

## CHINESE FLOWER-BOATS.

Attended by Pretty Maids [who Eat Watermelon-Seed].

Perhaps no city in the world has the counterpart of these flower-boats; for the Chinese city of amusement lacks in the main the element that pervades European haunts of revelry.

It was a vast place of restaurants and hotels where the rich and poor men of Canton repaired to enjoy themselves. I have been given to understand that no Chinaman entertains in his own house, nor do his women folk join him in his feasts or revels. Hence, there is a class of girls, the very large majority of whom are strictly virtuous, whose business it is to be pretty according to Chinese fashion, brisk, conversational, musical; in a word, to understand the art of entertaining.

When for instance, a Chinese gentleman intends giving a dinner to three friends, he will arrange for it to be provided on a flower-boat at a certain hour, and also for the company of eight dining-out girls—two for each gentleman. I call them dining-out girls, as it best describes to me their calling. They will come prettily dressed, their hair done up in the most wonderful shapes, and brushed over with a sort of varnish which makes it appear like a fantastic head-dress carved in ebony. They will ornament this structure with bright flowers, though the wreaths will be as stiff as their hair, or they may sometimes add jade, gold, or feather-inlaid ornaments. Their faces will be painted in white and pink—very artistically painted, smooth, and soft looking, delicately traced, sharp, black crescents will mark their eyebrows. Dainty, demure dolls they will appear, and pretty to look upon; but seemingly one touch would destroy their artistic effects, as a rough hand the radiance of a butterfly's wing.

Two of these young ladies will attend to each gentleman, sitting slightly back from the table at each side of the entertained. They will fill his liquor cups, sip from them and pass them on; pick out dainty pieces of "chow" (food) with chopsticks, and hand them to him; crack jokes, fill and light his pipe, and all the while chat gayly, and eat dried watermelon-seeds. That is all I ever saw them eat. Behind each group of three a solemn looking coolie, or waiter, will stand to fan them all the while. Other waiters bring in food, wine and tea, change the dishes and attend to their wants. The meal will last for a long time. Eventually all will rise, and retire to an outer room furnished with broad couches covered with matting. Opium pipes will be there for those who care for them, and tobacco and cigars in plenty. The girls will sit on the couches, laugh, fill the pipes, and still eat watermelon-seeds, while the gentlemen will recline at their ease, enjoying their society.

Color-Blind in one Eye Only.

Edridge-Green, in his recent work on color-blindness, mentions the case of a man, aged fifty, who was color-blind in the right eye only. Before he was twenty-eight he had a keen perception of color, but at this time he was working with the spectroscopic, and being anxious to finish some observations he was making, he worked for eight or ten hours a day with the instrument. His observations were specially connected with the colors of the spectrum. When he had kept this up for a fortnight, he found that he had lost the power of distinguishing colors with his right eye. His condition instead of improving became more marked as time elapsed. He could, however, see colors very well with the left eye. Lord Rayleigh, who was a member of the committee on color-vision, stated at the Royal Institution that the committee, in the course of their investigations, discovered a young woman who was color-blind in one eye, the other being quite normal, so that, though with one eye she could discern tints and shades quite accurately, with the other she was quite unable to distinguish red from green. The common confusion in color-blind persons is between red and green, though there are instances of monochromatic vision, in which the person affected can discern one color only.

The Loud-voiced Hare.

The roar of a lion can be heard farther than the sound of any living creature. Next comes the hyena, then the screech owl, the panther, and the jackal in succession. The donkey can be heard fifty times farther off than the horse, and the cat ten times farther than the dog. It is strange that the quiet and timid hare, when he cries in fear, can be heard farther off than either cat or dog.

What To Do With Our Boys.

Among the most curious of recent advertisements is one in which a father offers to sell his three-year-old son, "a strong, healthy, and particular neat boy," to any lady or gentleman who will give him £300. Here is a new solution of the often-asked question, "What shall we do with our boys?"

[An Apt Scholar.

"The great drawback with you, John, is," said a lady to her husband, who was suffering from the effects of the night before, "you cannot say 'No.' Learn to say 'No,' John, and you will have fewer headaches. Can you let me have a little money this morning?"

"No," said John, with apparent ease.

Rhodes Reads Newspapers.

Sir Cecil J. Rhodes is an omnivorous reader. Mr. Rhodes himself says: "When my income was only £2 a week I frequently spent from 1s. to £1 a week on periodicals and magazines. I could not afford books. My friends thought I was mad."

According to an English Paper.

The design of the American flag was probably borrowed from the family arms of General Washington, which consisted of three stars in the upper portion and three bars across the escutcheon.

The suitor (bitterly)—"You reject me? Why, some months ago I consented to wait until you could learn to know me better!" The girl—"Yes; that's where you made your mistake."

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## MUZZLING OYSTERS.

How to Keep the Shells Closed to Retain the Juice.

The shipment of ten barrels of oysters to London was the subject of much comment recently among Baltimore oyster dealers. The oysters came from the lower Rapahannock river in Virginia, and are of particularly fine quality. Mr. James Cochran, of Urbanna, Va., is the shipper. He is an Englishman, who has recently moved to Virginia to go into the oyster business. His principal shipments, and particularly those of his choicest oysters, will be to London. He does not regard his shipment as an experiment, for he has been sending oysters abroad for some time past from Long Island. The oysters of the Chesapeake and its tributaries possess "keeping" qualities superior to the oysters from other waters, and Mr. Cochran is confident his oysters will arrive in London in good condition. Mr. Cochran uses a peculiarly constructed barrel for his shipments, and it is said the barrel and the manner of packing it tend to keep the oysters in condition. Each oyster is placed in the barrel separately and with its mouth up. When the barrel is filled tightly, a strong pressure is put on it and the hoops are tightened. This squeezes the oyster together as much as it is possible to do without crushing the shells, giving them no chance to open their mouths. Both heads of the barrel are double and the barrel is kept with its head next to the mouths of the oysters uppermost. The idea in packing the oysters so tightly and of keeping their mouths up is to prevent the escape of their liquor, on which they are supposed to feed during transit. Several years ago muzzled oysters were shipped from Baltimore to London. The muzzling process required the muzzling of each oyster by a piece of wire, which passed around it and was tightened at the mouth, sealing it.

Ancient Football.

Football was first played in England at Chester, where the playing of the game is believed to date as far back as the Roman occupation. A Chester antiquary mentions a practice which prevailed in that city, "time out of mind, for the shoe-makers yearly, on Shrove Tuesday, to deliver to the drapers, in the presence of the Mayor of Chester, at the Redhebe, one ball of leather, called the football, of the value of three shillings and fourpence or above, to play at from thence to the common hall of the same city," and it is chronicled that the first ball used was the head of the Dane who had been captured and slain, and whose head was kicked about for sport; showing that at a period of a little later than the Roman occupation the game of football was played at Chester. In an account of the Shrove Tuesday festival at Derby, we read that the celebrated victory was played as the Romans in the year 217. The free quarries of the Isle of Purbeck contain the original grant of their rights at a time beyond that within legal memory by kicking a football over the ground they claim.

An Elephant's Funeral.

The most extraordinary funeral on record took place in Siam about two years ago. There were in that country four sacred white elephants, and one of these dying at the advanced age of 122, it was given a funeral grander than that accorded to princes of royal blood. One hundred Buddhist priests officiated, and the three surviving white elephants led the procession. Trumpeters heralded its advance, and thousands of devoted Siamese men and women followed. The King and his court received the remains at the Menam River, down with thousands of barges and movable houses were floated. Flags of all kinds were used, and reliable estimates placed the attendance at more than 20,000. The King bowed his knee to the funeral car in recognition of the alleged divinity of the deceased, and the proceedings were continued well into the night. The jewels and offerings buried with the elephant represented some thousands of pounds.

A Western Woman's Lonely Lot.

On Christmas Day the Conlee City Newman met the wife of a prominent stockman. After the usual salutation she was asked for news and replied: "I have no particular news. I have not seen a white woman since last August until yesterday. My husband has been away most of the summer." "How do you pass the time alone?" "My two boys are good company, and we kill rattlesnakes." "Are there many rattlesnakes?" "I killed sixty-three last summer myself, and my youngest child killed one with a piece of sage brush. Then ducks are plentiful, and I am a pretty good shot. I have killed several on 'loving.'" Her looks indicated nothing, but perfect satisfaction with her lot, and health was pictured in every line of her smiling countenance.

Making Sure.

At a shooting party a few years ago there was present a young gentleman who, doubtless, had not learnt the rules regarding pheasant shooting, etc. As most people are aware, it is the rule never to shoot pheasants whilst on the ground, but to wait until they rise. The young gentleman alluded to was attended by a keeper, who loaded for him. Seeing a pheasant running along a short distance before him, he raised his gun.

"Sir," said the keeper, thinking he was going to shoot, "you must not shoot whilst he's running."

"I'm not going to," said the young gentleman, "I'm waiting for him to stop."

Equine Sagacity.

First Lieutenant: "How do you like the horse you bought from me last week?"

Second Lieutenant: "Very much; he might hold his head a little higher, though."

First Lieutenant: "Oh! that will come all right when he is paid for."

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## BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE.

Some Matrimonial Jokes Culled from Various Papers.

"Charley saved me from drowning at Newport and George pulled me out at Atlantic City."

"And now you don't know which to marry?"

"Oh yes, I do. I'm going to marry Fred."

"The dear boy how he does love me!" she sighed, as she placed the sheet within the envelope. Going softly to the pearl-lined escritoire, she took the pen and thoughtfully wrote on the letter, "Exhibit A."

Harry—Why, she was right up in arms when I proposed to her.

Fred—Whose arms? Yours?

Harry—You've hit it, but how did you happen to guess?

"Have you any idea what the relations are between Miss Welfoff and young Slim-purp?"

"E—yes; a father and a mother. Both her parents are opposed to him."

"Cholly didn't have much luck with that Boson girl."

"No; she trez him with her glance."

"Then he is in a bad way?"

"No; he was thawed out by an old flame."

After Marriage.

Mrs. Scraphigh (angrily)—Just look at the money you lose every Saturday night playing poker!

Mr. Scraphigh (almsly)—Yes; and just look at the money you lose every Monday morning buying "bargains."

It shad—I see plainly you want to get up a quarrel, and in the street, too. Wait at least, till we are inside our own house.

Wife—Impossible; I shall have cooled down before we get there.

"Why did you say he was better than any of your other husbands?"

"He furnished the most conclusive grounds for divorce."

"Some women can't believe a word their husbands say," she remarked.

"Well," confided the other, "I'm not quite so badly off as that. My husband talks in his sleep occasionally."

"Did you give your daughter away when she was married?"

"Threw her away, sir. Literally threw her away."

It was a mean man who told his young wife that if her bread were sold by weight they'd soon be millionaires.

"Will you have a cigar?" asked the man of the house; "this is some my wife gave me for a Christmas present. Help yourself—let me give you a light."

Every man present declared he had sworn off smoking.

"Wh did you tell a lie about those cigars, John?" asked the wife after the gentlemen had gone; "you know I didn't give them to you for a Christmas present."

"You just keep quiet, Mary; that box of cigars cost \$25. I can't afford to give any of them away."

Albidge Refusing To Be Given Away.

The "new woman" asserted herself in a very pronounced way at a Nonconformist marriage in South London last week. The bride, the daughter of a wealthy Nonconformist, refused to be "given away."

This form is clearly a survival of the time when the woman was regarded as a chattel, first to her father and then to her husband, and the lady declined to recognize it.

She gave herself away, and her father stood by as a spectator. After this, though she undertook to love and honor her husband, she declined to promise to obey him.

Exalted.

The Child Baron Pollock is very fond of telling the following story about himself: When he left St. Paul's School somewhat unexpectedly, and in a way which gave some offence to the High Master, the latter personally gave it as his opinion that he would live to be hanged.

After a brilliant career in Cambridge, Pollock came out Senior Wrangler, and was elected Fellow of Trinity. On hearing this, his old master said:—

"I always foretold that he would fill a very exalted station."

Too Accurate.

Gentleman (to new servant): "H-re is the list of invitations. Those underlined are married couples, and must, of course, be addressed Mr. So-and-so and wife."

Gentleman (next day): "Did you look after the invitations?"

Servant: "Yes, sir."

Gentleman: "Did you add the words 'and wife' to those sent to married people?"

Servant (triumphantly): "Yes, sir, and I wrote 'without a wife' on the others."

Raffling for a Lady.

A fair Hungarian lady, possessed of rank and fortune, has had the brilliant idea of putting herself up to be raffled for. At least, she has got so far with her object as to have petitioned the Hungarian Finance Minister to permit her to issue a lottery loan of 7,000,000 tickets of one florin each.

The winner is to marry the lady, who retains one third the money as her dowry, gives one-third to the bridegroom, and devotes the other third to charitable purposes.

An Engagement for Presents.

After their engagement had been broken off, a Michigan man sued his quondam sweetheart for the recovery of certain jewellery which she refused to return.

The judge, in deciding the case, asked the lover if he had ever kissed his intended bride.

After he had admitted that he had done so, the judge dismissed the suit, holding that kisses and caresses were a legal equivalent for presents.

"Thou shalt not kiss," is the new commandment laid down by the health convention as a means of preventing consumption. In spite of this people will kiss, and will neglect a cough which a few doses of Hawker's balsam of tolu and wild cherry would speedily cure.

Public speakers and singers cannot afford to be without Hawker's balsam. It removes hoarseness and heals the irritated vocal organs.

Carry a box of Hawker's catarrh cure in your vest pocket, it cures cold in