A Chinese Father States His Condition and Ambittens in Life.

A Chinaman writes as follows to the Shanghae (China) Celestial Empire: I am the third son of my father, and am fifty-one years of age. He was a native of the province of Cheh Kiang, and was at the time of his death an expectant magistrate in attendance at the court of the provincial gevernment of X—. He died at the age of fifty-four, just twenty years ago. My paternal grandfather was a full magistrate of the district of Z—, in this province, and we consider him the progenitor of our family. All connection with our Cheh King ancestors has long since been cut off and forgotten. I have also one uncle living, the younger brother of my father. My mother was a small-tooted Cheh Kiang woman, and came from her native prevince with my father. She could speak the mandarin dialect as well as her native tongue; and it is to her that I am indebted for the Kwan-hwa which I now use. My mother bore my father two sons beside myself; one, younger than myself, died t the age of three or four years. I am married to a small-footed native of

Y—, who is now forty-eight years of age. By her I have had nine children, four boys and five girls. Of these there are five now living. My eldest son died at the age of twenty-five. The aldest child living it a daughter and eldest child living is a daughter, aged twenty-seven, who is married to a local trader, and belongs, of course, to my family no longer. My eldest living son, aged twenty-five, is employed as a tutor to boys in the neighborhood of our dwelling, and his total earnings from this source would amount to about eight dollars a month. He is married to the daughter of a clerk in the provincial treasurer's office.

My second daughter was married this year to the teacher of a boys' school. These marriages are the great expense to us respectable families. It cost me \$300, nearly one year's salary, to defray the cost of our last little affair. Of this I had saved \$120. In the delicate guise of Thad saved \$120. In the delicate guise of cake money, many of the neighbors contributed from \$1 to tl. one spiece, and the rest I had to borrow, and am still paying off. The chief expense is for the three days open house kept during the festivities. Pork, cakes, wines, etc., have to be liberally distributed around, and it would be seen the capturers. and it would never do for a gentleman of my position to be shabby. Then the wife's outfit must always be supplied by her own family. Tables, chairs, clothestrunks, pots and pans, and goodness knows what not. Ah! you have little idea how we Chinese fathers. idea how we Chinese fathers must scrape and starve to do our duty respectably. Well, my second son is still at school; he is twenty-one years of age, but as yet not betrothed. My youngest daugh-ter is thirteen, and she learns her household duties at home. Of course, all the females of our family are small footed. My uncle's son, aged forty-five, is still alive and has four daughters. My wife and children, and my cousin and his four daughters, thus form the whole of our family.

My house consists of six apartments, and stands me \$5 a month for rent; two of the apartments are reception rooms. Before I was employed by my foreign friend I served as a clerk in the custom house ; but never having any inclination to squeeze I did not get on well. I know I am stupid, but I really cannot squeeze, to a nearer place, but I enjoy a very high position in my neighborhood, being one of the spokesmen of the ward. The wards are of different sizes. Ours is a small one, consisting of not more than two hundred houses. All small matters are referred to the four spokesmen, who either settle the matter individually or meet in the temple to dis-cuss it. Grave matters go before the district magistrate in the usual way.

A Fatherly Man.

Griswold street, from Fort to Congress, offers such superior facilities for falling down in the winter, that all the newsboys and bootblacks who look upon the bright and cheerful side of life loaf around that section a great deal in order to be on hand when the climax occurs. Seven of them stood in a row yesterday

morning as a fatherly, unwieldy citizen turned the corner of the Moffatt block. "Select your spot!" they yelled as he reached the descent, and in about a minute he reached the conclusion that they had gathered there to see him fall. Some men would have jumped aside into the street, but this fatherly man continued on. He resolved to himself :

"Now these boys are poor, forlorn boys. They seldom have any fun. They are hungry, ragged, and do not look forward to Christmas. They wish me to fall. If, by falling, I can add to their happiness, it is my duty to do so."

boys may never know that the good man fell on purpose to please them. He suddenly made a slip to the left, stretching out his leg until it looked to be ten feet long—then a slip to the right, and as he recovered he stuck his like a million angle worms fastened together, and the snow where he struck flew sixteen feet. He didn't get up and tell the boys that it was a put-up job to lighten their burdens of care and sorrow for a moment, but he knows, and the reader knows, that it was.—Free Press.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD

LEMON CUSTARD,-Make the juice of a large lemon very sweet, then pour in gently a pint of boiling cream, and stir it till nearly cold.

Pop Overs.—One pint flour, one pint for horses, especially fast ones."

milk, two eggs; eggs beaten to a froth; mix quickly, and bake in hot buttered cups. Serve with hot sauce.

kinds of horses. Inis is a great country for horses, especially fast ones."

"Does every owner of a horse think that his animal can trot in 2.40?"

"He does. He knows it just as well the look."

COFFEE CARE. - One cup of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of molesses, one cup of cold coffee, four cups of flour, two caps of raisins, two tenspoonfuls of baking powder. Spice to taste.

MINCE PIES - Boil a fresh tongue; chop it very fine, after removing the skin and roots; when cold, add one pound of chopped suet, two pounds of stoned raisins, two pounds currents, two pounds citron cut in fine pieces, six cloves powered, two teaspoonfuls cinnamon, half teaspoonful mace, one pint cider, two pounds sugar; put this all in a stone jar and cover well; in making the circumstance of the cider. ing pies chop some apples very fine, and to one bowl of the prepared meat take to one bowl of the prepared meat take two apples; add more sugar, according to taste, and sweet cider enough to make the pies juicy, but not thin; mix, and warm the ingredients before putting into your pie-plates; always bake with an upper and under crust, made with one cup of lard, one of butter, one of water and four of flour.

CHICKEN Sour. - Take a chicken weighing about three pounds. Cut it in quarters and place in a porcelain pot. Add two quarts of water and let it boil one hour. Then have a fryingpan ready with a lump of butter, and remove the chicken to it, and have some boiled rice ready, cooked in another saucepan—about one cupful of boiled rice-as boiling the rice with the chicken improves the flavor of the soup. Add about one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, one onion, and a small carrot, in very thin slices; boil the giblets separately, and when the chicken is a rich brown remove it to make a gravy by adding a half cup of water, one table spoonful of flour, and the giblets chopped fine. Serve the gravy sepa-

Strawberries and Grapevines.

G. M. F. writes to a New York paper: What kind of soil is best adapted for strawberries? Is not clay, well worked up with loam or muck and manure, good? When should the runners be clipped off? Should the vines be covered in the winter with straw or horse manure, or not at all? Also, until how old should grapevines be kept trimmed

Reply. -Some strawberries succeed better upon clay soils than upon light ones, and others do very ill upon clay. A moderately clayey loam is the best for this fruit. For clay soils triomphe de fully removed."

gand, incunda, black defiance, Boy"When is a horse off?" gand, jucunda, black defiance, Boy-den's, and Colonel Chency may be chosen; for light soils, Wilson, champion, Kentucky seedling, monarch of the west, and Downer's prolific will be the horse."—Detroit Free Press. better. The runners should be clipped when the blossoms and fruit are form-ing, so as to turn all the vigor of the plant to the fruit. Horse manure is not good for a covering, nor even for ma-nure for strawberries. Cow droppings well rotted, with a little guano, in the spring, make the best fertilizer. Coarse hay, cornstalks, and cedar or pine brush are the best for covering. Litter from

bushel in a hundred. If straw cannot be had in sufficient quantity, it is a good way after covering with a few inches of earth, to apply to the whole exterior of the heap a layer of leaves. of earth completes the covering. Ven-tilation is never to be omitted,—Ex change.

lect and allowed to die through ignorlect and allowed to die through ignorance. Those that have been quite severely nipped may be saved if treated rightly. The proper way is, when the frost has been partially drawn out of them, naturally, to drench them with cold water from a fine-nosed watering-pot, and immediately cover again and let them so remain until they regain their natural color. When they are removed, clip off all such parts as are blackened. As soon as it is discovered that a plant has been touched by frost. that a plant has been touched by frost, remove it to a cool, dark room, and on no account suffer the sun to shine on it. If they can be covered so as to exclude air as well as light, it is better still. Dahlias, cannas and the like need not be removed until the frosts are severe enough to blacken the leaves .- Herald.

Why Kill One's Self?

Notwithstanding the general impression that the worst use that can be made of a man is to kill him, there have been a great many suicides within the past few days. Whether these victims of themselves have found another world, and one enough pleasanter to justify heels toward the south pole, clawed out their haste in going to it, is a question like a million angle worms fastened toordinary mind suicide seems to be a great blunder. As a general rule even the saintliest people object to leaving this rather uncertain earth of ours, so it stands to reason that there is a good stands to reason that there is a good deal worth living for; and though it may not be at hand at the immediate moment it is desired, the whirliging of time has a way of bringing a fair amount of cheer and comfort to every man. Many of the prosperous, contented men and women of to day can look back at a time when their troubles were as great as any when their troubles were as great as any which suicides have refused to endure; but out of these very troubles sprang the ability to enjoy to the uttermost such pleasant changes as time finally brought. Besides, no man or woman is so poor or so degraded as to be utterly uncared for, and to slaughter the particular friend of one's friend is a dreadfully impolite trick for any gentleman fully impolite trick for any gentleman or lady to indulge in. The probability is that nearly every man who shoots himself or takes poison does so in a fit of depression, such as millions of others have conquered, first having suffered by it. If any one contemplates buying Paris green or a revolver so as to be in the fashion, let them pause, pay part of his money for a thorough bath, take plenty of air and exercise and see for himself whether it is not better to be a live failure above ground than a dead failure under it.—New York Herald.

Many a boy who handles a billiard cut with consummate skill, can't get the hang of a snow shovel.

Natural History-The Horse.

"How many species of horses are found in America?"
"Well, there's the clothes-horse, saw-horse, the wrong horse, horse chestnut, hobby-horse and several other kinds of horses. This is a great country

"He does. He knows it just as well as you know it's daylight. You never saw a horse yet which wasn't supposed to be very fast, even when hitched to a

"But I have seen lots of horses which couldn't trot a mile in five minutes."
"Yes, so have I; but there was some excuse for it. He didn't feel good, or the bit was too large, or his harness didn't set good, or he had been thinking of his childhood days and was sad-hearted. There is always the very plainest reason in the world why every horse don't let himself out like a streak of lightness.

of lightning." "They are a very useful animal, are they not?"
"Very. If your neighbor has one and will lend him, you'll find his horre just the thing you want."

"Do they reason t"
"They do. You seldom see a horse throw away time in biting at a man be

hind him or trying to kick the hostler after he gets out of the barn."
"At what age do they die?"
"At ten. You can find thousands of horses which are ten years old, and have been ever since any one could remember, but they never get up to twelve. Even after their teeth are worn down to the gums and their sight gone they are sup-

osed to be about ten."
"What is a square horse race!" "It is an affair where several men get together and privately agree that a cer-tain horse shall win, and he always

What is a pool ?" "It is a spot of mud and water something similar to a mud-puddle "
"What is 'pulling' a horse?"
"Hitching a team to a rope around

his neck." "What is the homestretch?" "It is when the man who has bet on the wrong horse stretches his legs for

home, knowing that his wife will give "What is meant by a 'bad break?"
"It is when a horse breaks three of his legs.

"And what is a skip?"
"It is when the gate-keeper lights out with a pocketful of money."
"What is 'scoring?"

"It is trying to get twenty feet ahead of the other horses in the start."
"Why do they speak of race-tracks as the turf ?" "Because all the turf has been care-

"When he shoots out of the gate and starts for home, driving himself. That's

"The Five Silver Donkeys."

A very wealthy man finding himself near his end, called his five sons to his bedside and presented each with a silver donkey, equipped with panniers, and said: "There was a merchant travelsaid : ing from Basira to Bagdad with a cargo I am stupid, but I really cannot squeeze, although my friends make sport of me for it. I like to be quiet and independent, and as long as I get my salary regularly paid I hope to remain of the same mind. Were I to die my wife would take one share of what little property I have; one share would be reserved for the expense of my youngest daughter's wedding, and a share apiece would go to each of my two sons. Besides the members of our family we keep one to each of my two sons. Besides the members of our family we keep one coolie and one old woman to do the rough work of the household. Every day I walk four English miles to my duties, and four miles back again in the afternoon. This I have done for nearly twenty years. Certainly, I might move to a nearer place, but I enjoy a very high position in my neighborhood, beequal proportions between the two panniers. As, however, they continued their journey, the merchant remarked, You are a very clever and discerning person, but how is it that you are in These act as a non-conductor, and as such evil case? Your clothes are soiled shingles, keeping the rain from entering and threadbare, and you have scarcely the inner coat. Another moderate layer a shoe to your foot. 'The truth is,' was the reply, 'I am an unfortunate man.' 'Are you an unfortunate man? To Revive Fronted Plants.

Plants are eften frosted through negect and allowed to die through ignorect and allowed to die through ignorhe found that the caliph was building a new palace, but was brought to a standstill for want of stones. So the merchant sold his stones for more than be got for his silk, and returned rejoicing. Now, my sons, in presenting you each with the silver donkey, I wish to impress upon you this maxim, Never take the advice of an unfortunate man." - The University Magazine.

> Geography bees have replaced spelling bees as a winter amusement in the West.

Rome Sentinel Brevities. The average dairyman is a good astronomer; at least he knows all about

the milky whey. It is reported that the ameer of Afghanistan has fied the capital, leaving his son, Yuakoob Kahn, in power. If Yaakoob Kahn not master the situation, who Kahn?

When people flock into a place of business as if they were making a run on a savings bank, there is no occasion for alarm. It is only an evidence that the establishment advertises.

When a paragrapher gets hard pressed for an item with a good point, he invariably recollects that somebody lately sat down upon an upturned carpet tack, a bent pin, or the business end of a bumble bee.

A kindergarten pupil who had re-ceived his first lessons in anatomy, had been told that the object of the finger nails was to protect the ends of the fingers. This part of his lesson had not been very clearly impressed upon the young student's mind, and when his teacher asked him, "What are finger nails for ?" his answer was, "To scratch with."

An advertisement in an exchange says a "large gray gentleman's" shawl has been lost. That's singular. Now, if it had been a large gentleman's gray shawl, or a gray gentleman's large shawl, or a gray large gentleman's shawl, or a gentleman's large gray shawl, it would, of course, have been different; but the thief who would steal a shawl from a large gray gentleman deserves to have his hair turn gray in one night, and ought to be made to wear a gray-striped suit the balance of his

The Bill that Followed the Dinner. CURE FOR COUGH On Cold. - As soon as there the slightest uneasiness of the chest, with difficulty of breathing, or indication of cough An American gentleman paid a round sum for a dinner he gave to six friends at a fashionable Paris restaurant a few take, during the day, a few "Brown's Bronchial at a fashionable Paris restaurant a few weeks ago, according to the corre-spondent of a London paper. After coffee and cigars he asked for the bill, and the waiter, bowing with great def-erence, presented it to the host, who ran his eye over the several items. Asking pardon of his guests he showed them the bill, and desired to know if they thought 280 francs (\$56) a reasona-ble sum to charge for the dinner they

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ble sum to charge for the dinner they had had. The opinion was uranimous that the amount asked for so ordinary a

his hand deprecatingly, told his customers that he was unable to give them any more time, and asked them, since they

appeared unwilling to pay the amount of his bill, to do him the favor of considering themselves his guests. He left the room; the 200 francs were sent down

to him, but were refused, and the party

quitted the place, furious at the imper-tinent manner in which the dinner had been offered gratuitously. In the morn-ing the 200 francs were offered him

again by a public notary, and he accepted

Keep Dwellings Dry.

A warm and dry atmosphere is not un-wholesome, but when cloudy or rainy weather brings a sultry air which damp-ens everything around us, the atmos-phere may be loaded with the germs of

disease, and fire is needed to destroy them. The walls, the ceilings and the floors of apartments should never be al-

lowed to become damp. Sometimes, when the warmth of the air is oppressive,

fire is more necessary to preserve health than it is at another season to protect us

from the cold of winter; and the rooms

of a dwilling should never be left with-

out the means of warming and drying. Investigations have shown that many

of the most fatal diseases are caused by the germs of vegetable and animal life, and that a humid atmosphere is most

us. Apartments expessed to the full ac-

tion of the sun may be less comfortable in hot weather than those from which

houses on that side of the street expos-

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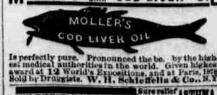
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