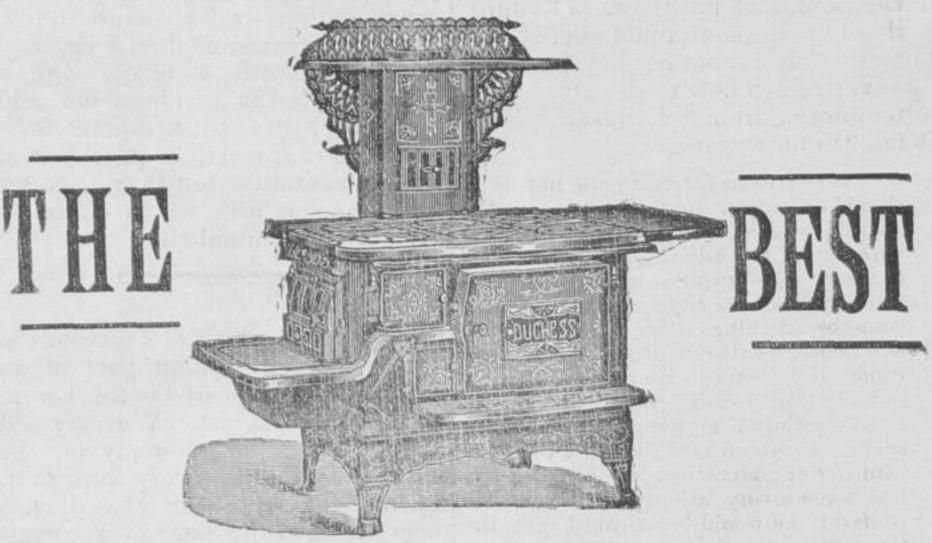
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