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latter be the servant, he not infre-

CLOWNS AND CIRCUS BOYS.

bareback, leaps through

All his spare time he can be found

turning "flipflaps," and handsprings

and practicing on the parallel bars.

for a clown, as everybody knows,

must be more skillful at everything

than everybody else. Then, too, when

comes as a surprise, and he gets twice

There are half a dozen or more

children with every large circus, and

they have small chance of getting an

education, except in the winter time.

and very few of them attend then.

Nearly always, however, there is some

man with the circus who is well edu-

cated and who cares enough for the

and school is kept on the empty bench-

show. Nearly always the teacher is a

clown, for, strange to say, these mak-

ers of fun really are often good-na-

are well educated as well. These vol-

unteer teachers get nothing extra for

their work as teachers, but they do

not expect anything. The idea that

THE SAGACIOUS RAT.

One day a well-fed and sagacious rat

came across an object made of stout

wires, whose sole occupation seemed to

cheese. Having had several years' ex-

have more chees here than I can pos-

and pass the cheese out, will you?"

it out. Um ! I see. Spring there some-

"But I'm caught!" exclaimed the

"Well, I leave that for you to decide

Hope we shall have a large harvest."

There is a good moral to this anec-

CHINESE FISHERMEN.

In this country the fisherman is a

man who uses hook or line or the net

of a sucking fish or remora.

and take him aboard.

accept a portion."

found himself trapped.

where. Very good idea."

mouse, in great agitation.

"And what's to be done?"

"So I observe."

dote. Think it out.

tions, the rat looked the ground

and good-hearted fellows, who

he does a clever acrobatic trick it

as much applause as anybody else.

clown.

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each little grain does a great work through the summer days in multiplying and adding to the farmer's harvest. A farmer once planted one grain of white Australian wheat, and at harvest time from it had sprung 1.360 grains of large, fat wheat. He planted 10 acres of this wheat and harvested 177 sacks, each weighing 138 pounds. The single grain spoken of ON WOOD, LINEN, CCTTON, CR produced 36 stalks, so you see even a PAPER WITH EQUAL FACILITY, grain of wheat helps wonderfully.

Do not carry on conversation with another in company about matters is still in vogue between friends long

THE HAPPY SEA GULL. In madcap glee I whirl and fly Where storm winds rip and rave, drift and circle in the sky And skim the purple wave. As happy as the day is long Am I because my boast Is like the burden of my song,

Among the shells I bob. And hear the bilious billow boom

In symphony and sob. And to its twilight lullaby I flap along the coast.

I'll ne'er be served on toast. often flap my wings at fate

And gliding down the sky elate In triumph loud I shriek. And graze the sun almost, I fondly to myself remark :

I'll ne'er be served on toast. When on the brine I rise and sink Or float the clouds above. I'm lost in joy until I think I'm Aphrodite's dove.

A wistful waif of wind and wave. I'll ne'er be served on toast. I am no caged ringed cockatoo.

And such I'll be until this shell So frail shall slip the ghost. Which oft will whistle on the swell: I'll ne'er be served on toast

In his interesting book, "The Apostl of the importance of carrying a large supply of shoes for the dogs when travelling by dog-train, with the ther-

Shoes for the dogs are essential, as a dog's foot is very liable to injury

helper, to put on their shoes. Other missionaries have had their dogs do the

ETIQUETTE AMONG CHINESE. cipal entrance to her house.

Contrary to the practice that preshown to women in Austria increases with age. No Austrian would ever dream of receiving a lady's extended hand without bowing to kiss it. Children, even when grown, always touch the hands of their parents with their lips before venturing to raise their faces for a kiss. Girls and young married women, no matter how lofty their station, do not consider it beneath their dignity to kiss the hands of ladies who have attained a certain age ladies. The men are also extremely courteous, not only to ladies, but to start off with a flock of birds to each other.

when meeting by shaking hands six may be seen in his sampan sur- of shame!" eral times. The social etiquette of the desert, or among the Arabs, is ly if one wishes to live among them insult can be offered to an Arab than a friendly inquiry as to the welfare er they will bring it in. of his wife, to us a natural civility. but to him a gross impertinence, bit - turtles he will do so with the aid

guest, but will wait upon both until the father, rising, allows them the opportunity of breaking bread with

A Turk always stands in the presence of his mother, until invited to sit down, a compliment he pays to no to a long cord tied to a brass ring

With measured pace, the eyes of each fixed on those of the other, they apholding the right hands slightly advanced. They press their finger tips against his lips and then upon his bers of the congregation. Millionsheart, as he raises his head and re- Did he mention any names ! Mrs. Mildoubles his salutations. The old cus- lions, with a sigh-No; he didn't men- deliberately bound up so tightly that the wedding day arrives, the girl is put tion of intellectual development. He

the terms on which they approach. In the extremity of humility, the very feet of one's horse are embraced. When a Moslem meets a European accompanid by a Moor, though the

presence has never been desired, it they are a most learned people in Chinese women remember theirs chiefis usual to exclaim in tones sufficient- their ancient, mostly useless, ways, ly as torturers who first inflicted unly explicit, "God protect thee." "Be and they have made many discoveries speakable agony and then had recourse welcome, at home and at ease," is the in the past, and are highly skilled to violent beating to silence the wails welcome. Courteous interrogatories artistically. We need only remem- of ceaseless pain. fall thick and fast. How art thou? ber, to help us to realize this, that It is not, as some English people Thy house?"-the nearest approach the favorite beverage of the world think, only the rich women who are permitted to inquiry after a man's be the grandest life in the world, but to be the clown as well would be the very height of bliss. Even the children takes part with them in their act. In hoisted to the shoulder of his father and is carried at a swift pace around the ring. This is all fun for himbut what he really wants is to be a

> ing to the need for change. The small feet of the women are the great indication of this being the truth. For countless centuries the feet of the little girls have been tied up in bandages, to keep them always as small as those of natural children at five or six years of age This has been a barrier to the growth of the intelligence of the women as well as to their influence. It is designed to prevent them from moving about freely; and as the spread of thought and knowledge can only be made by communication from mind to mind, the enforced confinement of the small-footed women, joined to their not being able to read, has mainly kept them narrow-minded and ignorant. All the missionary ladies state that the Chinese women cannot think. Miss Miller, missionary at Amoy, says: "Generally they will listen for a short time, but it is not are so dense. If the foreign lady wishes to speak she can, but if w question them as to the meaning of what we have said, they reply: 'I am

But this does not exactly show that be to take care of a liberal piece of the women of China are naturally unperience with men and their machinawith great care, and he was still engaged in this occupation when a mouse appeared and wanted to know what was sibly eat at one meal, and as cheese quickly spoils in this climate I was 1893, on religion. The mandarin rewaiting for someone to come along and en of the women in China under that "You are very, very generous," said leading faith, though "Buddhism" and final." And another says that it The mouse no sooner nibbled at the followed by many Chinese. bait than there was a crash, and he janism, on which the laws and cus- in the house just the same; and it queried the rat. "I couldn't just make stated that the main cause for the to another." I let you in on the ground floor, and my responsibilities cease there. Fine day. primary object is to preserve female lady doctor in China gives an intering religious instruction directly to ese sons sometimes bestow on afflictin following his profession, and folks have the effect of driving away from was operated on by the doctor for would stare with wonder to see him the Christians all those who value cataract in the eye. She was dreadhelp in catching fish. Yet this is filial piety, truth, probity, rectitude, fully afraid of the operation, and

rounded by cormorants which have at his order, seize the fish, and bring men having any independent thoughts which her eye was still under treatthem to the boat. Should a cormor- or actions, Pung Kwang further informed them that "Chinese law proant capture a fish too large for it to carry alone one of its companions vides that in the case of a female per- darkened room in attendance on her son violating the law the punishment will go to its assistance; and togethfor it is inflicted upon the male head of the family. Chinese law provides If the Chinaman wishes to catch that a woman burning incense to ancestors publicly, a sacrilege for a woman, shall be punished with stripes, but the actual person beaten shall be disc or sucker by which it attaches the male head of her house; and this itself beneath moving objects such principle is applicable to all violations actly antithetical, to us. The diver- and horse hitched to a wheelbarrow. as sharks, whales, and the bottoms of ships rather than make the effort female person!" necessary to independent movement.

The fisherman fastens the remora about its tail, and when he reaches tom of the boat. When a turtle passes near the remora darts beneath him and fastens to his shell. Struggle as he will the turtle cannot loosen the grip of the sucker, and the Chinaman has only to haul in on the line, bring the turtle up to the boat Mrs. Millions-The clergyman spoke quite bitterly of the extravagant en- the misery of an occasional tight boot; young man goes home satisfied and machine which, when it is got going, friend tertainments given by wealthy mem- think of the poor little girls whose bappy, the middle man in the mean- accomplishes the work. The Orien-

Do not intersperse your conversation Miramich Advance Job Printing Office which the general company know or separated. Inferiors saluting superwith foreign words and high-sounding foot-binding, to which a good many before her until the time to take her Chinese are the most practical people nothing of. It is almost as impolite top of turban or feet, or the knee or terms. It shows affectation and will leading Chinamen have given in their to the bridegroom's home. She is in the world they lack the mental

kindness and humanity are behind to whom we owed our most tender nation, and a reason for its further progress, the very low position given to the Chinese women may be a cause as well as a token, of the inferior place amongst the nations that China now holds. In this respect the eading men of China have for a few years past been slowly awaken-

unable to understand, and laugh at the idea of its being supposed that women can understand."

able to learn. The subordination of the women to the men is so absolute that the small feet are a result of it, and the natural consequence of both causes is the stupidity. The Chinese Government made an official appointment of Pung Kwang Yu to give discourse on Confucianism to the Chicago World's Fair Congress in ferred considerably to the views takreligion, which is the State and the is to regard her husband in just the | why he does not put a stop to it. native dislike of the missionaries is that they try to teach the women to fy the sad position of Chinese women believe in Christianity apart from, and independent of, their husbands. his child, even if it be a despised girl; or toasts quite a surprising number "In China," he said, "the responsibility of educating the women rests | Chinese to their ancestors, in which with the head of each family; the modesty. If such a practice as giv- esting account of the care that Chinwomen and girls is allowed it will ed mothers. In one case an old lady The Arabs show their friendliness done in China. There the Chinaman and sincerity, or who have any sense her sons actually carried her to the

other similar special provisions for women, it is in practice the cause of inthey shall not grow!

names, tells us that it is quite a fre- brought up to his door, a red cloth put power to save musels.

quent thing for the crushed toes to

mortify and fall off; and that the pain is always so insupportable that the tiny children are given opium as the only means of enabling them to sleep. Even then the unhappy little quently ignores the presence of the Chinese as mere barbarians. The things cry aloud in the night, so that foreigner, and offers the salutation progress of the world's scientific a Chinese mother sleeps with a big to his co-religionist only, but if he knowledge has not been kept pace stick beside her in order to get up and passes a party of Moors, Jews or with by their scholars, and their beat the little one into silence. We moral ideas, especially in regard to remember our mothers as the beings those of the Christian nations; but soothing and most ready sympathy;

-tea-was discovered by Chinese gar- foot-bound. On the contrary, Miss Wilden vs. that the silks that are still liams, missionary, of Kalgan, testifies the best and most splendid of dress that "the women and girls who work materials were first spun and woven in the fields all day have smaller feet The average boy cannot help think- by them; and that the "china" that than the middle-class women have;" ing that to travel with a circus must is so pleasant and cleani, to eat off, and Mrs. Little gives a sad picture of and that has replaced the powter the women that she sees kneeling to and coarse earthenware plates and do all sorts of heavy field-work, bewho travel with the show envy the jugs of our own forefathers, was, ori- cauch if they try to stand their tiny clown and want to learn his business, ginally, produced amongst the Chinese. feet sint into the land. No wonder With one of the big shows out this Since it is universally agreed by that we are told, "One thing they are year is a "circus rider" only 8 years thinkers on social science that the all conscious of, and that is that their old. His father and mother are rid- position of women is at once a test burdens are greater than they can ers, and where the law allows it he of the standing in civilization of a bear, and that life is full of sorrow." Infanticide of female children common, so much so that some twenty years ago a proclamation of a native Viceroy stated that not more than 20 to 30 per cent. of the girls born were permitted to live; "wherefore," continued "you are now required to acquaint yourselves that all male and female infants being equally your flesh and blood, you may be visited by Heaven with some monstrous calamity if you rear only the male and drown the female children." The retribution that he threatened, however, was that

> many cases when the female infants have been drowned!" A Chinese father does not count his girls as children; he will say that he has no children when half-a-dozen famele offspring are running about his home. A husband may divorce his wife merely at his caprice and for no cause; but in no case of even the worst outrages, can a wife so free herself from a bad husband. Girls are sold as slaves, under the pretended name of "adoption" by their purchasers. The marriage of a widow is considered disreputable. The married women work very hard, and have to pay their husbands for their keep, as well as to find the men in clothing and other things. Marriage portions are always demanded in classes above the marriage, but will have to be taken

Yet while the women are thus de- they attain a remarkable degree of graded, the natural affection of a disreputability. man of good feelings for his wife. and the influence of personal character in some women, results in different state of affairs practically. A missionary says:-"The true state of affairs in many households is well illustrated by the Dowager Empress. In nearly

Chinese families the ruling power is really in the hands of some women. whose decisions with regard to domestic matters at any rate are "Taoism" are also forms of religion useless to convert the men alone, as Confuc- in that case idol worship will continue toms are based, teaches that the wife | no good to ask the converted husband same light as man is to regard God. | the writers are agreed as to the in-Women are not to be allowed to tense poverty of the majority of the learn anything except from the male Chinese. "Many of these women nev- been anticipated many years by the head of their own family, and only er know what it is to have a full. Chinese purveyor of food, who carries what he pleases; and the mandarin satisfying meal from one year's end his table on one end of a pole, balanc-

are the natural love of a father for the female parent has some share. A To make Christian hearers under- times before she finally went through there is less friction caused by one stand the impossibility of Chinese wo- it. Then, for three weeks, during

THE LAND OF CHOP-STICKS.

once, one of them staying in the

In all the walks of life the Chinaman is always widely different, often exof law in which the offender is a gence in customs is, then, of essential and vital disparities of type. Below ed to it with two men in front at the At first sight this may seem like a are some everyday matters, intended sides to drive and help balance it, and "woman's privilege;" but like many to throw a little light on his life as it is a man behind to hold the handles and in and around Pekin.

credible misery to the "protected" the first requisite is to secure a middle put on in sections a foot or more in females. The foot-binding is a device man to transact the business. Of all length hardly unreasonable if the man must untrustworthy people the worst is pay the penalty of his wife's or daugh- the middle man-who is usually a wo- The Chinese are eminently a practer's crimes, to prevent the women man. In case the young man desires tical though in no sense scientific peogoing about, acting, and conversing, to see the bride before marrying, he ple. Everything that we can do, they and so learning to think, on their own bribes the middle man to find out at can co, though in a very primitive account; and there has hardly been in what time he can stand on some street style. They have an expression. the history of the world a practice corner and see her go by in a cart. If "hsiang fa tzu," which, in English that has caused so much agony, so she happens to be beautiful she is al- would mean that we will think out protracted and so acute, as the foot- lowed to go; if homely, a beautiful some method for bringing about a cerbinding of China. Most of us know girl is substituted for her, and the tain end. The European invents a feet, night and day without rest, are time pocketing the money. When tal has not yet arrived at that condiin a closed chair and carried about for can do nothing more than think out a Mrs. Archibald Little, who has an hour or two with a great retinue plan by which he can do the work founded /a Chinese society against of beggars bearing mottoes or lanterns himself. In order words, while the

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and by this act is married. White is the Chinese hue of mourn-It does not stay white long, very lowest, and a girl who has no however, the more soiled and dilapimoney has little chance of honorable dated a Chinese mourner looks the greater is the respect implied to the as an "inferior wife" in a polygamous dead. For this reason the afflicted ones leave their heads unshaven until

Smallpox is almost universal. No precautions are taken against its spread. When a child is taken ill with the disease he is carefully tended until he has blossomed out, as the Chinese term has it, when he is allowed to go out in the street and play with present position of the Emperor and the other children. It is taken for granted that every one must have smallpox; the sooner the better.

> On all sides one comes across blind people. Blindness is mainly the result of smallpox, and is so common as hardly to be regarded as an affliction. No provision is made for the olind in the shape of homes or hospitals. Many of them wander about as travelling musicians, sometime ingly, sometimes in small bands.

Our travelling restaurants have ed by his stove and cooking utensils Other features that help to modi- on the other. With his dough, his hashed vegetables and a little oil and salt, he roasts, fries, bakes, broils and the great respect paid by all of dishes and their taste would be more surprising than their number to an Occidental.

> Even the confectioner is a wanderr. He carries a bowl or jar of mixed taffy and a number of straws in a box. He winds up a little of the liquid taffy on the end of a straw and blows it after the style of a glassblower into the hape of birds and animals.

The Chinese early discovered that wheel than two, and that a one-wheeled cart runs easier on a bad road than ment, they never both left her at a two-wheeled vehicle, and on this account the wheelbarrow came into requisition and now is universal. In Shanghai the wheelbarrow is used to carry people. The wheel is in the centre, the passenger on one side and his baggage on the other. In Shan-Some of the Peculiar Ways of the Chin- tung a sail is attached to the barrow to get the benefit of the wind. In Pekin one often sees a donkey or two or a mule or two, or a donkey, mule Sometimes they have four mules hitchassist in balancing it. The wheel is When the Chinaman wishes to marry without tire, or if it has a tire it is

YOUNG FOLKS.

I'll ne'er be served on toast.

shimmer where the beach plum

And in my rosy rapture sigh

When all is bright or black, And oft when I outsoar the lark

Because of time I'm not the slave That knows the chain and post-

That mopes from morn till nightcleave the shining ether through The storm king's acolyte.

SHOES FOR DOGS of the North," Egerton R. Young tells mometer from 50 to 60 degrees below

a long mitten, without the thumb, is drawn on the foot and securely fasten-

way that is pathetic, though very laughable. Mr. Evans' would lie down on their backs, and, holding up their four feet, would how! for him or Henry, his native Indian

same thing. According to the laws of good socity in China young widows should not remarry. Widowhood is therefore older the widow, the more agreeable her position becomes. Should she reach 50 years, she may, by applying to the Emperor, get a sum of money with which to buy a tablet, on which her virtues are named, the tablet be

ing placed over the door at the prinvails in other countries, the deference Austria, indeed, is the paradise of old

Sons will never sit at meal with fish has on top of its head a long

The Moor pays great respect to his the turtle ground puts it overboard, elders, and to see two elderly, or digni- taking care to keep it from the botfied Moors salute is a pretty signt.

tom of falling on one another's necks tion a single name. stirrup of a horseman, according to draw ridicule upon you.

It is a mistake to speak of the