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campaigner. Li Hung Chang, at the

head of Chinese affairs by making him

course could not, in accordance with

IN FAVOR OF IT,

Gordon's dismay, he found the great

Chinaman averse to the scheme, and

it. He literally "put away the

disappointment attending his venture,

and so expressed himself to those who

had assisted him in South China. It

tion to Chang, however, that he might

have been the ruler of his country.

notwithstanding the fact that

incense to him to remember that when

ever China is in trouble the public

mind naturally turns to him to get it

CRITICISM.

most entirely to adverse judgment.

As such, criticism is an evil habit.

How easy it is to see with a critical

mind which, beginning with a caviling

captiousness, ends at last in the

depths of an all-pervading pessi-

mism. This pessimistic regard of life

grows on us, so that finally all the

good points of a toilette, a picture, a

character are utterly overwhelmed

with the magnified immensity of the

By allowing this fault-finding act

over-flowing with gall and bitter-

ness; and yet quite within our reach

the total of the greatness that is in

every character and looks not per-

sistently for the evil that has been

in all but One, is also the outgrowth

of habit, and can be cultivated to a

theless, in different hands the develop-

ment of this endowment will often at-

of this development of character

for in so far as we rule ourselves, to

that extent will we control the

It is doubtless a heavy drain on

one's Christian charity and forbear-

ance to acquiesce in praise and com-

mendation which we know is mis-

placed or uncalled for. It requires

quickness of thought and self-control

to give an assent which will appear

entirely spontaneous; but though dif-

ficult, it is necessary to guard the

tongue from speaking ill, even though

the ill be merely truth-telling. The

term "frank criticism" is used by

many to cover up nicely what is in

to have everything to match about a

costume, renders it desirable to have

growth of our natures.

the unavoidable defects.

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The number of run-down farms is in creasing in this country at a rapid rate, and the West will soon have its share of these farms along with the East. The cause of this is that there are so many engaged in farming who do not understand the primary principles of good farming that the land deteriorates without attracting their attention. This deterioration goes on slowly and gradually, and year by year the soil produces a smaller crop. After matters become consid. erably demoralized somebody wakes up to the fact that the land is exhausted and run down, and the farm gets a name that practically makes it unsale able. Good money that was originally out in the land as an investment is thus lost. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are lost in this country through this deterioration of soil because of ignorance or neglect on the part of socalled farmers. In the same way, a property goes on in towns and villages guns. It was the intention of the through the lack of good management. Chinese commander-in-chief to use The farmers are not alone in having Armstrongs exclusively but among their number poor members British agent refused to pay any who fail to hold their own and keep

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IMPROVING RUN-DOWN FARMS.

their property from degenerating. A good farm needs as much systematic attention as any business or city property. In order to keep up its renting or paying value the soil must not be allowed to degenerate or its buildings and other appurtenances to go to pieces. A good farmer will not allow this. The fertility of his soil is never sacrificed for some immediate gain unless, it is restored right away again by some return. Continual cropping without adding anything in return is never practised. But th most difficult thing in farming is to take hold of a rundown farm and restore it to its former standard fertility. This is discouraging work and often drives the best of farmers to despair. It is like taking hold of a rundown business in a city and trying to build it up. Business men say that it is easier to start an entirely new business than to attempt to inject new life into one that has been more satisfactory to take a farm

that is in fair condition and run than to purchase a rundown one at half price and strive to improve it But the latter can be done, and there are cases where it is necessary for a farmer to do this. To do this he must make up his mind to make haste he takes a progressive one. Grass must be made the foundation crop of the land, and green and barnyard manure must be continually added every year in excess of the amount taken from the soil. By a proper crop rotation, plenty of animals which can add fertility to the soil, the farm can in the course of years be returned to its first fertile condition. A man who can do this, however, is a farmer who is capable of making anything on the farm succeed. The long course of dis-

VALUE OF GOOD CITIZENS hood makes all the property there ary classic more than one thou more valuable. One who is idle, dissolute and vicious depreciates not only farm property, but all property wherever he goes. The men who talk about population making property | lull his enemies into a deep sleep." more valuable only look at half the truth. It all depends on what kind of population is referred to. A colony of lepers or those having any contagious disease will depreciate the value of land whenever they go. If it were not so the congested quarters of all our great cities would bring the highest prices. It is rather where most money is spent on buildings and improvements that land is the dearest. Nearness to commercial centres used to be thought all important. Now the same benefit is derived from the use of telegraphs and telephones and by steam and electric cars, which build up the suburbs at the expense of what country in closer accord than ever before. The time is, we believe, soon business men in all our large cities will spend a large part of their summer vacation in the country, not merely boarding, as many of them do now, but spending their whole summer or year on places which they own When this occurs there will be less isolation in farm life, for it will be so closely in touch with some nearby city city advantages will be accessible in the country as they now are in the city. When this time comes it must make farm lands much more valuable than they are now, and the majority he has on his constituency of those who work them will be satis- his The Chinese eat rice three times a fied with fewer acres and the intenday. They ply their chop sticks as sive culture which can then be given dexterously as we do knife and fork. them, Man's first home on this planet

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Strange Military Precepts-Official Cor-

The town of Taku, which has just been captured by the allied civilized nations, is a military settlement rather than a city. It is situated the mouth of the Peh-ho, the chief river in the province of Chi-Li. Even before the first war of China with England it was fortified in the antiquated style so dear to the Chinese heart. The old fort is still in existence, and is wondered at and laughed over by the few who visit the place. The walls are made of brick and earth and are reinforced by mud banks made from the oozy soil of the neighborhood Originall it was armed with smoothbore, muzzle-loading thirty-two and sixty-four pounders. It was a stronghold according to the standards of the last century, but under modern conditions practically worthless. During the war between France and China in 1884-1885 the old fort was greatly strengthened by

EARTHWORK BATTERIES on both sides of the river, and by similar depreciation of other business number of Krupp and Armstrong majority were commission to the Chinese officials or to give receipts for amounts larger than those he received. Negotiations were therefore broken off with him and the remainder of the armament supplied through Chinese intermediaries, who furnished Krupp guns at figures satisfactory to themselves and

the purchasers. The corruption which marked this emphatically declined to be a party to official business was illustrated soon after the breaking out of the war between China and Japan, when over one thousand cartridges in stock turned out to be clay neatly molded, silvered and japanned, so as to be almost indistinguishable from the real article. It is said by old residents of Tien Tsin that at least two of what seemed to be the largest-sized Krupp guns were made of wood, painted, silvered and carved so as to be perfect images of the steel and iron weapons of the famous German ironmaster.

The native soldiers at Taku are no better and no worse than those of other ports. At one time when Li Hung Chang was in power in Chi-Li they were drilled, and were thoroughly familiar with modern weapons, but during the war with Japan his famous array corps was broken up, and when he was displaced and degraded the efficient organization which he had created at Tien Tsin and Taku

UTTERLY DEMOLISHED by his conservative rivals. For the last five years the Taku garrison has consisted of poorly dressed, poorly fed and poorly drilled raw levies, with their pay generally six months n arrears, and with no medical atten. dance excepting that which they could secure from a medical missionary Many of them have never fired a rifle nor handled a cartridge. The present officers are on a par with the men Under the conservative administration cipline he must go through will also of the empress dowager, all the foreign prove of help to him, because he will learn more about intensive farming drillmasters have been discharged from the imperial service, and their places than the man who starts with a rich filled with graduates of the Manchurischool, its system and graduates, an Military college at Pekin. would be ridiculously funny if they An honest and industrious man were not so pitiable. Their chief textwho moves into a farming neighbor- book upon military science is a literyears old. It abounds in such extraor.

dinary recommendations as these: "A wise general plays sweet music before going into battle in order to "A good commander should insist ipon his men practicing with the bow to shoot backwards as they ride on

their horses, and should at times lead in the exercise himself." "No general should go to war with out taking with him an extra red umbrella and an extra umbrella.

These graduates are supposed to have mastered horsemanship, bow and arrow, the spear, the sword, and mar. tial music, these being even to-day the chief features of the Manchurian cur-

TEMPTED WITH THE CROWN.

But Li Hung Chang Emphatically Refused the Honor That Was Proffered Him.

Li Hung Chang, the Celestial who has had more ups and downs during his long career in the Flowery Kingdom than any other citizen of that country, might have been the ruler of China had he seen fit to act in consonance with the people who desired his elevation to the thone in order bring the country out of chaos. may have been guilty of acts not strictly honest, according to tenets of other countries, yet he has always come to the front in time of trouble, and his people repose confidence in his great ability as a statesman. The latest proof of the hold mediator between the Dow-

ager Empress of China and the foreign speaking is the result of unrestrainpowers. This circumstance gives an opportunity to place on record an important matter that occurred during the Governorship of the late Sir John Pope Hennessy at Hong-kong, in which certain prominent Chinese officials were mixed up. At the time rein our natures. ferred to Russia had been more than usually aggressive on the Chinese POCKETBOOK TO MATCH GOWN. Siberian frontier, and the Chinese officials called into the conference the No woman can have too many poclate General "Chinese" Gordon, for ket-books, as the fad of this summer,

THE CHINESE EMPIRE

the purpose of asking his advice as to

the body is elaborately dressed and guite plant it you had. Some of them are ornamented in filigree designs or with flowers and birds.

Some of them are ornamented in kong, and as he had conceived the idea of placing his old friend and fellow.

Some of them are ornamented in kong, and as he had conceived the idea of placing his old friend and fellow.

A sovereign.

Appear to Be a Very Poor Lot- the Emperor, he sought Li to sound him on the subject in order to see just During the summer the system dehow far he could trust him to second mands cold and refreshing drinks, and the scheme. Gordon imparted his views the housewife who appreciates this to Sir John Pope Hennessy, who, of and regularly supplies a variety of

> good ones, does much to preserve, or the importance of his position take an restore, the health of the family, as active part in the disturbance of well as to increase their immediate country with whom his own was at comfort. If one has an ice-chest, or peace, but Hennessy allowed his prirefrigerator, and plenty of ice, only vate secretary, with the aid of forethought is needed to keep a conprominent Chinaman in the Governstant supply of cold water. Lacking ment service, to become the medium these, water or any other beverage, communication between Gordon can be kept refreshingly cold by wrapand the resident Cantonese colonists. ping the pitcher or other vessel con-One Sunday evening a conference beaining it in several thicknesses of ween the "conspirators" was held at newspaper, placing on the floor of the Hongkong, participated in by many coldest part of the cellar and coverrepresentative Chinamen, and to this ing closely with a heavy woolen blanassemblage "Chinese" Gordon expound-

> ed his views in relation to the desir-Cold tea and coffee can be served of upsetting the reigning either plain or flavored. Lemon is the dynasty and placing Li Hung Chang most agreeable and popular flavor, but upon the throne. The interpreter upon one soon acquires a liking for a light the momentous occasion was an officione of ginger, and when drunk at inal, "loaned" to Gordon for the time evals as one works, the latter is by Sir Hennessy. The project was more desirable, because it tones up the viewed with doubt by many of the constomach and goes far to counteract servative Chinamen present, but the the coldness of the beverage. Use green ginger root, and slice a little

> into the pot when ready to make. and expressed themselves as willing to A cereal coffee is a better warmgive Chang their support, in case he weather drink than the genuine artiwould declare himself in favor of encle, for, although rich, and finely flavlightment and commercial developored, it is less stimulating than the ment throughout the empire. This latter, and also lighter and more easwas very encouraging to General ily digested. Treat in the same man-Gordon, and he at once started for ner as coffee, only boiling slowly for Tien-Tsin to find Li Hung Chang to fifteen minutes. Cool as above diwhom he wished to unfold the plot. To

Cocoa has everything to recommend t. and is deserving of more recognition than it receives. Cocoa shellsthe thin outer covering of the beans, crown." Gordon made no secret of the they come in one-pound packages-are milder than cocoa, and also less expensive. Either makes a refreshing warm-weather drink. Use plain or must be a source of inward satisfacflavored with vanilla or cinnamon. Chocolate Syrup is the basis of a delightful beverage. Put six table-

spoonfuls of grated chocolate over the the "Catherine of China," the Empress fire in two cupfuls of boiling water; Dowager, has never let an opportunsimmer slowly, stirring occasionally ity slip to humiliate him in the eyes of until dissolved; add four cupfuls of his countrymen, and it must be sweet granulated sugar, stir until dissolved, remove the spoon, simmer for seven minutes longer, strain, add two tablespoonfuls of vanilla extract, and seal in glass fruit jar filled to overflowing. When ready to serve, allow one and a half gills of ice-cold milk and two tablespoonfuls of syrup for every The habit of depreciatory criticism glassful, put them in a cold glass is a mental pit fall which has serious fruit jar, shake well for three minutes, pour into chilled tumblers, and which is merely a detailed examinaput a tablespoonful of whipped cream Paling tion and review, implying a precise knowledge and keen insight, combin- in each.

Strawberry, raspberry, and other ed with an exact judgment and perfruit syrubs and shrubs are delightfect mental balance, is not always fully attractive and refreshing, when harsh and of a consorious character, simply served in ice-cold water, the yet the term has come to be applied alproportion varying from two to four tablespoonfuls of the syrup to each glassful of water; they also make a pleasing change from plain lemonade, eye, only the evidence of weakness and folly and not what is best in the and are a decided addition to oatmeal, natures, actions, and dress of our flaxseed tea, toast-water, and various friends! By passively permitting the other drinks for the invalid. cynical side of character to gain the upper hand we cultivate a state of

No other easily made summer drinks are so wholesome and nourishing, and at the same time inexpensive, as the old stand-bys, oatmeal water and-ginger-ade, and by giving the former a flavour of lemon, or any one of the various fruit syrups, and making ginger-ade, of ginger, lemon juice and simple syrup, instead of ginger, vinegar and molasses, as formerly, both blemishes, the unfinished details, and are decidedly improved.

Ginger Pop is not a particularly pleasing name, but when well made of harsh judgment to grow into a is indeed invigorating on a hot sultry habit and by giving free rein to the day in midsummer. Add two cupfuls tendency to put the worst con- of granulated sugar to four quarts of struction on others' words and deeds, tepid water and stir until dissolved. we will at length find our cup of life | Put one ounce of finely sliced white ginger root and the grated yellow rind of one lemon and one orange-or one lay unlimited happiness. For, a large lemon over the fire in a cupful large and broad nature which finds of water, and simmer for fifteen minutes; squeeze the juice from the lemons, remove the pulp from the rind, strain out the seeds, add all to the boiling liquid-let stand five minutes strain, add two teaspoonfuls of cream considerable extent by all. We all of tartar, and pour into the sweetened water. When lukewarm, pour into a undoubtedly inherit certain fundamental principles of character, never- stone jar, add half a cupful of soft yeast, set in a warm place for 24 hours, then bottle and wire down th corks; lay bottles on the side in tain quite opposite results. We are the cool place and in 24 hours longer they controllers, to what extent we will,

SUN SPOTS AND WEATHER. Further examination of the statements concerning the sun spot ob served by Abbe Mareux, in Paris, creates doubts as to its importance or effect on the mundane weather. In size it is only 25,000 miles in diameter-only four times the mere earth in magnitude-and is by no means unusual. The discoverer argues from it that more sun spots will follow, which will cause exceptionally hot weather. That we shall have hot weather in July and August is quite probable. If those hot days come attribute them to the spots. If the summer should turn out unusually this delightful frankness amounts al- cool some of them will assign the same most to a brutal disregard of others | cause; and if there should be rapid feelings. "Evil speaking' would be changes there would be the same attempt to trace the relation of these changes to the sun-spots. As matter of fact, experience has failed ed criticism, harsh judgment, and to show that the sun spots produce envious jealousy. Unfortunately, any particular kind of weather.

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a purse to match every gown. Choose evil influences. When a person dies blue, emerald green or red, oval in Gordon was on his way to Tien-Tsin some pretty, delicate tint in the lea- Worry Your Friends with This.the body is elaborately dressed and shape and quite plain if you like. and Peking, and stopped at Hong- ther of the prevailing pastel shades, what is it that is round and sound, and its and and just a pound, and yet does not Mantanti

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