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"Good papers!" cried William Thomas, when he had finished reading Mr. Bentley's references.

"Splendid recommendations!" echoed the brother. "Best ones we have received yet. Is it not so, William?"

Mr. Bentley flushed with pleasure and swelled with vanity.

"Where are your papers, young man?" asked William, turning to John Ray, who stood quietly with his face averted. No wonder, for his hopes were fleeing away, and he knew his face would show his disappointment.

"I have none," he said. "I never filled a like position, sir, and consequently can give you no references."

"You must have reference," said the brothers, "or we cannot consider your application."

"I have none," again said John Ray; and all hopes had flown, and his pale face showed it.

"I think young man you come well recommended," said William. "Does he not Peter?"

Peter laughed and nodded, and the brothers got closer to John Ray.

"The best reference in the world," cried Peter with such an affectionate look at John that William feared he meant to embrace him, and put out his hand to prevent it, for fear of spoiling the denouement.

John looked puzzled. They both laughed and repeated—

"Good recommendation! Mother!" they called, and in came the old lady of the day before. "Mother, which of these young men do you recommend to us for a clerk?"

The old lady walked straight up to John and said—

"I recommend by all means, my dear sons the young man who was kind enough to aid a helpless 'old beggar' to reach home; who loved the memory of his mother so well that he walked 20 long miles to let your mother ride. Not for a reward, boys. No, he thought I was poor and helpless; and now if a feeble like that won't recommend John Ray more than all the recommendations that were written, indeed, then I don't know my dear boys."

And each of the brothers got John by the hand, while Mr. Bentley retired with a crestfallen air.

Let us hope that this little episode taught Mr. Bentley the lesson that kindness brings its own reward. That to be loved by our fellow-man is the highest earthly pleasure to be enjoyed. That to be kind and sociable to all is to win love. To be accommodating, sympathizing, helpful, is to retain that love when won. That no good action or kind word is lost, but is written with an indelible pen in the Recording Angel's Book, and preserved in eternity.

**Chinese Aspects.**

A GLANCE AT ART AND LANDSCAPE AMONG THE CELESTIALS.

There are said to be something like fifty thousand characters in the written language of the Chinese. I am sure it would take them all to fully describe the queer sights and strange customs we witnessed in Peking during the few days we rested there, at the cheerful United States Legation, before making our final start for the Great Wall.

The anomalous impression I received of the exterior of the town in my memorable ride, was intensified as I came to know something of the interior life of Peking. My sister and I felt like two Chinese Alices in Oriental Wonderland when we came to visit some of the people who live in those strange, inhospitable looking houses, their own homes, for it seemed as if all the pictures we had ever seen on Chinese porcelain had come to life and the figures were now stepping out of their slippery state to greet us.

I had never known before that the twisted tree is contorted objects and queer architecture painted on Chinese punch bowls and platters are not droll caricatures, but the Chinese representations of Chinese art ideals in the actual every day scenes of Chinese life. The grotesque figures which they paint on fans, or screens, are all well known historical characters; heroes of fiction, or deified saints and philosophers, and each one carries to the Chinese mind its peculiar traditional or romantic association.

There is very little picturesque scenery in China, and the few hills, streams and valleys which lovers of natural beauty have discovered, have done duty in decoration for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of years. But these outlines, made familiar by repetition, have a different meaning when the fact is explained that the skilful Chinese landscape gardeners have made innumerable miniature copies of these few bits of scenery in the court yards which are enclosed by the inner walls of all the houses of the better sort. These courts, a few feet in extent, oblong or square, are laid out in little mountain ranges, showing caverns and lakes, trails and ravines, on every side.—Wide Awake.

**The Style in Butter.**

"I wish that the fashions wouldn't change so often," remarked Smythe as he stabbed the boarding-house butter.

"Why?"

"Because it keeps the popularity of shades in hair in constant fluctuation, and a feller can't tell one day whether next day's butter will be a white—horse blonde or a zambsi brunette."—Merchant Traveller.

**Famine in Gold.**

A STATISTICAL MINER GIVES VERY INTERESTING FIGURES.

"Probably nine-tenths, of all the gold obtained by man has been taken from placer deposits, and our American experience has been no exception to the general rule," remarked an experienced mining operator in speaking of the past and future of this valuable product the other evening. "Previous to 1847 our total gold production amounted to \$12,000,000 but between 1847 and 1887 about \$1,750,000,000, were contributed to our stock of gold. Of this nearly three-fourths came from placer deposits. In 1850-56 we obtain more than \$50,000,000 per annum in gold from the placers of California, and almost nothing from gold-bearing veins. Now, with an annual production of \$30,000,000 about one-half is from placers. Our own territory has been so thoroughly explored that no considerable superficial deposits of gold are likely to be discovered, and nearly the same thing can be said of the entire world.

"In the northern extension of our western mountain ranges in British Columbia and Alaska there are probably important deposits of gold. It is likely, however, to come from this region in a moderate but perennial stream, and not in a flood. Great difficulty will attend the working of those mines on account of the cold, long winters and the difficulty in transporting supplies. Unless the mines should prove richer than expected there may be a dearth of gold in the near future. In this Allegheny belt of mountains, in this country, there are large deposits of gold, but they are difficult to work. Still industry and perseverance may make them pay a profit. Mexico may be expected to turn out \$1,000,000 a year, but no more. The west coast of South America yields little silver.

"Columbia, Venezuela and Brazil have, on the contrary, always been producers of gold. It is estimated that from Brazil alone more than \$1,000,000,000 in gold were obtained during the first 300 years after the advent of the Portuguese. Columbia and Venezuela are now yielding about \$4,000,000 each annually and little more than that can be expected in the future.

"Australia produces about \$30,000,000 a year and we can not hope for more than \$5,000,000 annually from Asia. That will cover it all. I don't fear that you and I will ever suffer from a famine of gold, but unless the North American deposits are richer than is expected some one will suffer."—N. Y. Mail and Express

**A Story of the Crown Prince.**

A writer in the Newcastle Chronicle, who was a student at Bonn with the present German Crown Prince, relates of that illustrious personage that some time after leaving the university he asked, in a mysterious manner, of a certain officer in Berlin, whether he had heard that the army was to be mobilized in twenty-four hours. The officer rashly took it as a definite assertion and court secret; but it did not long remain a secret in his hands; he mentioned it in a whisper to someone else; the reporters got on the scent, and before two hours it was in capital letters, "Army mobilization in twenty-four hours" in all the evening papers in Berlin. Then all was hurry and consternation and inquiries. Against whom was the war? Against France? Against Russia? Was it Austria? Was it Italy? Was the Fatherland invaded? Nobody knew. The Generals were asked; they denied all knowledge, but were disbelieved. They inquired, however, for themselves; and after the report had spread, causing a panic through all Europe, it was finally traced back to its source. Prince William was severely reprimanded by his grandfather, who gave him three days' arrest for his intended joke.

**He Didn't Laugh.**

Scores of others have tried that same thing this winter and failed. If you are trotting along with your hands up to your ears, and you attempt to turn an icy corner, the equilibrium is destroyed and you might as well sit down. He sat down. A dozen or more pedestrians laughed heartily. He looked indignant, of course, and went off with an injured expression of countenance. One of those who had witnessed his discomfiture followed and overtook him, and said:

"Beg pardon, but you fell down back there. All the crowd but me laughed. I didn't. I never do."

The victim looked at the man in a cold, clammy sort of way for a few seconds and then went on. He had not gone a hundred feet when he was overtaken, and the man said:

"You may think I did, but I didn't. Some of 'em yelled out: Ha! ha! ha! and some tittered; Te-he-he! but I was solemn. I always am."

You go on, exclaimed the fallen man, in high dudgeon.

But you fell down.

And what of it.

But I didn't laugh. I never do. I don't want you to lay up any thing against me.

The other walked on again, but he was once more overtaken and appealed to:

"You won't lay it up against me, will you? When you went down some of the crowd laughed till they nearly went double but I never smiled. Never do. One teller—"

The fallen man turned on him, seized him by the throat and rushed him against the wall, and only let go when he was black in the face. Then he rubbed his fist against the poor fellow's nose, gave him a punch in the ribs, and walked off with threats of what he would do if followed further. He was not followed. The crushed and cowed humanitarian gurgled and gasped, and got his breath, repaired his neck-tie and collar, and set off in the opposite direction with the remark: "I didn't do it. I never, never do!"—Detroit Free Press

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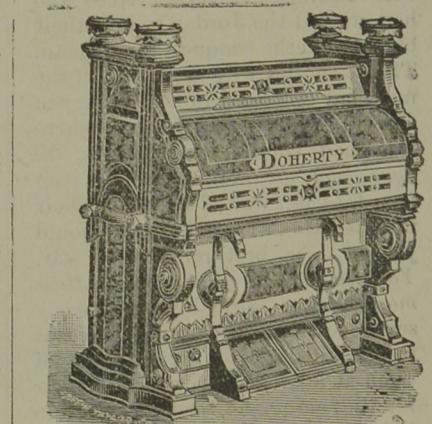
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