Religious Scenes in China.

"Church begging" is very common in China. The temples advertise their wants by posting on walls in the neighborhood square pieces of yellow paper, whereon is the exact Chinese equivalent of the scriptural, "Ask and ye shall receive," together with the name and location of the temple where prayers are always answered.

But there are also more personal forms of begging. The writer of an article in the *Youth's Companion* has seen in Pekin a priest whose cheeks had been pierced, and the teeth knocked out so that an iron rod, as large as one's middle finger, could be passed through, to project an inch or two beyond either cheek. An iron half-circle was hinged to each end of this, and passed around the back of the priest's head. Attached to the half-circle was an iron chain, which was so long as to drag on the ground several feet behind him.

His business was to go from house to house, beating a small drum, asking help to repair a temple. Sympathy would be wasted on him. He was a "professional church-debt lifter," who had monthly wages and a commission on his collections—and the rod and chain were his stock in trade.

There is an other way, still more peculiar. A priest stands in a small box like structure, placed in front of a temple, through the boards of which spikes have been driven, so that the imprisoned priest can move no part of his body, except his right arm, without being pricked by a spike. With his right hand he rings a bell to draw attention to his pitiable condition. Charitable persons give so much for the privilege of drawing out a spike.

The higest-priced spikes are those which point at the vital body. The priest is supposed to stand in his kennel day and night until all the spikes have been bought and drawn, but no one believes that he really does so.

A single incident will show how much hardship and self-inflicted suffering some of those heathen will undergo to fulfill a religious vow. One intolerably hot and dusty afternoon in 1871 the writer was resting at a wayside tea house to the southwest of Pekin and saw approaching a man and a woman. The man would first take one long step, then bring his other foot up and measure his whole lenght in the road.

Having knocked his head three times on the ground, he rose, took another step, and again prostrated himself. The woman was his wife, and was waiting upon him. In answer to questions, he said that he had made a vow that if Buddha would restore to health his son, who was desperately sick, he would make a pilgrimage to Wu-tai-shan and home again, a step and a prostration all the way.

Not more than three miles could be made in one day. He had traveled about 600 of the 2,000 miles of his double journey, and would be two years longer in completing his vow. As he was 78 years old, and almost worn out, it was easy to see that he would not live to fulfil it. A callous lump as large as an egg projected from his forehead, raised by knocking his head upon the dusty road. Yet this man was shocked and angry at a suggestion that he should abandon his useless pilgrimage, and passed out of sight measuring the road with his infirm body.

A good story cannot be repeated too often. To thousands of prattling boys and girls the following incident will be new; and as it bears with it a good moral we reproduce it: 'An old man was riding on an ass along a country road, while his little son trudged on foot by his side. They met a man who said: 'What a shame that you should ride, while your little son is compelled to walk!' The man dismounted and gave his seat upon the beast to the child. Soon, however, they met another man, who said: 'Out upon thee, to let thy poor old father walk, whilst thou, who art young and vigorous, ride!' At this the old man mounted the ass with his son, when they both rode together. Traveler No. 3 soon made his appearance, and berated them soundly for giving the poor, tired beast such a heavy load to carry. In the end they both dismounted and tried to carry the ass. Probably some one else came up who took them for a pair of idiots.' However that may be, it proves that he who tries to please everybody succeeds in pleasing nobody, and makes himself uncomfortable and wretched.

The largest family of children in America born of one mother and father is probably that of Mrs. Brandon, of Moundsville, W. Va. The mother is now seventy-seven years old. She has given birth to and reared thirty-three children, five daughters and twenty-eight sons. Sixteen of the sons measured in height 96 feet and 7 inches. All of these sixteen were volunteers in the Union army during the rebellion. One was killed at Pittsburgh Landing, one died in Andersonville, and one Charles, the youngest boy, served the longest term in Libby prison of any Union soldiers now living. Of the fourteen boys who survived the war all are wounded and draw pensions. Mrs. Brandon, the mother of this band of soldiers, has lately been granted a pension of $2,250. The old lady is as bright and active as most women of one half her age. She is fond of outdoor exercise, and only a few days ago walked twenty miles within five hours.

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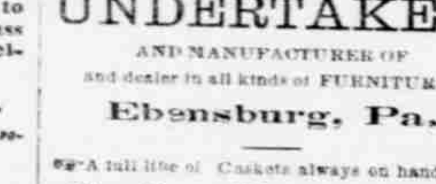

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"I have been very busily engaged since you left me, and very lonesome—a good deal hipped at times, and worried with the corruption of the times and the scenes in Congress. Every day increases my desire to be at the Hermitage, where, with you and Andrew, I could spend the balance of my days in quietude and peace. I have made many sacrifices of my private and domestic happiness for my country, and would freely still make others, did I believe I could add to its repose and happiness; but so long as the members of Congress lose sight of the general prosperity of our beloved country, and are split up into political parties, each headed by an ambitious demagogue, who is without virtue or principle, and whose only object is self-aggrandizement, even at the expense of the Union, the post of honor, for an honest man, is a private station. Still, I do not, I will not, despair of the republic or shrink from my duty, although I connot refrain from shedding a tear over the immortality of our Congress and the corruption of the times. Still, there is a redeeming spirit in the virtue of the people, in which I trust to perpetuate the liberty of our country and check the corrupting course of the ambitious demagognes. * * I wish you to give me a history of your journey, how you are pleased with the Hermitage, and whether the masons have finished the monument over the grave of my dear departed wife. Say, with my kind respects to Emma, that if she is as forgetful of her promises to her lovers as she has been to me, that she will never marry."

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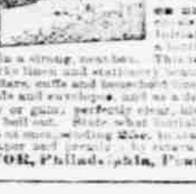

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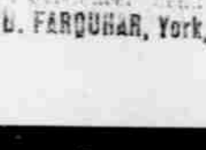

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Toledo's Great Wine Tun.

Work was begun in 1883 on the great wine tun of Toledo, O., but the solid American oak of which it was built was drying in a kiln for six years prior to that. Its oaken staves are twenty-one feet long and six inches square. In the rough six of them formed a load for a two horse team. With the utmost nicety they were put in place until, as a whole, they measured over sixty feet in circumference. Through the center of the tun where it curves outward in a huge swell, it measured twenty-one feet; the diameter at the end is eighty feet. It contains 39,000 gallons of dry wine. To withstand the enormous pressure of this bulk, three iron rods are carried from end to end, where they are riveted in oaken beams of great size and strength. The hoops are of iron. There are fourteen of them and they weigh three tons. Each hoop is six inches broad and about a third of an inch in thickness. They they are well groomed hoops, and shine as if in constant contact with an emery wheel.

But everything about the great tun betokens the great care that is taken of it. Its oaken surface is polished to such a degree that the sun loves to creep in through the prison like windows and dance upon its shining bulk. The huge brass spigot glitters like gold fresh from the coiner's hand. The oaken platform that faces its tremendous head, and the oaken stairway that winds around the base and enables the visitor to look down upon the mammoth, glisten under frequent coats of varnish. A blow upon this iron ribbed body makes no impression unless the ear be placed close to the wood; then the sound is like the last gasp of a thunder clap. Days and days were occupied in filling it with catawba made from grapes that grow on islands in Put in Bay, where Commodore Perry taught John Bull a lesson some years ago. And when the tun was full, 36,000 gallons of wine had been poured into the vast interior, there was much rejoicing in the immediate vicinity, and all who witnessed the completion of the process felt in duty bound to drink to the health of the Toledo tun, and to do so in such unstinted measure that the occasion is likely never to be forgotten by those who participated.

View of Great Salt Lake.

The first view of Great Salt lake is of a silver mirror with arms, in the midst of an immense plain. Only the silver gray water, the blue gray sky and the vast expanse of flat, marshy land. We were not very favorably impressed; in fact, I was was very greatly disappointed with the first glimpse of Salt Lake City. This is natural where one's expectations have been raised to an extravagant height. It looked like a third or fourth rate town on exhibition as a show, and not equal to its reputation. There was a crowd of arrivals, tourists and sight seers. The station was surrounded by hacks the strangers besieged by vociferous hackmen. We were too accustomed to the modern conveniences of everyday life in the east to find their reproduction here marvelous. Had we come over the trackless wastes, like the early settlers after months of struggle and warfare with cold and fatigue and weariness, had we penetrated rocky canyons, forded rivers and marched over interminable wildernesses of salt and sage brush, this modern city of the plain would indeed have been a marvel; but we had been whirled hither between a day and a night and were disappointed to find it less idyllic than we had pictured and so much like other places.

Where were the "streams of the living God" that flowed "directly through the street." Where the rich milk and honey of this typically fruitful land? Where oh! where the far famed cleanliness of its vine wreathed cottages and sidewalks? The general aspect was commonplace and second class, and we were not sorry that our stay was to be short.

The Dog-Days Are Here.

The dog-days are here, and will last till the 29th of August, or forty-two days. The rising and setting of the "Sirus," or the dog star, with the sun has been universally regarded as the cause of of excessive heat that prevails generally at this particular season. The poor dogs, who are made to bear their infamy of the source of our discomfort are, perhaps, allied in some manner to the extreme heat of the interval, but they, as well as human beings share alike the afflictions which are at this season common. Dogs at this season are supposed to be more susceptible to rabidness than at any other time.

The Bat's Bite.

The curious feature in the bat's bite is that it is hardly ever felt, even when the person attacked is awake. I myself had a remarkable illustration of this, and stood with a man who was remarking that he could not understand how people always got so unaccountably bitten, though while he was actually making this remark in the dusk a bat was sucking one of his toes, as was evidenced by the bat being seen by me and himself to flutter away, while the man's toe, to his great surprise, was found to be bleeding severely.

As Martin Bout, the son of a farmer living near Michigan City, Ind., was plowing, a loud explosion was heard and the young man was seen to fall to the ground, while the team ran wildly across the field. Persons hastened to the spot, and found young Bout lying senseless, with his right hand blown off, several severe wounds on his body, and a piece of iron sticking in his throat. The plow point had struck a bomb buried in the ground, which was supposed to have been left there by workmen who were blasting out stumps years ago.

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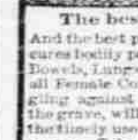

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Father of Forty-One Children

Baltimore lays claim to a man who was the father of twenty eight children. Reading, Pa., can lay claim to a citizen who can beat that. His name is John Heffner, and he was a German by birth. He came to this country when a young man, and for a third of a century the little, hump backed man was familiar figure on the streets of Reading. He was personally known to almost every citizen. His business was that of collecting rags and paper and selling them to the paper manufactories. In this way he made his living. A year ago he was killed on the railroad and his widow still resides on Maple street that city. The story of John Heffner's numerous progeny is well authenticated among any of the old citizens of Reading. The old man was wont to boast of it, and once when on the witness stand, in court there, he gave a detailed account of the birth of the brood. The short hand notes of the testimony are still preserved, and from them it is learned that he was the father of forty-one children in ... years. It is believed that his record exceeds that of any other man of his age. According to his own story he was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1816, and landing in New York, came at once to Reading. He was a jolly, good natured soul, with a short, common clay pipe in his mouth, and had a smile for every one. His many children kept him poor, it is true, but they brought no misery with them to him. When twenty-five years old, in 1840, he married his first wife. She lived eight years. She became the mother of seventeen children in that time. She gave birth to twins the first year and the second year was signalized by another pair of twins. Each succeeding year thereafter for four years Mrs. Heffner became the mother of triplets. In the seventh year she gave birth to one child. The wife then died. The oldest of the seventeen children was then but seven years of age. Three months thereafter a young lady took charge of the children, and in the course of time she became the second Mrs. Heffner. The first two years of his life with this woman were signalized by the birth of two children. In the next five years ten more children were added to the Heffner flock, she giving birth to twins each year. There is now lull a and for the next three years thereafter only one child was born each year. In 1875 his second wife died after being married nine years. John Heffner was now the father of thirty-two children, twenty of whom were living, the youngest being fifteen years old. They all lived at home, and many are the ludicrous incidents told by Heffner in reference to his large family. They were stout and strong, and very often they became so badly mixed up, there being so many of the same age, that he frequently could not tell one from another. This large family did not deter a widow with one child from becoming Mrs. Heffner No. 3, and in the ten years succeeding she presented him with no less than nine little ones. Counting his step-child there were forty-two children who called John Heffner "father." Some, since grown up, still reside in Reading, and are respectable members of society. The record made by their father it is believed is unprecedented.

The Scorpions of Mexico

The most common pests in Mexico are the alcarans or scorpions, for during certain seasons of the year they are as numerous as flies around a sugar house. They are within the cracks of the wall between the bricks of the tiles of the floor, hiding inside your garments, darting everywhere with inconceivable rapidity, their tails, which hold the sting, ready to fly up with dangerous effect upon the slightest provocation. Turn a corner of the rug or table spread and you disturb a flourishing colony of them; shake your shoes in the morning and out they flop; throw your bath sponge into the water and half dozen of them dart out of its cool depths, into which they had wriggled for a siesta; in short, every article you touch must be treated like a dose of medicine—"to be well shaken before taken."

The average scorpion is mahogany hued and about two inches long, but I have seen them as long as five inches. The small, yellowish variety are considered more dangerous, and their bite is most apprehended at midday. In Durango they are black and so alarmingly numerous—having been allowed to breed for centuries in the deserted mines—that the government offers a reward per head (or rather per tail) to whoever will kill them. Their sting is seldom fatal, but it is more or less severe, according to the state of the system. Victims have been known to remain for days in convulsions, foaming at the mouth, with stomach swelled as in dropsy, while others do not suffer much more than from a bee sting. The common remedies are brandy, taken in sufficient quantities to stupefy the patient, ammonia administered both externally and internally, boiled milk and guaiacum. It is also of use to press a large key or other tube on the wound to force out part of the poison.

Where the Presidents are Buried.

The burial-places of our Presidents are widely scattered. Washington lies at Mount Vernon; the two Adams are buried under the old church at Quincy, Mass.; Jefferson rests at Monticello; Madison's grave is at Montpelier, not far from Monticello; Monroe's remains lie in the Richmond Cemetery; Jackson's grave is in front of his old residence, 'The Hermitage;' Van Buren was buried at Kinderhook; Harrison at at North Bend, near Cincinnati; Polk at Nashville; Taylor's remains are near Louisville, Fillmore lies in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo; Pierce was buried at Concord and Buchanan at Lancaster. Lincoln's grave is near Springfield, Johnson's at Greenville, Garfield's at Cleveland, Grant's at Riverside, and Arthur's at Albany.

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