The Pittsburgh Gazette

EVERYTHING UPSIDE DOWN.

A letter from Foochow, China, gives an amusing sketch of the contrast between the social customs of the Flowery Land and the Land of Liberty. He says:

During our stay at Foochow I visited, accompanied by our missionaries long resident there, a number of the Chinese, and had an opportunity of observing their social habits and customs. How totally different they are from us in their habits, ways, mode of education, morals, everything! No wonder that we are "outside barbarians" to them and they "knights of the umbrella, fan, petticoats and pig tail" to us. To show how strangely the way they "live, move and have their being" appears to foreigners I shall quote from a recent traveller: On inquiring from the boatman in which direction Macoa lay, I was answered west-north, and the wind, he said, east-south. "You do not say so in Europe," thought I. But imagine my surprise when, in explaning the utility of the compass, he added that the needle pointed south!

On landing the first object that attracted my attention was a military officer, who wore an embroidered petticoat with a string of beads round his neck and a fan in his hand. His insignia of rank was a peacock feather pointing downwards, instead of a plume turning upward, and a button on the apex of his sugar loaf cap, instead of a star on his breast or epaulettes on his shoulders, and it was with some dismay I observed him mount on the right side of his horse. Several scabbards hung from his belt, which of course I thought must contain dress swords or dirks, but on venturing near, through the crowd, I was surprised to see a pair of chopsticks and a knife handle sticking out of one, and soon his fan was folded up and put in the other, whereupon I concluded he was going to a dinner instead of a review. The natives around me had all shaved their hair on the front of their heads and let it grow long behind. Many of them did not shave their faces, but their mustaches grew over their mouths, and, lest some straggling hairs should diverge cheekways, the owners were busily employed pulling them down. We arrange our toilets differently, thought I, but I acknowledged the happy device of chopsticks, which enabled these gentlemen to put their food into the mouth endwise underneath the natural fringe.

On my way back to the hotel I saw a group of old people, some of whom wore gray beards; a few were chirruping and chuckling to singing birds, which they carried perched on sticks or in cages, others were catching flies to feed them, and the remainder of the party seemed to be delightfully employed in flying kites, while a group of boys were looking gravely on and regarding these innocent occupations of their seniors with the most serious and gratified attention.

As I had come to the country to reside for some time, I made inquiries respecting a teacher, and happily found one who understood English. On entering he stood at the door, and instead of coming forward and shaking my hands, he politely bowed and shook his own, clasping them before him. I looked upon this mdoe as a decided improvement, especially in doubtful cases, and requested him to be seated. I knew I was to study a language without an alphabet, but was somewhat astonished to see him begin at what I considered the end of the work. He read the date of publication, "the fifth year, tenth month and first day." "We arrange our dates differently," I observed, and begged him to read, which he did, from top to bottom and from right to left. "You have an odd book here," I remarked, taking it up; "what is the price?" "A dollar and eight-thirds," said he, upon which I counted out three dollars and went on looking at it. The paper was printed only on one side, the running title was on the edge of the leaves instead of the top of the page, the paging was near the bottom, the number and contents of chapters at their ends, the marginal notes on the top, where the blank was double the size of that at the foot, and a broad black line across each page separated the two words composing the volume, instead of one being printed after the other. The back was open and sewed outside, and the name of the work written on the upper edge. "You have given me too much," said he, handing me two dollars and one-third, and then explained that eight-thirds was eight divided by three, or only three-eights. A small vocabulary he carried with him had the sounds arranged according to their termination—*ming, king, sing*, being all in a row, and the first word in it was *sein*. "Ah, my friend," said I, "English won't help you to find a word in that book. Please give me your address." He accordingly took out a red card as big as a sheet of paper, instead of a neat white strip, and wrote "Wer Lanyean." "I thought your pame was Mr. Wer. Why do you write your name wrong end first?" I inquired. "It is you who are wrong," replied he. "Look in your own directory, where alone you write names as they should be, placing the honored family name first."

I could only say, "Customs differ," and giving back the book begged him to speak of ceremony. He commenced: "When you receive a distinguished guest do not fail to give him a place on your left, for that is the seat of honor, and be cautious not to uncover the head, as that would be an unbecoming act of familiarity." This was a severe blow to my established notions; but when he reopened the volume and read, "The most learned men are decidedly of the opinion that the seat of human understanding is in the belly," I exclaimed, "better say in the feet," and immediately shut up the book, dismissing him until another day, for this shocked all my principles of correct philosophy, even if Solomon was against me.

On going abroad I met so many things contrary to all my preconceived ideas of propriety that I really assented to a friend's observation "that the Chinese were our antipodes in many things beyond location." "Indeed," said I, "they are so; I shall expect shortly to see a man walking on his head. Look! there's a woman in trowsers and a party of gentlemen in petticoats; she is smoking a cigar and they are fanning themselves." But I was taught not to trust to appearance too much, as on passing I saw the latter wore light under garments. We soon after met the steward dressed in white, and I asked him what merrymaking he was invited to; with the look of the deepest concern he told me he was returning from his father's funeral. Soon after we passed where we heard sobbing and crying, and I asked who was ill; the man suppressing a smile said, "It is a girl about leaving home to be married, who is lamenting with her fellows."

I thought after these unlucky essays I would ask no more questions, but use my eyes instead. Looking into a shop I saw a stout fellow sewing lace on a bonnet for a Portuguese lady, and going on to the landing place, beheld! all the ferry boats were rowed by women, and from a passage boat just arrived, I saw the females get out of the cabin at the bow. "What are we coming to next," said I; and just then I saw a carpenter take his foot rule out of his stocking to measure some timber, which his apprentice was cutting with a saw whose blade was set nearly at right angles with the frame. Before the door sat a man busily engaged in whitening the thick soles of a pair of shoes. "That's a shoe white, I suppose," said I, "and he answers to the boot black of other lands." "Just so," said my friend, "and beyond him is a poor wretch with a board around his neck for a shirt collar, for he has got into *chokey*, an article of his toilet which answers to the gyves with which those lads in the Tombs are garnished instead of bangles."

In the alleys called streets the signs stood on their ends, and the pigs were packed in baskets, which coolies were carrying, to the infinite satisfaction of their inmates; and the shops seemed to have lost their fronts and ejected their inmates into the streets; where they were eating, cooking, working, selling and sleeping in every imaginable way. A loud voice led us to look in at an open door to see what was going on, when we saw it was a school and the boys were learning their lessons, all crying like auctioneers. We next passed a fashionable lady stepping out of her chair, her feet only three inches long, her plaited and embroidered petticoat a foot longer than her gown, and smallest at the bottom, and her waist quite concealed. Then came an acquaintance of my friend, accompanying a splendidly carved coffin. "Who's dead?" asked he. "No man hab die," replied the Celestial; "this one piece of coffin I presented to my old fader; he likee too much, count my number one proper; 'spose he die, he can usee he!" "So, he?" rejoined my friend, "how much price can catchee one all same for that?" "I think can catchee one alla same so fashion one tousand dollar, so, this hab first chop handsome, lo."

"Do you call that gibberish English or Chinese?" said I, for the language sounded no less strange than the custom of presenting a coffin to a live father differed from my preconceived notions of filial affection. "That's the pure Canton English," said he, "you must be a Jack Downing of Canton to immortalize it." "Come, rather let us go home," said I, "for I am getting dizzy and shall soon be upside down in this strange country."

The foregoing is a somewhat ludicrous, but a graphic and truthful description of the strangeness of China to a foreigner, and this oppositeness extends to every thing. Their common drink is warm, and ours cold, their dinner commences with confectionary and fruits and ends with soup; they remove their shoes as a token of respect (Moses did the same) we the hat. In fact in almost every popular manner are they our opposites. And yet they have a civilization all their own, and which, though derived from the most remote antiquity, in many respects equals, in some excels ours.

How Paper and Cloth may be Rendered Water-proof.

Mr. N. C. Szerlmey, of Pimlico, England, has recently invented a mode of rendering paper and other like materials water-proof, which is thus described: He melts, in ten pints of hot water, thirty ounces of glue, gelatine, or size, and three ounces of gum arabic In another thirty pints of hot water, he melts twenty ounces of soap and four pounds of alum, afterward mixing together the whole liquid in one pot. This is composition No. 1. In another pot he heats half a gallon of benzole and one gallon of paraffine oil, and melts in it twenty-four ounces of resin. To these materials, resin, oil and copal or mastic varnish may in some cases be added, and he lets it boil until it attains a moderate degree of consistency. This is composition No. 2. He first dips the article to be water-proofed into composition No. 1, in a heated state, and afterwards dries it; then he applies the second composition, in a cold state, with a brush, or in other convenient manner.

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THE SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS in Gothenburg, Sweden, after a variety of experiments by the authorities, is carried on according to the following method: A reform society of gentlemen of nigh social standing has obtained entire control of the traffic in spirits in the city, under an agreement to apply the whole of the profits above expenses for the benefit of the poor. The society, it is reported, has reduced the number of licensed houses to less than forty, one-third of the former number, and has bound the proprietors to sell only at fixed prices, giving a profit of only one and a half per cent., with obligations to keep a supply of all harmless drinks, including beer, at whatever profits they could command, thus making it the interest of the venders to sell these drinks instead of liquors. The effect, it is asserted, has been an almost entire cessation of drunkenness.

The Des Moines, Iowa, *State Register* says: "Contrary to most expectations wheat is turning out a much better crop than was expected. A gentleman who has been threshing ever since grain has been fit, states that not a field has been threshed by him that did not average fifteen bushels to the acre, while some others turned out eighteen and twenty bushels of good grain. In some localities the grain is pretty badly shrivelled, but taken altogether an average crop may be expected, and at least as many bushels will be marketed this fall as there were last. We have been told of a two-fold patch of wheat, grown from seed brought from Kansas, that threshed out sixty-six bushels of the best wheat grown in that section this season. That's a pretty heavy yield, if the seed did come from Kansas."

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FIFTH AVENUE HALL.—No. 65 Fifth avenue, opposite the Opera House, Pittsburgh, Pa., is the coolest and most desirable place of resorte. Liquors can be had at this place Pure and Good. The Billiard Rooms are on the ground floor in the rear.

LEGAL.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of "The Hopewell Old School Presbyterian Church, of Findley Township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania" for a Charter of Incorporation, at No. 604 September Term, 1869.

Notice is hereby given that the "HOPEWELL OLD SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, of Findley Township, Allegheny county, Pa.," have made application to the Court of Common Pleas for a

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION,

And that the same will be granted at the next term of Court, unless sufficient reason should be shown to the contrary

au2 J. H. WALTER, Prothonotary.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, of Allegheny County, No. 427 of September Term, 1869. In the matter of the Incorporation of "THE ARTISANS BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION OF ALLEGHENY CITY, PA."

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of July, 1869, application was made to said Court to grant a Charter of Incorporation to said Association; and that if no sufficient reason be shown to the contrary, the same will be granted at the next term of said Court.

D. W. & A. S. BELL,
Attorneys for Petitioners.

JULY 19, 1869. jy20:m35

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Whereas, letters testamentary on the estate of MARY ANN YOUNG, deceased, late of Indiana township, Allegheny county, Pa., having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of said county, all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them duly authenticated for settlement, and those indebted to said estate will make payment immediately to

BENJAMIN KELLY,
Executor.

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PITTSBURGH, June 29, 1869.

NOTICE.—Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned on the estate of JOHN GEORGE WOODS, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to call and settle the same, and those having claims against the estate will present them duly authenticated, to me at No. 19 Seventh (late Irwin) street.

jy7:m9:w ISAAC M. PENNOCK, Adm'r.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the estate of JOHN GEORGE GIMBEN, deceased, having been this day granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to come forward and make immediate payment, and all claims against the same should be presented to me, duly authenticated.

FRANCISCA GIMBEN, Administratrix,
jy28:m6:3w No. 146 Third St., Allegheny.

FOR SALE.

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A LEASE EIGHT YEARS TO RUN of a lot of ground fronting 138 feet on Strawberry Lane, running back 258 feet immediately in rear of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester Passenger Railway Co's stable, and on the line of the of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, adjacent to the Ohio river, on which is erected TWO GOOD FRAME TENANT HOUSES of three rooms each, with good stabling and out houses complete. This property is well adapted for lumber or coke business, there being already erected thereon eight coke ovens with all the necessary appliances for carrying on that business.

Also, for rent or lease, a comfortable FRAME HOUSE of three rooms, in a good location within five minutes walk of Wood's Run Station, P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., to which there is attached about half an acre of ground. This property will be rented low for a term of years to a good tenant. Inquire of

ALEXANDER PATTERSON,

Lumber Yard corner Preble and Juniata streets, or No. 157 Rebecca street, opposite the Gas Works, Allegheny City. y29:m77

FOR SALE.

Good 6 roomed brick house on Centre avenue and large lot—$4,500.

Good 6 roomed frame house with all improvements: lot 68 by 110—$2,000.

Frame house, 3 rooms: lot 24 by 100—$1,000.

Two well finished press brick houses and large lot—only $6,000.

Two 6 roomed houses on Fulton street—$3 500 each.

One lot 24 by 129 feet on Reed street—$500.

Plot of ground on Mt. Washington.

20 acres on Panhandle Railroad, 4 miles from the city.

30 acres on Western Pa. Railroad, 4 miles from the city.

225 acres good improved land in Missouri. Will be divided to suit purchasers.

20 lots on Centre avenue—$300 to $1,500 each. Inquire of

McCLUNG & RAINBOW,
Real Estate and Insurance Agents,
jy10 Nos. 195, 197 and 199 Centre avenue.

FOR SALE.

Near Osborn Station, on the Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad,

TWO LOTS,

Containing About Two Acres Each,

ENQUIRE OF

W. MACKEOWN & BRO.,

195 Liberty Street,

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FOR SALE.

FIVE LOTS near Breed's Grove, within five minutes walk of Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway. Lots are each 20 by 150 feet, running through from Gelsigher to Ann streets, on which there is over 400 grape vines, besides pear, apple, peach, plum, and cherry trees. Also, a variety of other small fruits. Price $3 500; $2,000 cash, balance in one and two years.

Also one acre of ground in Bellevue borough, about half a mile from Jack's Run station, P., Ft. W. & C. R. R., on which there is about 30 or 40 fruit trees. The place is well watered and fenced and in a good neighborhood. Price, $1,030.

Other Houses and Lots in good localities. Inquire of

M. WHITMORE,

Real Estate and Insurance Agent, corner Ohio and Sandusky streets, Allegheny. au13

VALUABLE STOCK FARM FOR SALE, situated in Westmoreland county, three miles north of "New Florence." Contains 540 acres, 400 of which is cleared and and a large portion in grass. The land is rich and well watered. The building consists of a large frame Dwelling, two frame Barns and numerous outbuildings. All the stuff on the ground to erect a fine new dwelling: Cellar dug. This farm is offered at the low price of $40 per acre, with easy payments. Apply soon to

McCLAIN & CO.,
au14 No. 104 Fourth Avenue.

GARDENERS TAKE NOTICE.—FOR SALE:—THE FOURTEEN MILE ISLAND, on the Allegheny River, and now used for gardening purposes; well improved and in a high state of cultivation: containing 40 or 50 acres, now offered at a bargain. Call soon.

Also, other Farms in good locations. Woolen Factory, two Houses, and twenty acres of land on the Central Railroad. Houses and Lots For Sale and To-let in both cities. For further particulars inquire of WILLIAM WARD,
jy28 110 Grant street, opposite Cathedral.

PROPOSALS.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, August 12, 1869.

NOTICE TO DEALERS IN LEATHER HOSE.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 3 o'clock P. M., FRIDAY, August 20th, 1869, for (1200) TWELVE HUNDRED FEET OF DOUBLE RIVETTED LEATHER HOSE.

Bids to state the pressure they will guarantee the Hose to stand when tested.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any bid.

W. M. PORTER,
au16:n45 CITY CONTROLLER.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, August 12th, 1869.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 3 o'clock P. M., on FRIDAY, August 20th, 1869, for building

FIRE ENGINE HOUSE

IN THE SIXTH WARD.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at the office of J. M. RALPH, Esq., Architect, Federal street, Allegheny City.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

W. M. PORTER,
au16:n46 CITY CONTROLLER.