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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
During the century now closing nearly 30,000,000 Europeans have sought new homes in foreign lands. The greater part of this vast migration has occurred within the past fifty years, and simultaneously a great outward movement of the Chinese has taken place. The western world has had little idea of the actual extent of this outflowing of Chinese, for most of it has been directed to other lands of Asia, and only minor streams of emigration have been diverted to North America, Peru and Australia. A noteworthy difference between the exodus from Europe and that from China is to be observed. The high tide of European emigration was reached in 1882 and then its volume waned for years and has only recently begun to grow again. In 1882 the outward movement of Chinese was also under full headway, and as far as can be ascertained, the stream has not diminished, but has tended to increase up to the present time. The movement began slowly, but has not lost the impetus it finally gained.  
Fifty years ago scarcely one hundred thousand Chinese were living outside of their own country. Thirty years ago the number living in other countries of Asia was estimated at 2,500,000. Ten years ago the figures had increased to 6,000,000. Since then the emigration has been larger than ever, though it has dropped to very small proportions in its relation to all except Asiatic countries. Careful inquiries were made recently by French officials in view of the growth of Chinese immigrations in Cochin China and other French possessions, and the conclusion was reached that about ten million Chinese are now living in other countries, and over nine-tenths of them have settled in lands bordering on the China Sea, the Gulf of Bengal and in the East Indian Archipelago.  
Wherever they go in Asia, they are as in this country, industrious and law abiding, always quite distinct from the rest of the population, and preserving the customs of their native land. In one respect, however, their position differs widely from that which they occupy in America and Australasia. They are superior in energy and business ability to the people among whom they live, are absorbing a great deal of the retail and other trade, and are becoming more and more an important element in the enterprises of South Asia as far west as Calcutta. Reclus wrote, years ago, that they had created the prosperity of Singapore, and a German authority has said recently that Chinese immigrants own two-thirds of the real estate in that city, hold positions of influence and honor, and provide some of the members of the Legislative Council. Most of the coast trade from China to Burmah is in the hands of these immigrants. They form three-fifths of the population of Bangkok, the capital of Siam, are found in large numbers in all the coast towns of Burmah, comprise most of the artisans of Java, are a large element in the population of British North Borneo, are prominent as retail merchants in Manila, and are the leading commercial factor in French Cochin China. There are natural difficulties in the way of immigration into a region so densely peopled as India, and still there are thousands of Chinese in Calcutta, and the carpenter and shoemaking trades of that city are almost monopolized by them.  
Another significant fact is the large movement of Chinese which has been in progress for some years, and to other parts of their own empire, particularly to Manchuria and Mongolia, where they have carried out only enterprise, but wealth, and are developing trade to their own advantage and that of Russia, whose territory marches with these vast domains, and whose railroad is now pushing through Manchuria. On the whole, there is no doubt that the large Chinese immigration to other Asian countries is advancing their development, for, next to the Japanese, the Chinese are the most enlightened and energetic of the Asiatic races; and the western world is already reaping material benefits in the growth of trade, due to the influx of Chinese in neighboring lands.

**MRS. JOBSON'S GENEROSITY.**  
At noon the other day Mrs. Jobson received, per messenger boy, a large fragrant bunch of double violets, with Mrs. Jobson's calling card attached thereto, and his affectionate felicitations scrawled on the back of the card. Mrs. Jobson couldn't understand it. She turned the violets upside down and sideways, and studied them from all points of view. Then she scrutinized the card as if it were written in Arabic and the job of translating it were difficult and slow.  
"Violets!" said she to herself, wondering. "And from Mr. Jobson! I don't recall how many years it has been."  
But she couldn't recall.  
"I wonder if there is anything the matter?" she mused. "Violets! And from Mr. Jobson!"  
Another messenger boy rang the bell about 3 o'clock and handed Mrs. Jobson a two-pound box of chocolate creams, nicely done up. Resting on top of the candies was Mr. Jobson's calling card, his affectionate felicitations scrawled on the back of the card. Mrs. Jobson, flustered by the receipt of the violets, was now simply flabbergasted.  
"There's something wrong; I'm sure there is!" she said excitedly. "It can't be that he's drunk. No, that is out of the question! Perhaps he was slightly when he had that return of the grip in January. What on the matter? If he has become a little flighty again as the result of the grip, maybe his flightiness has taken the form of 'the delirium of grandeur' that I was reading about somewhere not long ago. I do wish that he'd come home, so that I could put him to bed and put a mustard plaster on him and send for the doctor. Goodness gracious me, there surely is something wrong!"  
Thus Mrs. Jobson worked herself up to a high pitch of nervousness. Violets and candies from her husband! In one day! It was all very delightful, but it was a foreboding of trouble. However, she put on her prettiest tea gown, pinned the violets thereto and waited anxiously for Mr. Jobson's familiar step.  
Mr. Jobson got home at the usual hour. He wore an expression of benignity as he entered the vestibule, where Mrs. Jobson, in saluting him, found out that he hadn't drank a drop.  
"Why, you dear, old extravagant thing you!" she said to him. "I never see such lovely violets in all my life, and as for those candies, why—let me see, let me see," said Mrs. Jobson, amiably, "don't speak of 'em just happened to think to send 'em up to you, you know, and they're no more'n you deserve at that. I tell you what, if I were a rich man, you'd have everything."  
But Mrs. Jobson scarcely heard what he said. "Little one!" she was saying to herself. "Why, it's been years and years since he—"  
"Have you been speculating in stocks, my dear?" Mrs. Jobson asked him, timidly.  
"Stocks? Who, me? Well, I'd like to see myself!" said Mr. Jobson, good naturedly. "No, ma'am; no stocks for me."  
Mrs. Jobson looked him over carefully, but he was all right, so far as she could see. His extraordinary good nature, his air of being a gentleman, that were his every-day manner. He stepped out into the hall for a moment, got a package that he had dropped on the rack in coming in and opened it.  
"Happened to remember, as I was coming up, that you wanted some books," said Mr. Jobson, in an off-hand way. "Brought you up a few. Hope you'll like 'em."  
Mrs. Jobson took the books and looked them over in a dazed kind of way. They were just the books she had been wanting for a long while—all good substantial editions, too. She couldn't refrain from giving him a bug.  
"Why, you generous, silly old thing!" she said, "you've done some fine things for me. I've been pining for ages. Won't you please tell me what it is all about—what I've done to deserve all these lovely presents?"  
"Never you mind," said Mr. Jobson, amiably. "I only wish I were as rich as some of these pinning things. I'd like to see you with that money. If you wouldn't have thumb rings and automobiles, and a couple of thousand silk skirts, and—oh, by the way, that's a fine tailor-made dress in a window as I was walking down town to-day that I want you to have. Signed and sealed, and the owner says that it's been marked down from \$85 to \$30. Don't you wonder, my dear, if I don't buy it?"  
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**THE WOMEN OF HUNGARY.**  
INTERESTING PICTURE OF PEASANT LIFE IN THAT COUNTRY.  
No Weddings With Them During the Summer—The Home of the Magyar Peasant—A Most Hospitable People.  
A correspondent, writing from Szegedin, Hungary, presents a very interesting picture of the life of peasants of that country.  
To see the Magyar peasants to better advantage, says the writer, we pushed far into the wilds of Hungary, and arrived in Vasarhely late one afternoon. Before dining we despatched letters of introduction. Although the message was couched in this most difficult of European languages, it proved effectual, for while we were drinking our black coffee the mayor was announced. As he spoke no language but Hungarian, he brought with him, as interpreter, an Advocate, who spoke German. Plans were discussed and arrangements made to visit some Magyar farms the next day. At 9 o'clock we took our seats in the "city carriages," yellow and brown vehicles drawn by two rough-looking, but fast horses, which were urged over the frozen ruts at an uncomfortable speed by the Magyar coachmen, who looked very important in their light blue uniforms ornamented with silver braids. The coachmen wore black caps and high black boots completed their costume.  
After driving an hour our coachmen drew in their horses before a new frame house. Three young peasants stood in the door to welcome us—the owner and two neighbors. The mayor had selected this as a typical Magyar farm, and notified the owner of our intended visit. Like many of the prosperous farmers, he lived in the village in the winter.  
BUT HAD DRIVEN OUT that morning to receive us.  
The house, like all belonging to Magyar peasants, had no hall; instead each room opened on the porch, which is very roomy, serving in summer as a place for bread, and in winter as a place where the owner has built his house or host will be looking for a wife to marry next Christmas time," the Advocate explained, adding, "among the peasants no wedding takes place in summer; every one is too busy." We were conducted into a small room, heated by an enormous earthen oven shaped like a sugar loaf, and fully four feet in diameter at the base. One-half of this erection extended into the next room, as is the custom of ovens in the rural parts of Hungary. A bed occupied a large part of the room, and a long sofa was placed against the wall, with a table in front of it. There the mayor seated himself, being the guest of honor, while wooden chairs were brought in for our use. Our young host produced beer and a loaf of bread, and the size of a barrel (top from an cupboard). A Hungarian of the bread were naked of with a jackknife and offered us. There was no woman to be seen. This did not surprise us, for we had seen a woman coming to Hungary that not only among the peasants, but among the middle class, the Hungarian woman figures merely as a housekeeper, sharing with a very insignificant extent the life of her husband, father, or brother. This farm was noted for its fine merino sheep, and the owner was PROUD TO EXHIBIT THEM.  
It was early afternoon when we drew up before a low, white plastered house, thatched with reeds, one of a group of thirteen buildings which comprise the home of Maczelka Jozsef, a Magyar peasant of considerable fame. He has a typical Magyar farm of the ancient sort, where customs and manners are as they have been for several hundred years. He came out of the house to assist us in alighting from the carriage, and gave us a hearty welcome in Hungarian. As Maczelka's married daughter and his granddaughter also welcomed us, we concluded that here, if nowhere else, would be the place where we could see how beautifully the bed linen was embroidered in blue and red. Above the green bench, upon the wall between the four beds, were two feather beds, and linen enough to furnish as many more. Proudly old Maczelka lifted the outer cover, to enable us to see how beautifully the bed linen was embroidered in blue and red. 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