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RIDGWAY, ELK COUNTY, PA., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1879. NO. 41. VOL. IX. He was in home dress, like any gen-tleman who might have come out of his study in his dressing gown; but how unlike in the fabric and color and fashion thereof ! Professor Ko Kun-Hua was like an Oriental picture, a personage out of Lalla Rookh, or something quite apart from our common place world, in a robe of pale blue flowered crape, lovely, delicate and lustrous, a silvery azure, falling in a soft, graceful way over a brocade silk skirt of the peculiar yellow green which is known in the fashion-plates as "faded leaf" color; in this at-tire the refinement of his features and slightness of this form were more appar-ent than when in his visiting costume. The interpreter, who is also a servant, came immediately and took his position, standing several feet from his superior; and soon Mrs. Ko Kun₂Hua entered, dressed as when I first saw her, followed by the two little girls. And on my re-marking that I had not seen the baby, the professor, understanding my words, smiled and said something to his wife, which seemed to be asking if the baby could be seen, to which she, half laugh-ing and giving her head a slight toss, seemed to answer: "I don't care." So the interpreter disappeared for a moment and returned leading a tiny girl two years old, a diminutive specimen of a Chinese woman, a wee thing with round, grave face, and clad in indigo blue clothes figured with white, like some of pearance, which was very quaint and strange. They wore wider shoes than their mother—perhaps to accommodate the bandages with which their feet were probably being compressed—and, like her, each had a bangle of twisted silver on the right wrist. The whole flock ranged themselves near her, standing, and gave the utmost attention to what was going on. Their faces were bright and full of intelligence, and they seemed of about the ages of fourteen, twelve, seven, and five. There was a baby, but we did not see it. The mother held up her fingers to signify that she had five children. about those elegant writing implements, and trays, and choice little jars, and fans with Chinese characters on them, in the study. As it was, we made a most unceremonionsly long call, which, ITEMS OF INTEREST. FOR THE FAIR SEX. The Iron Pen. England imports \$10,000,000 worth of and annually, chiefly from the United Fashton Hotes. Made from a Fetter of Bonnivard, the Prisone of Chillon; the Handle of Wood from the Bead fringes are used to edge sleeves. Frigate "Constitution," and bound with States. most unceremonionsly long call, which, however, we were cordially invited to repeat; and then the family accom-panied us to the outer door with re-peated hand-shakings and "good-byes." But one thing we happily had pres-ence of mind not to do. We did not violate etiquette by taking formal leave of the interpreter; we did not shake hands with Chin Tin [Sing. — Wide Normandy point grows in popularity. a Circlet of Gold, inset with three prec-Wedding robes have very long trains ious Stones from Siberia, Ceylon, and Limerick lace is coming in vogue Maine. BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW. Door curtains have hand 'painted val-I thought this Pen would arise nces of silk. New plaid stockings have the plaids From the casket where it liesset diagonally. Of itself would arise, and write Black velvet is much used for trim-My thanks and my surprise Awake. ming purposes. months. We did not see it. The monther herd up children. As the professor and interpreter did not appear, they were inquired for; and she said "Bos-son," waving her hand she said "Bos-son," waving her hand she said "Bos-son," waving her hand to indicate that they had gone to Bos-ton. 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The affair occurred on Tuesday, near Cottowood, Mo., three miles above the Arkaneas line, and about a hundred Ceylon, and Maine Quilted satin balmorals will be much ner as thoughts in the lines vorn this winter. on link from the chain Woolen oatmeal cloths have been in mivard might retain vented in England. specimens of which weigh from fitteen to eighteen and twenty-two pounds. It is a remarkable fact that in the six-teenth century there were 8,000,000 peo-ple in Siberia; now there are but 4,000,-000, though there is an influx of 120,000 ie verse of the poet who sang Colored flannel petticoats are again in the prisoner and his pain; vogue. Smyrna collars and cuffs still n via fashionable for children. the Arkansas line, and about a hundred miles above Memphis, on the Mississippi That this wood from the frigate's mast Old fashioned fur tippets with long Might write me a rhyme at last, miles above Memphis, on the Mississippi river, and resulted in the death of both the combatants. The quarrel was be-tween two farmers, named A. M. Crockett and Doc. Nichols, and grew out of Nichols' stock trespassing upon Crockett's land. A bitterness grew up between them, and one carried his griefs into the courts. nds are worn in London. As it used to write on the sky convicts annually. The song of the sea and the blast Dragon flies in cashmere colors are opular millinery ornaments. But motionless as I wait. Velvet brocades embroidered in beads Like a bishop lying in state tions, which these well-bred Chinese children did not need. They were bare-sheaded, and had queer pantalettes tied once around their ankles and again a little higher up, and their garments were similar to those we saw at their house, only much nicer ones. The interpreter wore a blue cotton skirt, and upper garments of dark blue woolen cloth, a skull cap, and common Chinese shoes. He was taller and larger than the Mandarin; but the latter looked the superior that he is, and the face of a gentleman and a scholar, refined and thoughful, and his bearing was as lofty as that of a Spanish grandee. His attire was elegant. A skull cap of a solid kind of satin, with the red silk button, which denoted his rank came down to his forehead. On his feet were "Mandarin boots," which a seemed to be of soft, white leather, and reached half way up to the knees in wrinkles like Turkish boots. His lower garment was a skirt ot blue silk, and the upper one was of superlative beauty and rich as a solid start of a scholar, and his seemed to be of soft, white leather, and reached half way up to the knees in wrinkles like Turkish boots. 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Lies the Pen, with its miter of gold, Little capes and kerchiefs trimmed with fur are shown for house wear. grave face, and clad in indigo blue clothes figured with white, like some of And its jewels inviolate. grave into the courts. On Tuesday they met at the point mentioned, when Nichols cried out: "You see I have not yet been arrested!" Crockett replied: "I see you haven't, you rascal, and I propose to whip it out of you right here!" Nichols said: "All right; you just wait till fix this coffee on my mue and I will join you in that little game!" Lyons satin is preferred to corded silk for the outside of fur lined circulars. those India silks which were so much worn a few years ago. The little thing stood quietly holding fast to his hand. Then must I speak, and say she had an animated expression when That the light of that summer day Little silver birds perched at the base f feathers are used to decorate the trying to talk. In the garden under the pines trying to talk. She is below the average height of American women, and evidently slight, although the Chinese fashion of dress, which is intended with both sexes and and solemnly contemplated us-fantasti-cally attired creatures that we were Shall not fade and pass away. hair. Slippers with instep straps embroid-ered in jet and in colored beads are fash-I shall see you standing there, her eyes. And now, with considerable help from: Caressed by the tragrant air, all ages to conceal the form, instead of displaying it, as with us, is such that nice distinctions of size and shape are With a shadow on your face, onable. Dinner dresses are made with pointed And the sunshine on your hair. asques, short on the sides and pointed out \cdot f the question. She also had the long finger nails which are so noticeable in the Chinese upper classes, supposed in the origin of the usage to have been intended to in-I shall hear the sweet low tone in front. Of a voice before unknown, Prune color and myrtle green is one of the combinations which English dress-Saying, "This from me to you, From me, and to you alone." makers use. Soft feathers make an extremely be-coming face trimming for a bonnet and And in words not idle and vain 1 shall answer and thank you again

For the gift, and the grace of the gift, Oh, beautiful Helen of Maine! And forever this gift will be As a blessing from you to me. As a drop of the dew of your youth

On the leaves of an aged tree. -Harper's Monthly

Ko Kun-Hua and Family

AN ACCOUNT OF THE CHINESE PROFES-SOR AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

It is a fact very generally known that Harvard University has now the dis-tinction of numbering among its pro-fessors a teacher of the Chinese language. Nearly three years ago, Francis P. Knight, United States consul at Cheang, proposed the subject, and after con-sulting Boston merchants employed in trade with China, the corporation of the c diege agreed to his views, the money was raised by subscription, and he was outbound to approximate a subject of the secauthorized to engage a suitable person. Accordingly he selected an educated man, Mr. Ko Kun-Hua, an officer of rank in his own country, who was to have

dicate that their owners were not under the necessity of working for a living, although hers were not like those of the opulent and aristocractic lady whom

Senator Seward's family visited, which were not only polished and stained to resemble tortoise shell, but were pro-tected each one by a gold case like a short thimble. Her hair which was combed straight back, was made into an oval knot low down at the back of her bad, and worn over another of a lighter shore thimble. Her hair which was combed straight back, was made into an oval knot low down at the back of her bad, and worn over another of a lighter shore the work was made into an over an domether is a state of the showed below the ample folds of the over whore her wind work the showed below the ample folds of the showed below the ample folds of the short thimble. Her hair which was combed straight back, was made into an oval knot low down at the back of her head; and lengthwise over this was a broad clasp shaped like a sword-hilt, in variegated colors, and crosswise through it was a long bodkin like a bon-net-pin with a colored knob. She had on a petticoat of blue silk, and a close undown the breast were exquisitely wrought medallions in a she had on a petticoat of blue silk, and a close undown the breast were exquisitely wrought medallions in a she had on a petticoat of blue silk, and a close undown the breast were exquisitely wrought medallions in a broad clasp shaped like a sword-hilt, in variegated colors, and crosswise through it was a long bodkin like a bon-net-pin with a colored knob. She had on a petticoat of blue silk, and a loose upper garment of lighter blue fitting close round the neck where it was finished with gold braid, with which the edge that lapped across the hont was likewise trimmed. Besides this there was a band of colored ampattern which indicates his rank. As you see him standing there in his robes

of state, you can but say that he is a man of noble aspect and presence. The attire of Mrs. Ko Kun-Hua as far exceeded her first as one blue silk could

this there was a band of colored em-broidery about the shoulders. These Chinese silks, such as are worn by their own people of rank, and which are seldom sold to go out of the empire —any more than their choicest-flavored teas are—have a peculiar crinkle and luster and elasticity which no manu-acturers in Western countries have ever ocen able to attain to; as is true, also of their elaborate embroidery, which is

And now, with considerable help from the interpreter, we had some interesting conversation about the education of children. The father said they were to be taught English at once, and sent them for their new books, which were copies of "Halliard's First Reader," in which the superintendent now gave them a little instruction, to the great delight of the family. Then he went to his study and brought out a pile of Eng-lish and Chinese school books which had been given to him, and was very eager to get information about our lan-guage. He produced our cards, and asked us one by one to pronounce our names, and then each card he labeled with the Chinese. Mine required three characters, which were made in a per-pendicular row at the upper right-hand corner. These were done with a few skillful strokes of a dainty black brush or ptneil which he took from some re ceptacle attached to a girdle beneath his robes.

It was evidently his habit to translate in this manner for his own convenience, the names of his visitors, who had al-ready been numerous, to judge by the quantity of cards in the decorated porcelain salver which he brought from his

exceeded her first as one blue silk could outdo another. The peticoat was laid in the finest perpendicular plaits, so narrow that they looked like creases, and pressed smoothly down; and by some arrangement a plain breadth was made to overlap in front, where it had sumptuous decoration—no doubt for the same reason as that of her husband—of gilt braid, in curving lines from top to bottom. Her upper robe was of blue brocade of a different shade, as shim-mering and bright as silk could be, edged with a stiff band of brilliant fowers on white round the neck, and also forming a yoke-shaped trimming.

you in that little game!" Crockett quietiy awaited Nichols movements until both men met. Crocket drew a large pocket-knife, while Nichols displayed a dirk, or bowie knife. The bloody work began at once, and blood flowed like water from the wounds each stroke of the deadly weapons made in the bodies of the antagonists. Crockett finally got in a stroke on Nichols' neck which severed the ingular vein, having previously cut are much liked. the jugular vein, having previously cut his tongue completely out. Nichols fell dead by the side of Crockett, who lay on the ground completely exhausted from loss of blood. He survived his wounds only four hours. Bonnets of bright colored satin, cov-ered with white muslin, are worn at the opera in Londo :.

No one saw the desperate conflict, but a passing neighbor reached the place a few moments before Crockett died, from few moments before Crockett died, from whom he learned the above particulars. The gentleman did all he could for Crockett, but he had received his death blow. On Nichols' body thirteen wounds had been inflicted, while on Crockett were eighteen. It is stated that the spot where they fought bore evidences of a long and most terrible conflict. Both men leave families, that of Nichols consisting of his wife and of Nichols consisting of his wife and eight children. Both were respected by their neighbors, but Crockett was considered a dangerous, quarrelsome man, while Nichols was a peaceable and very

The people of the United States own property in the District of Columbia to he amount of about \$85,000,000.

A boy sixteen years of age lately hanged himself at Liverpool because somebody had " found fault with him." There is a colored woman in Montgomery county, Ga., who has become the mother of seven children in sixteen

A number of boys connected with re-spectable families have been indicted by the Ormsby county (Nevada) grand jury for opium smoking.

A new kind of sweet potato is culti-vated in Kern county, Cal., picked specimens of which weigh from fifteen to

Democratic ticket, 1880—For Presi-dent, Ed. Hanlan. Republican, ditto— For President, Chas. E. Courtney. This will postpone the election indefinitely.— Buffalo Sunday Times.

It is hard to decide which is the more pestilential—the young bore who is for-over bragging what he is going to do, or the old bore who is eternally bragging what he has done.-Boston Transcript

The blood of slaughtered domestic animals is used in France to clarify wine: and fully six thousand tons of dried blood are said to be annually used for purposes of dyeing, and for uses pertaining to the art of coloring printers

"The true journalist is a free, un-trammeled creature, governed by none," proudly wrote the editor in his lead er on "That Mighty Engine, the Press." Then he went home to dinner, and w as inglorioasly chased under the bed by his wife and a broom for omitting to send up the ingredients for the noond ay eal.- Rockland Courier.

eal.- Rockland Courier. Father to Young Hopeful, who has just begun attending school.--"How do you like your school, my son?" Young Hopeful--"Pretty well, sir." Father --"What lessons have you been study-ing to-day?" Young Hopeful--"Spel-lin, readin', rithmetic i nd g'ography." Father--"What exercise do you think you will like best?" Young Hopeful--"Oh, recess, sir!"-Yonkers Statesman.

Little silk buttons, that look like whole pearls, are dotted here and there Sealskin h-ts in the shape of a sou'-wester, and with a button in the middle, are sold for young girls and children.

Romance of a Ring.

The white Japaness crape ties worn by gentlemen are much liked by ladies who are tired of muslin and lace scarfs. They are very soft and becoming, A princess of Prussia at one time received a small and antique ring from her governess for a present. About a year after the occurrence the court re-Miss Downing, one of the London candidates for school committee, is described as a little woman with a dark eye, a masculine face, and a fine Mile-sian brogue. ceived a visit from the Grand Duke Nicholas, the brother of the Emperor while Nichols was a peaceable and very quiet neighbor. A Plain Man. The Woodward avenue car going north at eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon overtook a man with a band-trunk of ancient make walking in the middle of the street. He inquired if the car went to the railroad track and theo are to the railroad track and theo are to the ra should be prolonged. "What shall I do, then, to influence your intentions?" was the reply of the fair a flock as ever wore muslin.

ge with his family from Shanghai to Cambridge, and for three years, at a fixed salary, teach what is know as "Mandarin Chinese." The course of study which was subsequently arranged, provides not only for the undergradu-ates, but for any outsiders, women excepted, who, on payment of a certain tuitional fee, may wish to avail themselves of it.

The Mandarin arrived late in August The Mandarin arrived late in August with his wife and children, a woman servant and an interpreter—the lady being the first of her position in life and almost the first of her sex of any class to come among us to live. It is not cer-tain, indeed, that there is but one Chinase moment in Boston or its wide Chinese woman in Boston or its vicin-it"; and she, Mrs. Ar Foon, has been here about twenty years. The profes-sor, having made his appearance sooner than was expected, was lodged with his family in a small house on the outskirts of the college grounds until better ac-commodations could be found; and it was there we went to call on them.

They came into possession of the rooms as they were; and the one for rethat we might not miss the pleasure. Meanwhile, the family were to be seen ceiving compacy was an office-like place, furnished simply with a center table and arm chairs. We observed, going in a coach to pay visits which came in order before ours. Sometimes the interpreter was to be met in the however, a few tokens of the new occu-pancy in the Chinese bowls and other market buying chickens, if on a rainy day, with a dark-blue Chinese umbrella articles in porcelain with which the over his head; at other times the Manmantel-piece was covered; two large darin was observed out walking in a black silk gown with blue sleeves, brass basins, and a square traveling trunk or box in a corner of the room, made of handsome polished wood, and inscribed with Ctinese characters, and on which were piled several round boxes of material and use unknown to green silk trousers, black skull cap and white shoes trimmed with light blue, white shoes trimmed with light blue, moving along in a dignified and mea-sured way, while the interpreter fol-lowed, keeping the distance of about four feet always between them. On the fifth day, while we were at dinner, the door-bell rang, and the girl who answered it came into the prom us. We had seen in one of the ante-rooms, as we entered, another and capacious receptacle for their effects, being a bamboo basket, in shape like a flour barrel, but much higher. Dark blue who answered it came into the room with two cards in her hand, announcing garments for out-of-door wear hung and dismay that "there's a whole load of 'colored folks!"" to us with looks of mingled amazement against the wall, and in the opposite 100m was a row of elegant round fans, no two of which were alike, and a But we all, with one accord, cried, "Why, they are the Chinese!" and with one accord, likewise, we sprang up from the tanle, and rushed to the parlor, the group of colored figures, either toys or

for ornament, stood on the table. A bright boy of fourteen in a blue sacque, with shaven hair and a very long queue hanging down his back. ushered us in and then left us. After few moments the lady, Mrs. Ko Kun-Hua, came noiselessly toddling in on her small feet, and after going to each one of us, and giving her hand, signified that she wanted us -there were ti ree in our party-to be seated each on one side of the table, while she took the other, which is evidently the Chinese idea of what is the proper thing to do.

By this time the boy had come back, bringing a younger one, having during his absence put on over his other clothes a rich blue brocade robe like a shirt, which reached to his heels, and their seats. shift, which reached to his heets, and had covered his head with a black skull cap; the brother was also in blue silk. They both passed round and shook hands with us; and no sooner was this over than two girls appeared in the made-the interpreter was offered a chair. And he is never allowed to sit-he would never presume to do such a thing in the presence of a mandarin! Consequently he remained standing, over than two girls appeared in the t doorway, eyed us a moment shyly, then spproached and held out their slim, t brown hands. They wore their hair s drawn back and twisted up on each side of their heads in a knob, tied with red ribbon; and were clad in singular long, straight garments of silk, over which was a red one of the same material. fairly stiff with embroidery in gold and colors, and hanging nearly to their ankles both before and behind, looking somewhat as if a breadth had been taken, a hole cut in it for the head, and though one after another of the family said. "Take a seat." Then arrived on the scene the laggard gentleman of the house, who had been all this time get-ting on his coat; and he, after the handshaking was over, said to the interpre-ter, who still stood as firm as a post: "Take a SEAT!" No movement. "Take a SEAT!!" repeated the host; and a SEAT !!" repeated the host; and then a seat he tock, which, unfortunately, was a larger and more imposing chair than that occupied by his su-perior. The latter personage looked astaken, a hole cut in it for the head, and then slipped on, the rich wrought por-tion about the upper part making their houlders square, and giving their wmail persons a broad, cumbersome a perior. The latter personage looked as-tonished, shocked, grieved, for the act was no doubt equivalent to a personal insult, and some animated conversation

done in very dainty patterns and in marvellously-brilliant colors, and often linished so that both sides of the work are alike, all the ends of floss and goid thread being carefully concealed. There also forming a yoke-shaped trimming, while the bottom of th. sleeves was is such a quality of springiness about these silks that you can squeeze yards of the fabric into the smallest possible combordered with similar wrought flowers in colors on white silk, to the depth of several inches. No belt or confinement anywhere, but loose, flowing drapery; pass and it will come out without a and she looked just like the richly-dressed ladies we see on fine Chinese crease, and will wash like linen and last through years of wear. The story is that this is owing to their methods of fans and rare porcelain.

managing the silkworms, which are so sensitive that they are affected by noise, want of cleanliness and rough handling. It is further said that a great deal de-pends on the process of weaving, which We had felt great curiosity to know what she would have on her head, since Chinese women do not wear hats, bon-nets or veils. Her hair was arranged as before, only it was now so much covis all done on hand looms set on the ground, from the belief that the moisered with ornaments at the back and sort of upright fillet in front, that only ture of the earth causes a gloss not on the top of her head could any otherwise to be had. een. We had been told that where callers had found the Mandarin at home, he had appointed a day on which to return

Her little feet were in sight, encased in daintiest of shoes, though not so diminutive as among Chinese ladies of exthe call, probably according to the na-tional forms of etiquette; so we were in who are known to wear shoes only two and a half English inches in the length of the soles. Hers were at least four inches with the timiest of high heels and daily expectation of their appearance at our door, and anxious to be at home

pointed toes, and were extremely pretty, with flowered heels and delicate gilt lines in zig-zag curves, and row above row of embroidery on white in pale blue and red. You may wish to know how she was

able to walk, but you can easily get an idea of the method and the difficulty if you will attempt to go the distance of long hall by stepping only on the edge of your heels. It is a slow kind of motion, as if one might topple over; and we observed that in passing out to the carriage she helped herself by putting out r hand on the side of the house.

We had some conversation with our guests through the interpreter, finding out that the lady was contented in this strange land; that she had one Chinese woman with her to take care of the baby; that the little girls' names (as

near as we could understand) were Wing Ho and Wung Ho; that the reason why the boys did not come, too, was because they were studying; that they were going to move into a different house, and many other things.

venerable head of the house lagging be-and, however, to put on his bettermost coat, in which to do honor to the Man-Then they all, at some spoken word, ruse together, invited us to come and darin. The cards, let me say, were sim-ple visiting cards, on one of which was engraved, "Mr. Ko Kun-Hua." see them again, shook hands all round the interpreter put the children into the carriage, saw the Mandarin and his wife in, then he himself mounted to the seat The coachman, having seen them all out, had returned to his seat, add they were coming along the piazza, which they almost seemed to cover with their ing with us a most favorable impres-sion of their dignity, courtesy and gen-

ample robes, being so many, the pro-fessor and his wife, the two girls, and the interpreter. The lady came in first, eral high breeding. About a week later it was my unexpected good fortune to make the family with a sort of grace in spite of her feet; then her husband and the children, each a second call, in company with the su-perintendent of the Chinese mission school in Boston, and one of the lady teachers and her daughter; and this time shaking hands all round before taking And now a tremendous mistake was

- the hour being late in the afternoonthey were all at home. The same lad, as courteous as a page-in-waiting in some royal household, admitted us, re-ceived our cards, and showing us into he same room as on my first visit, said, 'Sit down!" then sped away to make

known our coming. We, however, thought it more spectful to wait standing, and such was our attitude when, without a moment's delay, the Mandarin came in, having hastened at once, as did his wife on the former occasion, to welcome his guests, quite unlike our inhospitable and un-courteous custom of keeping a visitor waiting. He advanced with gracious and cordial manner, and as the strangers of the party were presented to him by name, he fixed the identity of each one by the cards he held in his hand, and then begged us to "Take seats"

who acquire it can always find persons with whom they can communicate in every part of China. This, as he in-formed us, is the language he speaks, as much an unknown tongue to the com-mon class of that nation as our own is. The mandarins, of whom there are

several ranks, have special privileges. They all wear blue, and they alone can use gold embroidery on their clothing; and their wives are attired accordin to the position of the husbands, which 's seen at once by the color on their caps or the peculiar emblazonry on their robes. It is their custom in the pres-ence of others to sit (as Mr. Ko Kun-Hua has already been described) with the hands on the knees, and in a very composed manner. No mandarin car with propriety return a visit on foot; and when he appears on the street no person of inferior order must presume to salute him.

In spite, however, of all such limitations we found our interviews with the Ko Kun-Hua family delightful; and this last one was closed by our trying to pronounce the name (which sounds as if written "Ko Qung-Whah") and by tea-drinking—"high tea," I am sure it ought to be called. The interpreter— who appears to be man-of all-work, and always full of business, smart, capa-ble and bright whosever one mosts him ble and bright wherever one meets him. whether in-doors or on the street-came in with a waiter on which were six cups of tea, each in its "salver," which he set on the table before us.

The etiquette is for the guests to take up their cups, when the heads of the house immediately imitate them, and

then all silently partake together; but though we understand that such was the custom, and saw that Mr. and Mrs Ko Kun-Hua waited our movements

on it like a small saucer turned Lottom upward. We waited, as with one conupward. We waited, as with one con-sent, till Mrs. Ko Kun-Hua, seeing our dilemma, raised hers with her right hand and daintily carried it to her lips, holding her arm high, and she sipped with the cover on. We all tried, and made a universal, ignominious failure in fact or for more the ardie In fact, as for myself, I could hardly convey mine safely to my mouth without using both hands, such concern was I in lest the cover should drop off. We tried again; and then we laughed, the whole company of us; and then the host and hostess, with considerable kindness and courtesy characteristic of that people toward their guests, removed the covers from their own cups and laid

them on the table, and we at once fol-lowed their example; and then we all took tea, decorously and in state. No spoons, no sugar, no milk; they never use them. A few tea leaves are put in the bottom of each cup, boiling water

poured on, the covers put in place, and thus, with all the flavor kept in, it is served.

They were extremely agreeable and obliging, and no doubt if our curiosity had so far overcome our good breeding as to have induced us to ask about them, they would have taken down those localy ornaments from the months to lovely ornaments from the mantle, to which had been added some exquisite lacquered boxes and a rare slender vase

of deep blue in which stood a single tall stem of beautiful red coral. And no doubt also we might have known more

went to the railroad track, and then got aboard. There were several passengers in the car, and as he stood in the door he flock of Carolines in Lowville, and as ooked from one to the other and said : "If I am intruding don't hesitate to was Caroline Collins, Caroline Northup, tell me so. I like people who speak right out, and I am used to plain talk." Caroline Davan, and ever so many more. There were Cornelias, Janes, Elizabeths,

No one objected and he took a seat, crossed his legs and said to Linself: "I'll bet they never built this car for less than fifty dollars! I'm glad the old woman isn't here. If she should see how it's fixed up she'd never let up on me till I tacked one to the house. Ph never ride on a wood wagon again when I can jog along in a chariot like this. It's got more windows than a bee-hive, and wouldn't dare spit on the floor if I was

Aying to spit." As he made no move to pay his fare the driver rang the bell. "Got bells on here, eh?" mused the "Got bells on here, eh?" mused the plain man. "Now who'd a-thought they'd have gone to such an expense as that! Folks here in town are right on girl. the style, no matter what it costs!

The driver rang again and again, and seeing that it did no good, he finally opened the door and said : You man in the corner there-you

didn't pay your fare." "My fare! Why, that's so! Hanged if I hadn't forgotten all about it! Were

you ringing that bell for me?" "That's too bad! Why didn't you

open that door long ago and say to me: 'Here, you old potato top, if you don't pass up your ducats I'll land you in the mud?' I'm a plain man, and I never get miffed at plain talk. Take the damage

out of this half dollar!"-Detroit Free Press.

What Did Mary Say !

Ko Kun-Hua waited our movements, not one of us ventured to do this, not even when the Mandarin said, "Take tea!" for how should we manage?— that was the question. Each cup was on a long narrow "salver" or waiter of which it fitted, and each cup had a cover on it like a small saucer turned Lottom The Indians have gay times gambling every Sunday afternoon upon the hill back of town. The gambling is done with bundles of sticks. The Indians range themselves in a circle and keep up a continuous chant as the game pro ceeds. The Indians of one tribe poo room when Mary came in from the kitchen hurriedly, and Gogzell after her. He caught hold of her at the sittheir money against that of the other tribe, and then one of the number "casts right right ting-room door and said, "Mary, you r lips, have been here long enough; ome and go home now." Counsel: "What did d. and Mary say?" Counsel for the prosecu-diure tion: "Stop there! I object to that ardly question." Here a discussion of nearly with: the lot." about eight inches in length, and abou twice the thickness of broom-straws They are all white, exc pt one, wh has a black stripe about an inch wi around the center. The dealer plac the sticks behind him and divides the two hours took place, in which four lawyers participated, after which the judge gave a long and serious harrangue into two separate branches, holding hands closely about the center. Th on the subject, and finally, in a very for one of the opposite tribe makes a gu as to which hand contains the bl mal and pompous manner, stated that it was the opinion of the court that the question should be answered. The court was crowded almost to suffocastick. The sticks are then scattered on a blanket, and it is thus ascertain which side wins. One side retains The deal as long as the other side fails guess right, but as soon as a good gue is made the deal cha ges. The der ing side also furnishes the vocal mus which invariably has a tin accompany tion, and the most intense interest was manifested at this stage of the proceed ings. The question was repeated: "What did Mary say?" and the witness answered, simply, "She didn't say a word. ment. No word is spoken between

opposite players. Everything is in cated by gestures. To persons v have never seen them gamble in manner it is an interesting performant The shrinking of the water in Tulaer Lake, Cal., has uncovered a pre-historic settlement, stone buildings, traces of canals once bordered with - Arcato (Cal.) Leader. planted trees, and other evidences of

A young man named Bailey, living miles south of Fairfield, Clay cou Neb., was accidentally poisoned by occupation by an unknown race, being clearly defined as the water subsides.

mother. The young man had been a for some time, and his mother admit tered a dose of epsom salts, as she "Ah. how well do I remember-it was in the bleak November," when I caught the cold that was wearing me surely and swiftly away; but I heard of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, took posed, but which proved to be oxalic acid. He lived just twenty minutes after swallowing the fatal dose. but I heard of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, it, shit am as wall as aver.

There | smiling princess. "You must not refuse to receive my addresses," immediately returned the immediately returned the outspoken Nicholas. "You ask much."

"I ask even more. You ought to give ne some encouragement in my en-

Marys and Paulinas, Janes, Elizabeths, Marys and Paulinas. They were all girls and they never scorned the title. Now they would be Carries and Nellies, Lizzies. Mamies, Jennies and Cornies and young ladies withal, every daughter deavors to please you." "That is still more difficult. Besides, of them. Let us not end our names in "ie." Let us not forget that affectation the moment is not well chosen for a favor

"I beg your royal highness to give me is the art of being a fool according to rule. Let us learn to work the worsted a sign that I am not totally indifferent to you. You have a little ring on your cats of impossible pink, if we must, but let us leave boyto make in the partialing and a golden loaf of corn bread as well. render me happy. I beseech you to give

"What! give the ring at the dinner

and famine. Pure and undefiled Eng-lish never sounds so musically as it does from the unadulterated lips of a genuine ind the traditional in the presence of all these people?" Let us learn the exquisite art of of bread and give it to me."

greatness.

And press the ring into a piece of keeping young. You read of Roman rules. I think I have heard Tyre, Tadbread she did, and gave it to the future emperor. Nicholas took an early opmor and Thebes mentioned once or twice, but there is nothing so ancient in portunity to leave the hall, and on exhuming the treasure from its wheaten tomb discovered an inscription on the all this world as an old dilapidated heart. It is everybody's duty, especially inner side in French, and running to the following effect: "L'Imperatrice de la every girl's, to keep young. Now, to Dear girls, I pray you read the Book of Ruth, That old love story beautiful as truth, Of one who lives in everlasting youth;

Russie He is said to have worn the keepsake for the rest of his days, attached to a chain round his neck, the ring being too small of course for any of his colossal So shall you keep in loving step with thine. And life's sweet cadence proves a perfect fingers. The future empress, it seems, had been unconsciously wearing for some time the emblem of her future

rhyme; And when at last the song is done, And level shines the dying sun. Another dawn will show its early light, And "good morn," though you have said "good night."

And say with her to truth, "Forever thine. "Thy God my God, and thy people mine"

Pink and blue muffs are carried with

pink and blue gowns, and harmony is supposed to reign.

on chenille bonnet ties.

Indian Gamblers.

you and your classmates :

There is a good deal of amusement in the following table of figures. It will enable you to tell how old the young ladies are. Just hand this table to a young lady, and request her to tell in which column or columns her age is contained; add together the figures at the top of the columns in which her ago is to be found, and you have the great pool secret. Thus, suppose her age to be seventeen, you find that number in the first and fifth columns; add the first The sticks are of hard wood figures of these two columns. Here is

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