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TYPEWRITERS IN CHINA.

They Are Used There, but Not For the Native Language.

Typewriters are now made for use in nearly a hundred different languages, and they are sold all over the world, but there is still one great nation which, for a very simple reason, has no typewriters that write its tongue. That nation is China.

The English alphabet has twenty-six letters, the Russian thirty-six. The typewriter produced for the Russian market is the largest made, but no typewriter could be made that would begin to be big enough for the Chinese language, which has no alphabet, but is represented by sign characters, of which there are about 50,000. Of the great number of words found in the English language only a small proportion are used for the ordinary purposes of speech, and the same would be true as to the characters used in the Chinese language, but the number of Chinese characters commonly employed is still far greater than could be put on any typewriter. So this nation of 400,000,000 people has no typewriter in its own tongue.

But that doesn't mean that no typewriters are sold in China. More and more Chinese are learning other languages besides their own, and Chinese merchants and resident foreign merchants use typewriters, and they are used in legations and in consular offices and in banks and shipping offices and colleges and by missionaries, by various people. Altogether there are sold in China a good many typewriters.—Washington Post.

AN ANCIENT LEGEND.

Creation of the Coconut, the Wakwak and the Palm Tree.

According to the opinion of the old historians and the commentators of the Koran, God created from the remainder of the clay of which Adam was made the kuliseer, or cocoa tree; which is found in abundance in the Indian islands. It produces a nut which is brought to Anatolia and Roomli. The interior and oily part is nourishing and fortifying food. The shell is worked into spoons and cups of the size of a man's head. It is a round black nut on which all the parts of a man's head may be seen—mouth, nose, eyebrows, eyes, hair and whiskers—before it was formed from Adam's clay. A wonderful sight!

From the same clay God created also the wakwak, found in India, the fruit of which resembles a man's head, which, shaken by the wind, emits the sound of wakwak.

Finally was created also the palm tree from the remainder of Adam's clay at Kufa, near the water Tinnoor. This is said to be the reason why the palm trees of Kufa, Medain and Ommann are straight and upright, like the stature of a man. If you cut its branches it does not only no harm to it, but grows even more, like the hair and beard of men, but if you cut off the head of the palm tree it gives a reddish juice like blood, and the tree perishes like a man whose head is cut off.—Evila Effendi, "Travels."

Blunders by Novelists. Novelists, even of eminence, are prone to make blunders. Sir Walter Scott in "For Faith and Freedom" wrote after the Yorkins had settled in Providence, "Barnaby soon grew tired of this quiet life and went on board a steamer bound for England, promising that we should hear from him." This was in 1886 or 1887, and the first steamer from America to this country did not reach Liverpool till July, 1819. Wilkie Collins also made numerous amazing blunders. In "The Duel in Herne Wood" he makes the story open with the receipt of a telegram, and the period is 1817, when twenty years had to elapse before the first telegraphic wire was laid. Three of the characters also talk of "taking the express train to London" in defiance of the fact that the first railway to London was not opened till 1825.

Two Seats in the Alala. On a visit of John W. Gates to New York shortly before his last trip abroad he was discussing Wall Street speculation and how dull it was with a friend who sometimes takes a fling in the market himself. "Let me see," said the friend; "it was five years ago that a stock exchange seat brought \$97,000. Now one can be got for \$75,000."

"Seventy-five thousand dollars!" shouted Gates. "If a man went down to the exchange with \$75,000 real money he could get two seats on the middle aisle."—New York Sun.

The Jenny Lind Rock. The Ohio river claims among its treasures the Jenny Lind rock. The stinger was a passenger on a steamer which struck on a sand bar near the rock, and while waiting for the boat to be floated Miss Lind had botmen row her out to the rock, where she stood alone and sang a song.

Of Course. In the bankruptcy court I once heard a witness asked the amount of his gross income. "My gross income, is it? Sure an' I'd have ye know that I have no gross income. I'm a fisherman, an' me income is all net." Was the astonishing reply.—Green Bag.

A Queer Customer. "Mandy, the village tailor to his wife, 'I'm going to give Sam Billings a suit of clothes for a pig.' 'My goodness, papa!' exclaimed his little daughter. 'What does a pig want with a suit of clothes?'"—New York Times.

The pleasure a woman gets out of telling her troubles may compensate her for her sufferings. It's easy to live on love—until you get hungry. A man never knows what he can't do until he tries.

A MERCILESS LANDLORD.

Clanricarde, Ireland's Greatest Tyrant, to Sell His Property.

Nothing so significant has happened in the history of Ireland for many a day as the decision of Lord Clanricarde to sell his estates to his tenants, announced recently by John Dillon at a meeting at Portumna, County Galway, in the heart of the Clanricarde country.

Perhaps no Irish landlord has been more execrated than Clanricarde, and certainly none has deserved it more. When others were reducing rents, and even waiving them in hard times, Clanricarde exacted the utmost farthing and evicted and burned without mercy when they were not forthcoming. His estate has been in a condition of actual war thirty years.

How pitiless he was is proved by the fact that the men of his own class even refused to associate with him. Things were made so unpleasant for him he was not seen in the House of Lords for many years, and when he did make his appearance a couple of years ago to vote on a division of great importance to his class he was shunned by every one.

The English name of Lord St. Aldwyn, who is better known by his former title of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, even went so far in a debate as to declare that Clanricarde's vote in favor of a measure was equal to half a dozen votes against it, and to denounce him as a disgrace to landlords.

Clanricarde has not been in Ireland for at least thirty years, and probably for a good deal longer. He had not even the courage to face his tenants, but left that dangerous work to his agents, and more than one resigned rather than carry out his orders.

He lived alone in London, occupying a little flat in Piccadilly, amusing himself by collecting pictures and antiques. Although a wealthy man, he probably spends less on himself than most clerics, and few of the people who meet the queen and the king in the garb of nearly a century ago walking along Piccadilly every fine morning; realize this is the man whose fame as the worst landlord even Ireland ever produced is known to all the world.

The pity of it is that Clanricarde is the last of a race that has been great in Ireland nearly 700 years, and some of whose members really served their country. His name is Hubert George du Burgh Canning, but the "Canning" was added a couple of generations ago. He is therefore the head of the great Burgh family.

The first of the race in Ireland was Richard de Burgh, who was lord lieutenant in 1227, and who received the title of Lord of Connaught. His son became Earl of Ulster, and four generations later the present title was created. Other branches of the family are the Earls of Mayo and Viscounts of Galway.

There isn't any doubt that Lord Clanricarde has made up his mind to sell his estates because he sees that Home Rule is inevitable, and knows he will receive much less consideration from an Irish executive than he will in making a bargain with the congested districts commissioners, to whom he has signified his willingness to consider a fair offer.

Story of Self Help. A man who began his working career as a scissors-grinder in Sheffield, England, and married on a wage of only \$5 a week, has just died worth \$100,000, and has left bequests of \$2,500 each to four charitable institutions of the city.

He was Mr. David Fenby, glass and china dealer, the proprietor of a very large business, which he acquired as a result of hard work and thrifty habits, in which his wife shared.

When he was earning his small wage the couple always managed to save something, and when they had a little capital they started a small general grocery business in a back street. He purchased a donkey and hired a cart, and after two years in business was able to take a grocer's shop with an off-license. After nine years he had saved enough to buy the shop and nine adjoining houses. At the same time he was carrying on a business as furniture remover, his wife looking after the shop.

He was afterwards able to move to bigger premises and became a wealthy man, but he and his wife continued to live in a very moderate style.

Defying the Dictionary. George Elot and Horace Walpole introduced the strange word "greenish" in place of "greenery" into their writings. Shakespeare wrote "kist" and "drest" and is said to have signed his name in sixteen different ways, and Carlyle was fond of such terms as "seniablest" and "pitiablest." Even Queen Victoria often applied separate adjectives. Dickens introduced the most eccentric punctuation when writing "Pickwick," Jane Austen was very partial to the use of the word "excessively" when she obviously meant "exceedingly," and the critics have accused Miss Maria Corelli of using "perpicuity" instead of "perpicacity."

Offers Maid Every Night Out. The Australian scarcity of domestic servants is so acute that would-be employers have to be original in their appeals for help. Probably no more enticing offer to domestic servants has ever been made than is contained in the following advertisement from The Sydney Morning Herald: "Wanted—Good general, 3 in family, washing done out; wages no object; every night out, tram and boat fares paid; drawing room, with use of piano when required; also sewing machines; excellent home for a suitable girl."

The British Seas. The seas around the coast of the British Isles are mostly narrow. The greatest width of the English Channel is between Portland Hill and St. Malo, 142 miles. It narrows to twenty and one-quarter miles at one point in the straits of Dover. The distance between Great Britain and Ireland is even less. For Head is only twelve miles from the nearest point of the Mall of Cantire. Between Canmore Point and St. David's Head, in Wales, forty-seven miles is the least breadth of water.

If a man sees a smart child it's a sign that he is the child's father. Many a man goes wrong because he isn't satisfied to stay where he is. The path of ambition leads to many political graves. Even in the darkest hour there are only sixty minutes.

FELT HIS PRESENCE.

Curious Instance of Telepathy Described by John Muir.

John Muir, in his book, "My First Summer in the Sierras," relates a curious instance of telepathy. He spent the summer of 1869 in the beautiful wilderness around the Yosemite valley. One day he was busily sketching on the North Dome, when suddenly he became possessed with the notion that his friend Professor J. D. Butler of the University of Wisconsin was below him in the valley. He jumped up, full of the idea of meeting him, being almost as much startled as if some one had unexpectedly touched him and made him look up. Instantly he went running down the slope and along the brink of the valley, looking for a way to the bottom, feeling drawn irresistibly.

Gradually his common sense convinced him that he could not possibly reach the hotel until after everybody would be asleep for the night. He therefore compelled himself to stop, but the next day he went into the valley and found that Professor Butler had arrived the evening before, unexpected by anybody. He had been four or five miles distant at the moment when Mr. Muir was so suddenly apprised of his presence.

"He had just entered the valley by way of the Coulterville trail," says the author, "and was coming past El Capitan when his presence struck me. Had he then looked toward the North Dome with a good glass he might have seen me jump up from my work and run toward him. This seems the one well defined marvel of my life of the kind called supernatural."

RESURRECTION PLANT.

It Comes to Life, After Drying Up, If Plunged into Watery Plants.

One of the most extraordinary plants in the world is undoubtedly that known to botanists as Anastatica, commonly called the Resurrection plant or occasionally the Rose of Jericho. It is an annual inhabiting the Egyptian desert. It is so highly hygrometric that when fully developed it contracts its rigid branches so as to constitute a ball. Exposed then to the action of the wind it is blown hither and thither toward the sea, when it is gathered and exported to Europe.

If then, when apparently dead and dried up, its root is plunged into water, the buds swell with new life and leaves of its calyx open, the petals unfold, the flower stalk grows and the full blown flowers appear as if by magic. When removed from the water the plant returns to its original apparently dead condition until again placed in water; hence, its title of the Resurrection plant.

There are many superstitious tales concerning this so called rose afloat in the east. It is said to have first bloomed on Christmas eve and continued to flower till Easter, at its birth heralding the advent of the Redeemer, and immediately before his departure honoring his resurrection.—T. P.'s London Weekly.

The Range of Vision. Data have been gathered in Germany with reference to the distance at which persons may be recognized by their faces and figures. If one has good eyes, the Germans claim, one cannot recognize a person whom he has seen but once before at a greater distance than twenty-five meters (eighty-two feet). If the person is well known to one, one may recognize him at from fifty to a hundred meters, and if it is a member of one's family, even at 150 meters. The whites of the eyes may be seen at from twenty-seven to twenty-eight meters and the eyes themselves at seventy-two to seventy-three meters. The different parts of the body and the slightest movements are distinguishable at ninety-one meters. The limbs show at 182 meters. At 540 meters a moving man appears only as an indefinite form, and at 720 meters (2,361.6 feet) the movements of the body are no longer visible.—Scientific American.

Friends. Put your heart into the search for a friend, freely offer assistance to any of the crowd who needs it, and, sooner or later, you will find a hand outstretched toward yours, and your soul will meet its likeness. Do not flatter those who, shut up in their individuality as in a citadel, indifferent to all passers by, yet send forth on the four winds of heaven the melancholy cry, "There are no friends!" They do exist, be sure of it, but only for those who seek, for those deeply interested in the search and for those who do not remain content to spin out the thread of life in a corner like a spider's web, intended to catch happiness.

Halleck and Drake. Fitz Greene Halleck, the poet and author of "Marco Bozaris," who died in 1867, is buried in the Halleck family plot in the Alderbrook cemetery at Winsted, Conn. The body of his friend, Joseph Rodman Drake, the author of "The American Flag," rests in the old Hunt burying ground in Bronx borough, New York city, now known as Drake's park.—Magazine of American History.

Romantic Spain. "Tell me about Spain, romantic Spain." "Well," said the motorist, "there are a few bad places as you come down the mountains, but in the main the roads are pretty good."—Washington Herald.

Always rise from the table with an appetite and you will never sit down without one.—F. van.

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