

# THE WOMEN OF CHINA.

## Their Place is Not Always the Most Desirable.

### DEVOTION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Woman's influence in China is greater than is commonly supposed, says the New York Sun. Records of the Flower Kingdom are full of examples of women famous for their learning, heroism and high principles. Sometimes women achieve absolute power over the household, as there is a popular saying, "She eats rice with her husband," which is used to describe the rule of the female tyrant. The most astonishing incident of feminine power today is, of course, the career of the Empress Dowager. As an instance of the Empress Dowager's power, it may be recalled that she deposed her strongest Viceroy, Prince Kai, in 1885, by a mere decree in the Peking Gazette, because "he overrated his importance."

In common with all other nations, the women of China represent the most fervent religious element. They are said to support enthusiastically the Boxers' movement and to be fighting with passion to help rid the country of the missionaries. That the women of China do not lack courage is proved by the fact that they sometimes seek suicides as relief from unhappy marriages and ungenerous husbands would frequently be murdered were it not for special punishments, "dishonouring and slow," devised for all women who attempt homicide. The mere existence of this law provides the necessity for it. Again, not long ago 15 young girls of Canton threw themselves into the river to escape from marrying the husbands chosen for them.

Two other recent examples prove the devotion of the Chinese women of high degree. A daughter of the Chinese Minister to London, Kwo-Sung-Thou, was married at the age of 17. When her husband died she tried to commit suicide out of grief, and would thereby have induced death, if failed to poison her, and she then starved to death. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Kwo, a sister of the Marquis Tseng, tried also to follow her husband to the land of spirits, but falling in her attempt at suicide she finally took compassion on her children, agreed to live and managed her father-in-law's property while he was in London. Li Hung Chang penned a memorial to those two women should receive a sign of imperial approval.

Notwithstanding the degraded condition of women of the lower classes, and the feminine ideal in China, and the annals of the past show a long series of virtuous and heroic women, who have made an indelible impression upon the national mind. The mother of the great sage, Confucius, is held as a model. The next philosopher of importance, Mencius, was also indebted to his mother for the formation of his character and mind, as well as his philosophy.

Woman's lot in China is, however, not an enviable one. She is not received into the world with joy, and gets very little education. At twelve she is banished from all companionship to become the young girl who sits in the house, until her marriage, when she wed's some one she has never seen. Then she must obey her husband and her mother-in-law; she may not come into contact with men or the outside world, and, as a rule, she cannot read. She may, however, receive letters and return their calls. The patriarchal system is so universal that the father over his family, and a married woman becomes so entirely a part of her husband's family that she has to yield obedience to her husband's parents, who frequently treat her more as a slave than a daughter-in-law. The doctrine inculcated in the Chinese classics is that a woman has three stages of obedience. First, to her father; second to her husband, and third, if her husband dies, to her mother-in-law. The old proverb goes: "Men wish their boys to be like wolves, and fear lest they should be timid; their girls they wish to be like mice, and fear lest they should have the boldness of a tiger." The law established 2,300 years ago are in favor to-day, and among them no rules are stricter than keeping the instruction for girls, which consist chiefly of exhortations to discharge their duties as daughters, wives, mothers and daughters-in-law. The "Girls' Four Books," to which two famous compilers wrote prefaces, describe how the female mind and character must be trained. Modesty, gentleness and self-sacrifice, wisdom, respect for elders and a virtuous disposition must be a woman's equipment for life. There is no pressing need for intellectual education. However, about one hundred in every ten thousand women read, and some read books of philosophy and literature, the works of China's sages and poets. Such cases are found amongst the aristocratic classes, and men of letters frequently teach their wives and daughters in the art of reading, but that not only the art of reading, but that of writing, and go so far as to publish their literary effusions.

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Mr. Practique—O, I don't know. It isn't strange that they should be sombre and dull when they get down to the mouth.—Philadelphia Press.

A novel trolley car is in use in Berlin. Outside the city it runs on tracks with an ordinary overhead trolley contact, just as the ordinary car. When the city limits are reached extra sets of tracks are lowered and the one becomes an electromobile omnibus propelled by storage batteries carried under the side seats of the car.

### GIVING UP SUNDAY GOLF.

#### Link Owners Putting Sunday Prohibitive Clauses in the Leases.

The new Homewood Country Club, of Chicago, has caused a fresh outburst in the last week by announcing that the clubhouse and grounds will be closed to the playing of golf and other games on Sunday. The fact that the club has recently purchased additional land at a cost of \$28,000, and will probably become one of the most influential organizations in the west is perhaps one reason why its action has received such wide attention. It looks as though a more quiet Sunday. Several leases contracted recently contain stipulations regarding Sunday play, and especially noticeable one was executed a few days ago unless it was specially provided that there should be no playing on that day. There is no doubt that golf has led to a more open Sabbath than before the Rev. Dr. Rainsford, an ardent golfer, who said in a recent church report that golf and the bicycle were leading to a looser conception of Sabbath by the young people of America. The enforcement of the law in Massachusetts against Sunday sports has led the fashionable Brookline Country Club to post a notice in the clubhouse calling attention to the fact that members who play golf on Sunday do so on their own responsibility. In New Haven a crusade has been in progress all winter against the use of the Whitney links on Sunday, and it is said that the officials of the golf club have agreed to a practical cessation of their matches on that day. Not only has the Homewood Country Club decided against Sunday golf, but it has passed a by-law forbidding the sale or use of intoxicating liquors in the club buildings or upon the grounds. In this State most of the clubs which have confined their refreshments to "soft stuff" have no doubt been largely influenced by the high fees demanded for a club license, yet in a number of them the members have their lockers well stocked with liquors, and the result is practically the same. While there is likely to be no temperance crusade against golfers, the indications point strongly to a more rigid observance of Sunday than was the case last season.—New York Tribune.

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