

EDITORIAL NOTES.

For several weeks there have been repeated disturbances and some fighting on the peninsula directly north of Hong Kong. This turbulence is due to the fact that the British have been making the first move to take effective possession of the 200 square miles of mainland leased to them for ninety-nine years by the convention signed on June 9 last.

The peasant did not initiate these disorders, but they were instigated by influential persons who had their own reasons for opposing the enlargement of the British colony. The grounds on which Great Britain demanded the lease of this considerable territory were that it was needed for the proper protection of the colony and also to provide room for commercial expansion, as the island of Hong Kong had become too cramped an area for the requirements of its immense trade.

The recurrence of such episodes in the British or other foreign concessions in China lead one or another of the Powers to take effective occupation of their "spheres of interest". The tendency seems to be in that direction in the Shantung province, where the Germans have occupied Nungtung-Wei Bay, south of their leased territory of Kiao-Chow, and have stationed troops at two points in the interior.

Mr. Goodheart, a suburban resident "Good morning! What can do for you this bright and beautiful Spring morning?"

First Neighbor—I noticed you hadn't begun making garden yet, and I thought I'd just drop over and borrow your spade.

Second Neighbor—How do you like Mr. Goodheart? Will you let me have your hoe for a few minutes?

Third Neighbor—You see Mr. Spinks has your spade and Mr. Pinks just passed me with your hoe, and as you can't do anything with a rake without a spade and a hoe, I'll just take your spade and your hoe.

Fourth Neighbor—Oh I'll have plenty of time to get through with the borrow. Spinks told me he'd be busy with your spade for a month.

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Immediately the medicine-men sprang forward, the physicians set up a yell of triumph, and every Indian in the tepee began to shout at the top of his lungs. The terrifying noise was heard by the British, and the British soldiers advanced toward the centre of the lodge until she stood directly beneath the opening. Behind her a buffalo robe an Indian who seemed to be dying, his pallid face as they laid him in the sunshine, took a more glibly than the others.

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DIFFICULT CHINESE LANGUAGE.

Inevitable blunders of a foreigner in speaking Chinese. The oldest spoken language now existing upon the earth is the Chinese. It has an enormous list of words—the estimate of the number of characters ranges from twenty-five thousand to two hundred and sixty thousand.

The Chinese characters give no clue to the pronunciation, and no amount of book study will enable a foreigner to pronounce them correctly.

Several anecdotes illustrating the difficulty of the Chinese language. A missionary once heard a venerable missionary address the deity in prayer, before a crowded Chinese audience.

At another time, the cook was told to buy one hundred "ladies' fingers" for an evening party. Two hours later the man returned with a box of cigars.

Had the best of medical treatment, and tried Hot Springs without receiving benefit. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured him.

Mr. Story, of Maryland, Pontiac, Que., is well known to all the residents of that section, and his cure from an unusually severe attack of rheumatism.

Every one is surprised at the rapidity and efficacy with which Nervine—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—relieves nerve-pain.

Waggles—There is only one thing as hard to find in this world as the north pole. Jaggles—What's that? Waggles—The fellow who gets lost searching for it.

Yes, that's the bride. Very young, isn't she? Nineteen, I believe. Who encouraged her to marry? The bridegroom, of course. He's her unmarried sister's chaperoning them.

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