

LITTLE CHINESE WIDOW

SHE VOWED SHE WOULD LIVE A CELIBATE.

When Viceroy's Son Died, Cut Off Her Hair, and Withdrew From the World.

Mrs. Miriam Sinclair Headland, M.D., writing in the Circle Magazine for April, of her experience as a physician among the court ladies of China, relates this interesting incident:

"How many sisters are there in your family—eight, are there not?" Mrs. Headland once asked an older daughter of the household.

"Yes. You know, of course, that number five was engaged when a child of six to the son of Li Hung Chang."

"No; I was not aware of the fact; and were they married?"

"No, they were never married. The young man died before they were old enough to wed. When word of his death was brought to her, child that she was, she went to her mother and told her she must never engage her to anyone else, as she meant to live and die the widow of the boy."

"And did she go to Li Hung Chang's home?"

"No; the old viceroy wanted to take her to his home, build a suite of rooms for her and treat her as his daughter-in-law, but our parents objected because she was so young. The viceroy loved her very much, and his eyes often filled with tears as he spoke of her and the son who had passed away."

When the viceroy died she wanted to go and bow to his funeral, and all his family except the eldest son were anxious to have her do so, and thus be recognized as one of the family. But this she objected, and thought Lady Ki knocked her head on the coffin until it bled he would not yield, lest she might want her portion."

"And what has become of your sister?"

"She withdrew to a small court where she lived with her women servants."

"And what does she do?" I asked. "How does she employ herself?"

"Studying, reading, painting and embroidery. When young Li refused to allow her to attend his father's funeral her sense of self-respect was outraged, and she cut off her hair and threatened to commit suicide. She often fasts for a week, and has tried on several occasions to take her own life."

I asked them if they did not fear that she might kill herself.

"Yes; we have constant apprehensions. But then, what if she did? It would only emphasize her virtue."

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A Definite Date.

During the money stringency, says Judge's Library, a certain real estate man, having nothing else for his clerk to do, sent him out to collect some rent that was overdue.

The clerk, being of Swedish nationality, had their peculiar twang in his speech.

Returning from his trip, the Swede seemed very jubilant.

The proprietor noticing his smile, said: "Well, what luck did you have?" and the clerk answered: "Purty good! Well, Smith he pay, and Yontes he say he pay Yantary."

"Are you sure Jones said he would pay in January? He never before has made any such promises."

"Well, I tank so. He say it hane a cold day when you get dot money, and I tank dat hane in Yantary."

Coal Waste in Britain.

Investigations of the recent royal commission on coal supplies have shown that the present inefficient consumption of coal in Great Britain leads to a waste of from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 tons per annum, and is also responsible for the greater proportion of smoke and dust from which they suffer. Thirty per cent. of the total British consumption of coal might be saved by employing the best known means for such purpose.

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COUNTESS' COMPLAINT.

Old Friend of Tolstoi Pursued By the Police.

Countess Tolstoi writes in bitter complaint of the oppressive conduct of the Russian authorities toward Tcherkoff, her husband's greatest friend and disciple, who went to Yasnaya Poliana to cheer the closing hours of the Christian idealist and philosopher. Tcherkoff had a severe attack of bronchitis, but got a police order to leave Tula, well or ill, within three days.

"As a hired teacher punishes children," Countess Tolstoi says, "so hired officials want to punish an old man, now sitting confined in his chair with a bad leg and a weak heart, who is already invulnerable, so near is he to that world from which his voice will be yet more strongly heard throughout the universe."

"Disagreeing is much—for instance, with regard to denial of the church—with Tcherkoff and Tolstoi, I have not ceased to watch Tcherkoff's life and propaganda. It is aimed always at the spread of love and lofty morality. He energetically and very successfully dissuaded young peasants from revolution and all violence."

Tcherkoff lives usually in England, where he acts as an agent for all of Tolstoi's works.

Waking Kitty Up.
Boston Herald.

Some years ago an elderly lady, Miss Armistead, from near Montpelier, Vermont, had occasion to go to Boston with her niece, a young lady named Kitty. They travelled on the night train, but were unable to secure berths in the same sleeper, Miss Kitty having to take one in the second car and the aunt in the first.

In the morning, when about half an hour distant from Boston, Miss Armistead entered the second car to awaken Kitty. She found the number, an upper berth, and, putting her hand through the curtain, shook the occupant, calling, "Kitty! Kitty! It's time to get up, Kitty! Kitty!"

A bald head, with bushy whiskers around the face, poked itself through the opening of the curtain and said: "Excuse me, but my name is George."

The old lady gave a horrified scream and beat a hasty retreat. She had mistaken the number of the berth.

Elizabeth Wanted Him.
Deaver Post.

Leal Elks are having a lot of fun with a member of their lodge, a Fifteenth street jeweller. The other day his wife was in the jewellery store when the phone rang. She answered it.

"I want to speak to Mr. H—," said a woman's voice.

"Who is this?" demanded the jeweller's wife.

"Elizabeth."

"Well, Elizabeth, this is his wife. Now, madam, what do you want?"

"I want to speak to Mr. H—."

"You'll talk to me."

"Please let me speak to Mr. H—."

"Look here, young lady," she said, "who are you that calls my husband and insists on talking to him?"

"I am the telephone operator at Elizabeth," came the reply.

And now the Elks take turns calling the jeweller up and telling him it's Elizabeth.

Indians That Practice Polygamy.
San Francisco Chronicle.

It is commonly supposed that Uncle Sam strictly forbids polygamy within his dominions. This is a mistake. Polygamy has been practised from time immemorial by the Navajos, and they have no intention of giving up the practice. Nothing has ever been done by the government or by the Indian agents to discourage it. Not many of the braves have more than two wives, although some have been known to maintain a harem of twelve.

Two wives are almost as common as one. Being only human, sometimes they "scrap." Then the husband separates them, building for each a separate Hogan, located whenever possible on opposite sides of a butte or small mesa. Each is strictly forbidden to leave her side of the separating landmark. It is to be feared, however, that this prohibition is not always obeyed, and there are doubtless many hair-pulling scraps that no one but the jackrabbits and paposes witness.

Left-Handed Honesty.
A certain young man who lives in the east end of town sports an enormous diamond in connection with a ten-dollar suit of clothes was in a local tailoring store several days ago when one of the clerks, a practical joker, nabbed the stone out of its owner's tie.

The owner did not miss the "diamond" until he returned home, and then started a frantic search for the missing stone, which included advertising in the newspapers and reporting the matter to the police.

Later it was returned to the owner.

"Gad, I am glad it was you who had it," gasped the delighted youth. "Some dishonest person would have kept it."

"So would I," returned the clerk, "but a jeweler to whom I took it said it wasn't worth more than 30 cents."

"Merris England Again."
London, April 24.—Morris dancing is being revived with considerable enthusiasm throughout West Norfolk, and is tending greatly to brighten life in the villages. Numerous children have become proficient in the elegant movements of the oldtime dances, and occasional displays afford much pleasure to performers and spectators alike. The education authorities are permitting the school teachers to give lessons in Morris dancing to the children who are under their control, the instruction being allowed to form part of the ordinary course of physical drill. There is to be a big May Day festival in the district and the reveries of the "merris England" period are to be portrayed.

Encourage Woman Weavers.
At Biltmore, the southern home of the George Vanderbilts, much encouragement is given to the women of the country around about who know how to weave, and especially are they encouraged to make the counterpanes that were once so much used. These were of blue and white and imitations of them, factory made, are now very much in vogue.

It is only the truly selfish that keep clear of troubles not their own.

The sins against yourself are also many times sins against society.

One way to keep friends is sometimes to reserve your opinions.

JAP'S BEST HUSBANDS.

So Says Beautiful American Who Wedded Japanese Scientist.

"Japanese make the best husbands in the world." With this interesting assertion the accomplished and beautiful American woman who is the wife of Dr. Takamine, the rich Japanese chemist and scientist, for many years a resident of New York, defends the international marriage.

Mrs. Takamine was Miss Hitch, daughter of one of the old Southern families, before she met Dr. Takamine, who was a commissioner from his country to the New Orleans Exposition. Her marriage to the young Japanese doctor of science twenty-one years ago, being among the early marriages between Orient and Occident, attracted attention, but not the disagreeable sort that has been heaped upon the latest international marriage from California.

Mrs. Takamine expressed her sympathy for Miss Helen Emery, who, despite the public clamor and protest of the Californians, fled to the States and married the young Japanese of her choice.

"In a way," said Mrs. Takamine, "I think the attitude of some of those California people toward the young Japanese who desired to marry an American girl was flattering, not only to him, but to the race. I think jealousy of Japanese enterprise, Japanese intelligence and Japanese achievement on the part of some of the labor union people on the coast must be the real cause for much of this unpleasant controversy out there. If this be not the reason, why should so much fuss be made because a bright young man from another country wants to marry one of their daughters? I have in mind at least half a dozen marriages in New York of American girls to Japanese which have proved extremely happy. Quite a number of American business men in Japan have taken Japanese wives, and these marriages, too, have been happy."

Collar Buttons Made Of Skim Milk.
Boston Globe.

There seems to be no limit to the ingenuity of the Germans. Not content with making butter and cheese out of milk, they have devised a method whereby not only collar buttons can be made from skim milk, but piano keys, dominoes, dice and chess figures also.

Galatin is the magical substance. It is derived from the casing of milk. Casein is also used in making paper, glue, and color. The best comes from France. The headquarters for the galatin industry is Hamburg, where it has flourished since 1902.

The Hamburg galatin makers contract with French butter makers for skim milk at the rate of 30 cents for 250 pounds, they stipulating to return the whey to the butter makers. The skim milk is coagulated with rennet by the dairymen. When the curds have been pressed until they contain about 50 per cent of water they are shipped to Germany for the finishing process, by which they are finished into blocks, by which they are finished into blocks, by which they are finished into blocks.

It takes more than 3000 quarts of skim milk to make 200 pounds of dry casein. That quantity is worth \$15.50.

The Moustache And Christianity.
New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"The moustache has a religious significance," said a clergyman, in a Lenten address. "It forms, you see, in company with the nose, a cross."

"In the time of the Moslem invasion of Spain mixed marriages rendered it impossible to tell a heathen from a Christian; so the Spaniards took to shaving all the face but the upper lip. Thus every Christian countenance bore a cross—a cross part flesh and part hair."

"From its religious meaning the moustache has come to have an elegant significance purely. Men now wear it not to proclaim their faith but to magnify their beauty. Its source, however, is in Christianity. Before the Spanish invasion men either wore full beards or went clean shaved."

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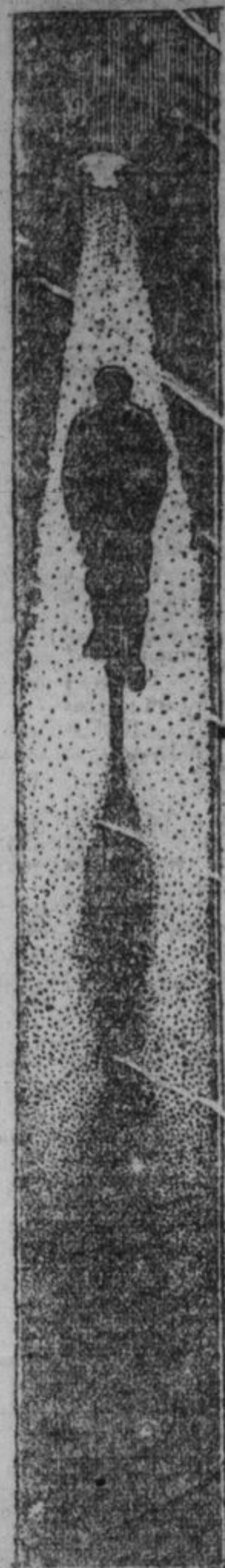
Rob Trusting.
The early robin freely acknowledged that as a harbinger of spring it had been a failure this time.

"I was fooled by the boys playing marbles in the streets," pleaded the bird, in extenuation.

"For there are times, as Solomon or some other wise man has remarked when all signs fail."

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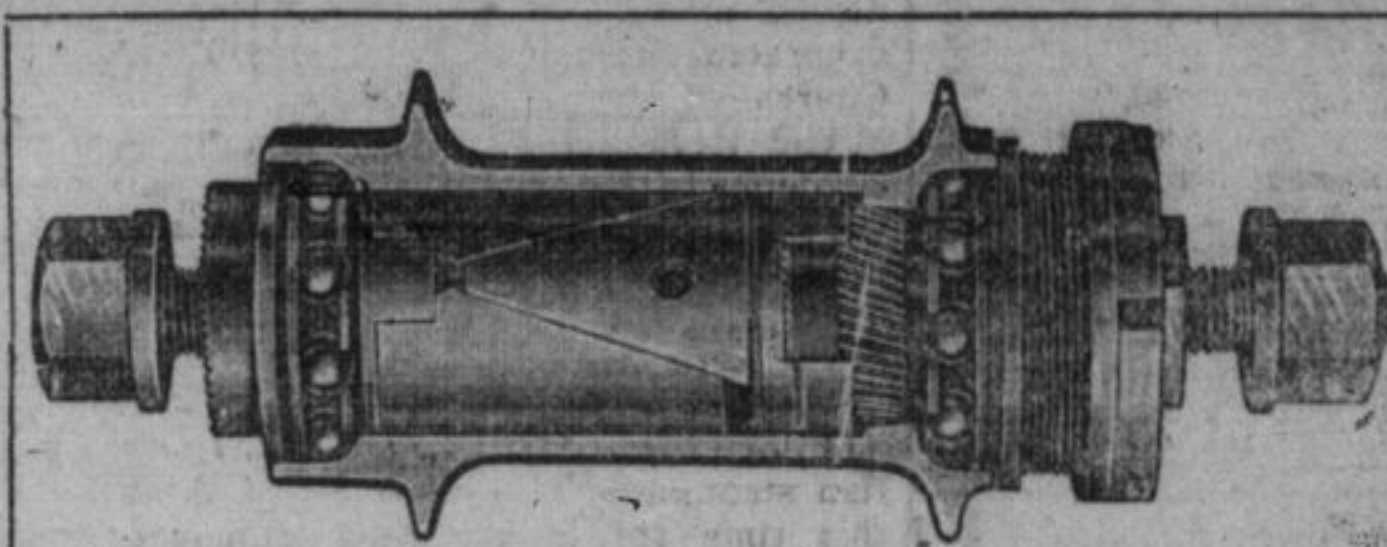
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HOW DUTCH PRINCE PROPOSED

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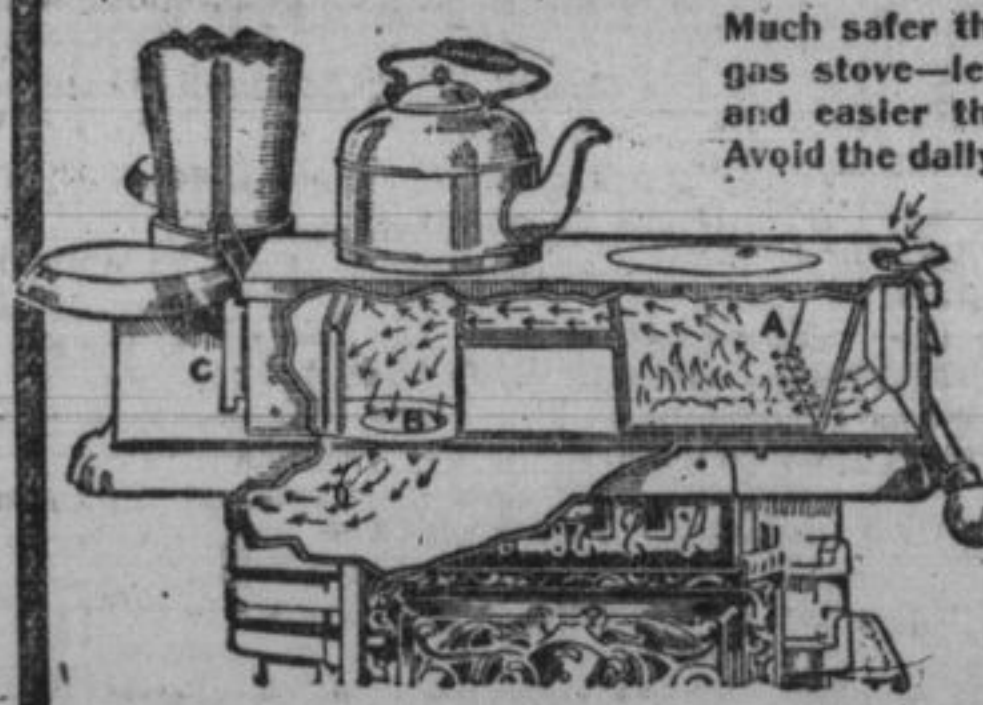
Prince Henry of Mecklenburg, who was very much enamored, immediately set to work to learn the language. One day he and the young Queen were together, and she casually asked him if he knew much Dutch.

"Yes," he replied, "I am working very hard at it," and taking from his pocket a much-used primer he handed it to her.

Greatly pleased, she opened it, and found scribbled all over the front page the words "I love you" in Dutch. It was a novel way of proposing, but it was eminently successful, and from that moment the two young people considered themselves engaged.

How Did It Get There?
When an oil lamp enclosed in a square glass protector and suspended from the ceiling in the lobby of the Fox and Hounds Inn at Denbigh, near Hawick, England, was lowered one day recently, a wasp was found beside the lamp.

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