resign his throne, owing to chronic illness. It was then arranged that the

FIRST INFANTRY OF HONG KONG.



Above is the first regular Chinese regiment ever organized-the First Intantry of Hong Kong. It is going to Tien Tsin by forced marches to drive the "foreign devils" from the white quarter. This command is armed with modern rifles. Above is a photograph showing its two crack companies at drill.

HER MAJESTY, THE

TROUBLE.

Absolute Potentate of Four Hundred Million People-For Forty Years She Has Dealt in Poison and Death. Her Amazing Cunning.

Condensed from an article in the New York Journal, by Edwin Wildman, ex-Vice Consul of the United States at Hong-Kong.

All the world is watching the Dowager Empress Tsi An of China, the patroness of the Boxers. She is the most wonderful woman in the world She stands high up among the most wonderful women who have ever lived. Born a slave, she now has 10,000 skyes at her command. Born and bred in ignorance, she now sets the great powers of the world by the She rules over 400,000,000 people, one-third the globe's population. Forty years ago she was a scrub-girl in an obscure viceroy's household. Now she owns \$15,000,000 of diamonds and pearls, rubies and sapphires and literally countless other treasures. No one, not even her physican, is privileged to look Li Hung Chang was once disgraced and banished for walking in a garden made sacred to her majesty's

All the emperors and members of the imperial family yho have stood in her way have died or disappeared. In her rescripts she speaks of them very gracefully as having "returned to After her master, the Emperor Hien Fung, died, her son Tungche reigned for a short time. As soon as he began to show signs of independence, he died. Then the old Tsl An had to mourn the untimely death of young Ah Lu Ta, Tungche's wife. The Dowager Empress, Tso Shi, widow of the Emperor Hein Fung next followed old when the emperor died. Then came the same mysterious path.

dor to England and one of the most en- fant son. Tsi An's first achievement became obnoxious to Tsi An and perished. His friend, Prince Chung, fola sickly child, emperor in succession to the duties of a sovereign, and, through Tungche. He began to show independence and . stened to the reformers. All the supposed autocratic power of China's emperor could not protect him Tae San of Heaven became very ill, and the downger empress kept him shut up in the palace of supreme peace. Having no desire for a premature "return to heaven." he petitioned the empress three times to assume the reins of power. pointed last year another child puppet in his place.

She appropriated \$300,000,000 to build "a great Chinese navy," and spent it on a garden for herself at Pekin. To this she added a \$30,000,000 army appropriation. One of the empress' cares has All the pretty girls of the empire, numsent to Pekin. No girl is taken under lots are brought before the empress at | nan. Pekin. She examines them in batches of five, and selects fifteen of them. These are put into training, and the the best three are selected. The first becomes an empress, and the oth- ful empire. She permitted him to be of her stategic ability. ers secondary wives. This process crowned, but only four months did she Kwang-Su to draw up a memorial adis repeated every three years.

The empress, Tsi An, from earliest power. Tungche proved to be a young childhood, has been a woman of ab-sorbing ambition. Her father was a tempted to accomplish some changes DOWAGER EMPRESS refugee, the victim of an uprising such in the personnel of his staff. Where as threatens China today. His crops were ruined, his house burned and his WOMAN AT BOTTOM OF CHINESE little property confiscated. With his Kung was reinstated in his hereditary wife and daughter he wandered for rank, and Tsi An at once began a weeks to the south, hoping and seeking for a home where he could again emies. Shortly after Tunche's death, restore his lost pittance and support his family. Finally, becoming desperate, he stopped in a little town in the death before her child and heir to the province of Honan and begged for food for his wife and child. Then, following the advice of his friends, he sold his pretty daughter to the viceroy of the town. He adopted her as his daughter and educated her. She became a

> emperor.' As soon as Tsl An was presented to the Emperor Heinfung, she conquered with Russia, ending in the treaty of him by her coquetry and eleverness of St. Petesburg in 1881, afeat of diplospeech, for she was no ordinary woman. Though without early education and brought up as a coolle, her anestry was of good Manchu stock, her grandfather being of the ruling literati. Thus she inherited some talents that she soon put to active use.

sent to Pekin "as a present to the

CONQUERED THE EMPEROR. Hardly had she been in the emperor's

house a year before her power was felt. She plotted and planned with the eunuchs and made herself influential with the powerful mandarins and viceroys who came to visit his majesty. She practically usurped the position of precedence held by the emperor's legal first wife, Tsi Tshi, and the favorite of the emperor, was the recipient of palaces, diamonds, pearls and precious stones, the rarest and costlicst of china, a thousand waiting women slaves, such as she had once been, waited upon her, and her robes were the handsomest that could be bought. Russian subles and furs and Spanish and French set jewels adorned her person. The wealth of the empire was laid at her feet. And all this personal achievement had been accomplished in a dozen years, the real struggle for mastery. Hien sador to England, and of the most en-The Marquis Tseng, former embassa- a board of regency, guardian to his inwas to overthrow this board and usurp the reins of government herself. She had thoroughly familiarized herself Tsi An made Kwang Su, with the intricacles of the court and her emperor husband, had really wielded the power of ruler. She coerced the rightful empress with little difficulty, and, by joint proclamation, abolished the board of regency and usurped the prerogative herself. The government of 400,000,000 of people was thus absolutely in the hands of two China was threatened with war.

It was fortunate for China, therefore, that there was a man equal to the occasion, and it is an interesting carried out with great ceremony, coincidence that he, like the empress, Kwang-Su's principal crime, aside rose from the peasant classes. been to select wives for the emperor. Hung Chang was the foundation to his age. The empress had no use for bering thousands, are brought together weak house, and he upheld the name think. She, therefore, looked around and sorted, and the best of them are and preserved the unity of the em- for another child to keep under her pire during the Taeping rebellion and regency. She discovered Pu Ts'uan, a twelve or over eighteen. The choice the Mohammedan insurrection of Yun- nine-yar-old stripling, the son of the

fung's son, Tungche, grew to manallow him to enjoy a semblance of dressed to her, asking to be allowed

upon rumors were sent abroad that he was in delicate health. Prince high-handed campaign against her enhis widow, Empress Ahluta, was thrown into prison and died a horrible throne was born.

A NEW HEIR APPARENT.

The empress thereupon proclaimed the son of Prince Chung, a boy 4 years old, the heir apparent. Having settled wit as well as a beauty. Then she was this important question, Tsi An's power was again supreme. She then turned her attention to matters ouside the palace, and entered into negotiations macy engineered by Li Hung Chang, who was made embassador to Russia. The rightful dowager came to a mysterious death about this time.

Fourteen years after the selection of Kwang-Su to succeed Hienfung as emperor of China, he was permitted, at the age of eighteen (in 1889), to marry. The empress regent carefully selected his wife, the daughter of a Manchu general. The empress made a show of resigning her authority, but it was only nominal, in recognition of the hue and cry set up against her. She remained in the palace and ruled the court with a rod of iron.

Li Hung Chang was disgraced and deprived of his yellow jacket and peacock feather by Kwang-Su, but after the Japanese war and its frightful disaster and loss to China, the empress came out openly, took the bull by the horns, and reinstated Li and sent him to Japan to negotiate the terms of

Since that time the contention in the palace has been bitter, and Kwang-Su, in attempting to assert his authority, has lost it. Li has been removed from the scene and sent to Canton, where he is the viceroy of the two Kwang provinces, but this concession only strengthened the power of the em-press, who took advantage of the temporary lull in the family fight to quietly cement the bond with Russia, Kwang-Su pitched his fortune with the reformers, springing throughout China like mushrooms, and issued an Imperial vermillion rescript embodying a project for educational reform which included the displacement of the Confucian classics for the study and introduction of modern sciences and languages. Kwang-Su, by this act, erected his

own scaffold. He offended the ancient literati of China and struck a blow at Confucianism that the scholars of the Flowery Kingdom could not conwomen-one not a dozen years out of done. They went over in a body to peasant's dresses, the other the widow the empres, who seized young Kwangof the emperor and totally ignorant of Su in August, 1898, and forced him to national affairs. Added to this dilemma, sign an edict restoring her, to power, ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE RULER. The arrangements for this coup were Li from his proclivities for reform, was the empire, the strong pillar in the an emperor who was old enough to Duke Tsai Lau. It did not matter Although the late Emperor Hien- that he could speak only Manchu, in fact, it would not have mattered if he hood and married, the powerful Tsi had been deaf and dumb. The em-An plotted to deprive him of his right- press' mode of procedure was worthy

empress should refuse to permit him to esign and ask him to reconsider for the good of the nation. He was then to reiterate his request, and after three times, the empress was to accept, with a great show of reluctance. After the empress again regained full control of affairs, she found that there existed throughout China a strong sentiment in favor of reform In fact, the party had grown so rapidly and to such an extent that she cognized the necessity for a double solitical somersault. Having dethroned (wang-Su, she plunged into paper reforms that startled the Conservative party, but lest they become alarmed, he privately adjured her court tainers rot to take the matter too seriously, but in the full to prepare for var. The empress, for the first time in Chaina's history, gave audiences to the wives of foreign diplomats and The people were astonished and subsequently charmed at the wily empress' graciousness. She was merely paving the way to eplenish the royal exchequer. She did It. UP TO DATE. Out of all the mesh and tangle of

Thinese affairs there has grown two lecidedly antagonistic military and racial factions. Jung Lu, the empress ight-hand man, who assisted her in the coup d'etat of August 21, 1898, is practically at the head of the Chinese army, a force numbering 100,000 armed and equipped men. On the other hand, Prince Ching represents the Manchus commanding the Pekin field force and Banner corps, estimated at 75,000 men. The empress has had the extremely difficult task of holding these two chained bulldogs from fighting. In order to do this and retain her prestige over both sections, she has leaned toward Russia, and systematically allied her interests with the Great Bear. She is as cunning an old lady as she was a cunning slave girl who captured the old Emperor Hienfung. With rare tact and diplomacy she has shuffled her viceroys from province to province and kept them where they could secure the greatest possible munitions of war to do the least possible harm to each other herself. She put Li Hung Chang out of Chihli, the powerful regal province, lest he might become ambitious in his old age and seek to grasp the government. During the past few months her emisuries have toured the provinces and raised vast sums of money Large purchases of arms and ammunition have been made, and there is no doubt that the shrewd old empress anticipated, if she did not encourage, the present uprising.

Old China hands assert that the present Boxer movement will end in a grand flash, a grand clash, and then old China will, by virtue of the very cumbersome nature of her people, plod along again in the same old way.

WRECKED ON ALASKAN COAST. Schoner Alaskan Beached in Gale at

Cape Nome. Scattle, Wash, June 26 .- The steamship Cleveland arrived from Cape Nome today with fifteen passengers and a nominal amount of gold. She reports a severe storm at Nome on June 5, in which the steamer Alaskan, from San Francisco, was beached, total loss. Her passengers were saved by the revenue cutter Bear. She also has news of the wreck of the small sloop Gypsy, in the same storm, and two of her crew were drowned. One of the men lost was Scott Stewart.

The Cleveland arrived at Nome on June 3, sailing nine days later. She was compelled with all the other steamships, to stand out to sea till the gale moderated, She reports seeing safe at Nome the Corwen and her tow. the Catherine Sudd A. Robert Dollar, Alcha, San Blas, Dora Albion, Thrasher and Mary D. Hune; at Dutch Harbor the C. D. Lane, Charles Nelson, schooner Hera, transport Lawton, Mc-Culloch, gunboat Wheeling, dispatch boat Perry, Homer, Edith, Sunol, Rube

Cousins and Martha Tuff. The other vessels not reported are supposed to be beating their way through the ice to Nome. The Senator had a flue plate dented by the ice and had to return to Dutch Harbor for repairs. The Robert Dollar arrived at Dutch Harbor just as the Cleveland was leaving for Seattle. The Catherine Sudden, which was in tow of the Corwen, was dismanted and crushed slightly by the ice

Conditions at Nome are unchanged. The old-timers and new arrivals are stampeding to Topukuk, where rich discoveries are being made. Others are going to Port Clarence in large num-

Royal Wedding.

Strasburg, Germany, June 26.-The marriage of Prince Maximilien-Egon and Princess of Cumber-land takes place today at Gmunden. Many members of the royal families are present,



Tile is possible to be perfectly familiar with a fact, and yet to have no adequate knowledge of the relation of that fact to the whole fabric of human knowledge or belief. Everybody is familiar with the fact of gravitation. How many of all those who make glib use of that familiar term appreciate the enormous power of this wonderful force. Everybody knows that the blood is the life. The Scripture says so, and science supports the Scripture in that plain statement. How many of all those who believe that the blood is the life have asked themselves, "How is the blood the life?" Bread has been called the "staff of life," and in the wide meaning of the word bread, as food, it is undoubtedly true that blood which is the life itself, must lean heavily upon the staff of food. Take away that staff, and blood absolutely fails. Thus, the scarlet clue of the blood leads us back, finally, to the stomach and to the chemical processes by which the food which is taken into the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition fail to extract from T is possible to be perfectly familiar | the food the entire value of the nourish-

GAINED 53 POUNDS.

"I was sick for about three months, had chills, fever, and coughed a great deal," writes Mr. W. L. Brown, of McDearman, Jackson County, Tennes-"Most of my neighbors and friends thought I had consumption. I was reduced in flesh, and recovery.

"My wife went to the store to get some antifebrin, quinine, etc., for me, and a friend of mine (Mr. W. W. McDearman), who had been taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, recommended this medicine for me. Finally I decided to use it, after my physician told me that it would be all was taken I weighed 149 pounds-a gain of 39 pounds. I am still taking the 'Golden Medical Discovery'—have taken nearly two bottles—and now weighed. I am still gaining strength and taking the 'Discovery.' I wish to say that this is a recent recovery, that only two months ago I only weighed 110 pounds."

MADE WELL AND HAPPY.

"I have long felt it my duty to write to you," says Mrs. Henry T. Miller, of Schwenkville, Montgomery County, Penn'a. "I am well and happy. Your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' 'Favorite Prescription,' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' made me a well' was very weak-only weighed 110 pounds; my woman. It is now five years since I used your physician thought there was little hope for my medicines combined, and I have been well and strong ever since. I still keep the 'Golden Medical Discovery ' in the house. "I will tell you more what your 'Golden Medical

Discovery ' has done. It is now two years since my sister came to see me, and she had a tumor growing on her neck, below her left ear. It was growing very fast. It was as large as a shellbark hickory good for me. I sent and got one bottle, and before nut, and she was awfully worried. She did not like to have it taken out. When I saw it I said it did not seem necessary to have it taken out. I told her to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical weigh 163 pounds, which is more than I ever Discovery, and thought that would take it away. When she had taken two bottles of the medicine the tumor was all gone. We could not see where it had been, and it has not appeared since. She is well and happy."

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wet with dew." words echoed idly in Brunton's mind as, escaping by favor of frightened blue one. French casement from the crowded rereception room, found himself in the pleasance. Softly the thrill of the distant music rose and fell upon the still air. Less tuneful sounded the nearer hum of con-versation and laughter. Glancing back toward the lighted windows, the vague yearning for sympathy that had lain like a cord round his heart all day gripped him close. Then an affected laugh stung his ear and Brunton turned afresh toward solitude. Under his feet lay the smooth grass of the trim lawn. Overhead was the

blue-black summer sky, star flecked

and cloudless. Lower the fairy lights

red, green and gold, twinkled like

jewels among the dark foliage. About him hung the fragrance of heliotrope. Brunton was young; his soul, new his emotions still of the crudest. Yet caught me." as he looked skyward his spirit sank at the thought of leaving so much little now, though there was still a beauty and sweetness for-he knew little hesitating catch in her voice. not what. Tomorrow he would leave England to join his regiment and few seemed to know or care. For the first time he felt constrained to mourn the lack of near relatives to fuss and weep His coming to his departure. Mrs. Derrick's "at home" had been a mistake, too. Having a few hours to fill in, he had come with the idea that | ing to the door. it would pass the time pleasantly, Now he felt annoyed at his folly in so do-

Taking out a cigar he lit a match, which a sportive zephyr playfully ex-

of the arbor, a shrinking girlish form. neck the only ornament. For one startled moment his keen

"Why, by Jove! Oh! I say," he ejaculated inconsequently.

The girlish face, set in an aureole of golden hair, raised appeal to his.

"Oh, please, please don't tell any body. I only came out here to get away from the people." "Did you? Well, I say, that should

so did I.' The dying flicker of the wax match body about my coming out here? would seem so rude to Mrs. Derrick,

you know.' "Not a soul, honor bright. But surely you didn't leave the house to crouch up here in the dark " "Oh, no! It was lovely among the

stars and flowers and things; then I heard some one coming, and ran in fledged, was immature, nebulous and here till he should go past, and so you He could tell that she was smiling a

"Won't you come out and walk

again?" He was longing to see her. The darkness of the summer house was tantalizing, and chivalry rebelled at the rudeness of striking another light. "And you will smoke?" she asked,

rising, in reply to his query, and walk-"No. thanks. I don't care to now Suppose we stroll around?"

The starlight that revealed to Sylvia a soldiery form with short cropped dark hair and a quite perceptible tinguished. Among the shadows hid moustache, showed Brunton a petite a rustic arbor, and stepping inside the figure, whose robe of shimmering white shelter of its doorway, he struck a satin draped loosely from the old lace "Well, suppose I take you some papers? Suffice it to tell that Sylvia fresh gleam. Flaring up brightly it that outlined its square cut bodice, a where for half an hour or so—to a the remained oblivious to all Brunton's

For a moment convention triumphed gray eyes looked amazement into and they were bashful together. Thereafter the influence of the June night prevailed and they inclined to confidence. Before they had completely encircled the lawn Sylvia knew that Brunton was a soldier, that the morrow he would sail for India to join his regiment. "P. and C. China, awfully jolly deck cabin to myself." And cre they emerged from the long archway be a bond of union between us, for of roses Brunton knew that this was Svivia's first party, that she was an orphan and lived with her grandsaw an expression of relief across the mamma; that at that moment her girl's face. "And you won't tell any-grandmamma was playing whist in grandmamma was playing whist in Mrs. Derrick's ante-drawing room; that Sylvia herself passed endless evenings playing whist with grandmamma, Mrs Dawson (the companion) and a dummy. Also that a look in grandmamma's eye, which seemed to Sylvia to hold a suggestion that in the event of no better partner being forthcom ing Sylvia might be called upon to make up a set, had led to Sylvia's taking refuge in the garden, thus show

> oman had the more to tell. "And you have never been any-where?" This pitying, from the height of his experiences which were yet to

ing that out of her narrower life the

"No, never. We always go to Tor quay in winter, but that's nearly just the same as being at home. Do you know, I've never, never once been out of doors at night before!" 'Not even to a theater?"

"Poor little girl! I say!"--struck by s sudden idea-"your guardian will be some time over whist, won't she?" "Why, yes. The game has just be gun, and they won't finish under a rubber.'

ing. "Oh!" A gasp of delight followed by the inevitable "But would it not be wrong?" and "I can't go dressed like

Manlike, Brunton rode rough shod over both scruples. "Oh, nobody will know. Wait here moment while I run to the house

and forage for wraps." Leaving Sylvia in the safe sectusion of the arbor, he vanished, returning speedily clad in light top coat and crushed hat and bearing a heavy cloak

"That!" breathed Sylvia in a horrified whisper, when he showed his spoll, "Why you've brought grandmamma's sable mantle."

of velvet and furs.

"Oh, that's all right, so long as it's big enough," replied her fellow sinner, with a man's easy indifference to aught but utility.

And as to the encompassing capacity of the matter there could be no doubt. Swallowed up therein all that was visible of Sylvia was a pair of wondering blue eyes and a fluff of golden hair at one end and two tiny white satin slippers at the other.

To Sylvia the hansom was a chariot ent direct from fairyland for her conveyance to some enchanted world. The gayety and glitter of the London night delighted and amazed her. At Picadilly circus Sylvia was entranced; in Leicester square she was in esctasies and when, having reached the snug seclusion of a curtained box, she could gaze across a valley of dim, smoke-wreathed figures, which moving marvel of form and color defined as a ballet, she acted and moved as though in a dream world,

What they witnessed need not be de tailed. Is it not written in the daily

murmured that the hour neared 11. Safely in the hansom speeding home ward, Sylvia retaned to earth again and sighed at that she felt like Cinderella in having to leave the ball at ts height. And Brutnon tentatively suggested that there had been no prince at her ball; whereupon Sylvia avowed hastily that of course he was the prince-then faltered and blushed After that it must be confessed that the trees fringing Regent's park wit-

nessed some callow lovemaking, Yes, Sylvia was sorry, very, very orry he was going, and perhaps wher e returned in three years he would have forgotten her? And Brunton was equally convinced of his own faithful-ness, but feared the strain of absence

on her. Brunton thought he would like their next meeting to take place, as this ne had, in a garden; and Sylvia remembered that a certain green door in the high wall encircling her grandnother's grounds opened on a quiet side road. It was quite near; they could drive round that way and she rould point it out.

Thereafter the stars witnessed a solemn compact that, that day three years, at the same hour, Sylvia would unlock the green door to give Brun-

They were very much in earnest Two real tears glistened in Sylvia's eyes as she spoke of the years that the green door must remain closed. And Brunton's voice got husky and he had glamour to the sheen of her tobe, difficulty in rendering his farewells as About her the tall Madonna lillies lent many as he would have wished. So, as became young lovers, were the twain delightfully disconsolate.

Re-entering Mrs. Derrick's garden gained the safe vantage of the shrub- for her view. ery before encountering an emissary in search of Sylvia. Lady Martingale was going, had been gone ten minutes, | pity, romance, affection, call it what

OME starlit garden revealed, huddled up close to the back string of pearls around the slender atter or music hall? My cab is wait- | hints as to the lapse of time until he and both her cloak and her grand- you will, overcame him, and, springing mother were to seek!

Athwart the little green door the noonlight glinted softly, and Brunton, standing in the near shadow of at ilex, would willingly have dropped the coming hour out of his life Since his return to England a few

days before the memory of this approaching meeting had persistently recurred to him. As a man of hone knew he dare not shirk it. And yet how painful to be forced to see Sylvia to look into those innocent, truthful eyes-for of her constancy he had no oubt-and confess how he had changed, and to tell her boldly that their meeting had proved but an incident of no moment in the ordering of his

He must undeceive her as tenderly as possible, speak of Eleanor regretfully, at least not let Sylvia guess how entirely happy their union was, or that she, Sylvia, had long ago eased to be aught but a pretty, sentimental remembrance to him.

Even as he schooled himself a dis tant clock struck the hour, and the first faint chime came the stealthy ound of an opening lock. She wa

there. Gently turning the handle he passed brough the green door and entered Lady Martingale's garden. Beside the great stone basin of the old fountain stook Sylvia, the moonlight sparkling on her hair and adding an ethereal lent their fragrance to the night. A swift pang smote him as he saw

that, as when they first met, she work white, forgetting that he, too had cautiously, the culprits had scarcely sought to #capture his former aspect

Her eyes met his in questioning ap peal, and for a moment a mad rush of

-FROM BLACK AND WHITE, forward, he caught her hands.

"Sylvia!" 'Yes." "You had not forgotten?" "No. And you?"

"I am here." After the greeting there fell a sense of constraint, which Brunton realized was not all of his making. She was ovely, even more lovely than of yorealler, too, with the lapse of years, and with an added something in her expres-

on that was new to him. Behind them the fountain splash and murmured. Then Sylvia broke the/ silence, speaking as if in answer to his thoughts.

"You-you have changed-are not the Of course you look older and bronzed. I don't mean that. But there something else-you're manner-Brunton felt there was no escape for him. He must tell her and at once. "Sylvia," he began, breathlessty, three years is a long time-"

"Oh, yes, is it not?" she interposed, agerly. 'And you know one's circumstances alter-new people intervene,"

"Yes, yes; so they do." Her unexpected acquiescence was disconcerting, but he eagerly, stumbled

"And Sylvia, I wish to tell you-I know it seems cruel-but last year I met Eleanor, and-" "Hush!" interrupted Sylvia, suddenly aising her hand and turning in an at-

itude of listening expectancy toward

the lighted window of the house visible across the expanse of lawn. As they paused, mute, from an open asement came a feeble cry-vague. plaintive, sending its message into the

light. Sylvia's eyes sought Brunton's-his wondering, her's lambent with mater-

nal ecstacy. "My baby!" she said,