

A CHINESE EATING HOUSE.

VISIT TO A MONGOLIAN RESTAURANT IN CHICAGO.

A Place where Knives and Forks are Unknown—Queer Food, and How it was Served.

The old saying that one-half the world does not know how the other half lives was never more forcibly impressed upon me than yesterday afternoon when I made one of a party which, headed by Wong Chin Foo, descended the steps of the basement at 269 South Clark street.

Our energetic little leader had promised us a surprise, and we got it. When we saw him heading down the stairs we thought he was after a change of linen, but this was not the case. The sign above our heads read: "Ban Sun Cho, Chinese Restaurant and Grocery." The merry twinkle in Wong's eye answered in the affirmative our inquiring looks.

Under the sidewalk we caught a glimpse of a "coon policy-shop" with its group of anxious white and black faces. On the right hand, facing us, was the entrance to a long, narrow passage to the kitchen. On the immediate left hand was the private apartment and office of the proprietor, with its clean bunks, its desk, and cash window.

Straight ahead was the dining room, and straight ahead we went. The apartment was about twenty by thirty feet, and contained upon the right side a table covered with white cloth and capable of accommodating at least a dozen.

Against the back partition was a side board gaily ornamented with red paper and knick-knacks. The walls were papered with a peculiar pattern, relieved at intervals with oblong red placards which might be anything from imperial edicts to bills of fare.

One of the party, wishing to relieve the Chinaman from embarrassment, said, in a voice of great distinctness: "Mr. Wong will come back in a minute." To which the proprietor replied, in the purest English: "Yes, I suppose so. Will you be seated, gentlemen?"

The first speaker turned a little giddy and nearly sat on the floor. Mr. Ban handed around a box of Chlor d'Almas, and by this time Wong returned with a party of friends, whom he introduced severally. Among them was another Wong—a cousin of the little Mongolian journalist. The new Wong was much taller than the other and fat.

Then there was Ching Ah Hen Jackson and several other gentlemen with names and costumes more or less Anglicized. Chairs were placed around the large table, and Wong superintended the bringing in of five large bowls with steaming contents.

can palates, and Wong mercifully ordered in some condensed milk and sugar. After the repast was finished cigars were produced, the board was cleared, and clear tea brought in. A very interesting discussion on the Chinese problem in America was begun, and several intelligent and thoughtful arguments advanced by the host and his friends.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Proctor argues that every celestial body must at some time pass through a life-supporting period.

Bodily exercise greatly increases the activity of the lungs. It cannot, therefore, be truly beneficial to the whole system, unless carried on in pure air.

The island of Arran, off the west coast of Scotland, is said to be so mild that palms and camellias thrive in the open air without injury, in winter, although the latitude is that of the northern part of Labrador, on the continent.

Extensive experiments are to be made by the government of Tasmania in naturalizing European fishes, such as lobsters, crabs, turbot and brill, in the waters of that country. Similar trials have been very successful in New Zealand and Australia.

The weather service in Great Britain appears to be in a somewhat unsatisfactory condition. Statistics obtained by the house of lords show that during a period of ten years 120 unpredicted storms visited the British coast, or an average of one storm a month.

The paper rail seems about to become a practical reality, a large establishment for the manufacture of rails of compressed paper being projected at St Petersburg. Among the advantages claimed for this material are extreme durability, a cost about one-third as great as steel, lightness, greater adhesion to the driving wheels of the engine, and a reduction in the wear and tear of both the road and the rolling stock.

An analysis of the contents of the principal grenades, tubes and other patent devices for the extinction of incipient conflagrations has recently been made by Professor Kedzie, chemist of the agricultural college at Lansing, Mich. He finds that the only active ingredient in all that he analyzed is common salt, and his investigations go to prove what is generally known, namely, that salt water is better than fresh water for putting out fires.

The weight of scientific opinion now favors the view that "flying fish" do not fly. The muscles of fish in birds do not average in weight one-sixth of the whole body, those of bats one-thirtieth, while those which have been supposed to enable the fishes to fly are only one-thirtieth. The impulse to the propulsion of the flying fish is probably delivered while they are still in the water by the exceptionally powerful muscles which cover both sides of their body.

The prevention of decay in wood is said to be effectively accomplished by exhausting the air from the pores and filling them with a gutta percha solution, a substance which preserves the wood alike from moisture, water, and the action of the sun. The solution is made by mixing two-thirds of gutta percha to one-third of paraffin, this mixture being then heated to liquify the gutta percha, when it is readily introduced into the pores of the wood, the effect of the gutta percha being, when it becomes cool, to harden the pores.

Some Features of Washington Life.

Many of the smaller instrumentalities of this city are in very good condition; the schools have been much improved since the war, and some think that the public schools of Washington are as good as any in the country. There is a respectable district militia, well maintained. The fire department of the city is as good as can be found anywhere.

The hacks and cabs of the town are rather better than they can be found anywhere in America, possibly excepting Boston. I see more varieties of carriages here, writes Gath, than in any city in the globe, perhaps. The patent payments of the town allow carriages, chariots, herds, hansoms, bicycles, gigs, tandem teams and what not. The great old rolling carriage called the laudau is not as often seen as formerly. Considerable private equipage is in Washington. With all this show there is a fair democratic conservatism among the new strangers.

I heard rather a pretty story not long ago of a major-general of the British army, who came here on a visit from India, and a prominent man, who was not in politics, to whom the stranger brought a letter, put him in his fine carriage and took him everywhere. The Englishman said one day: "I see that some of these carriages have drivers in livery suits, while yours has not?"

"No, sir," said the man; "I never put my driver in livery, because I have a little superstition about it. I am a speculator and have my ups and downs, and it occurred to me that some day or other I might die poor and that my son might have to drive one of these carriages; and I think I would not like to see him in that kind of livery uniform."

Paper of this kind and size had from the thirteenth to the seventeenth century, a water-mark representing a fool's head, ornamented with a cap and bells, such as the jesters of the old nobility used to wear. It has been intimated that the idea was suggested by a corruption of the Italian name for this size of paper—folio-capo, meaning folio-sized sheet. But this is not probable, as such an error would not have occurred except among those speaking the English language, and this paper was not made in England until nearly the close of the sixteenth century. Up to that time it was manufactured in France, Italy, and the Netherlands only. The use of the foolscap water-mark was given up about the beginning of the eighteenth century.—Inter-Ocean.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Cord trimmings flourish for costumes. Both round and pointed bodices are fashionable.

Bonnets have Fanchon, Normandy and cape crowns.

Shoes and boots are less pointed, but not square-toed.

Hooks and eyes are again used on the bodies of dresses.

Dark blue satens come with varied and elaborate borders.

Even the chevrons come in all the new-fangled embellishments.

Skirts of street suits are made longer and barely escape the sidewalk.

There is a woman in Florida who is the mother of forty-two children.

A Georgia woman has in the last eleven years pieced and quilted 169 quilts.

Overshoes for women's evening use are of white fur lined with satin ribbons.

Guimpes and plastrons will be worn with dresses of every sort of material.

The popular Gretchen dress will be worn during the season by little girls.

French cashmires are much worn and very generally smooth-surfaced goods prevail.

Fine curduroy will be used for cuffs, collars and revers for woollen dresses for children.

Tartan ribbons of velvet are used to trim felt bonnets for wear with tailor-made costumes.

Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, grandmother of Congressman J. E. Campbell, of Ohio, is 100 years old.

Table covers are large once more and the embroidery is all over, and not confined to the border.

Jet will not go out of fashion, whatever may be the fate of bead ornamentation generally.

The brims of new spring hats are neither wide or eccentric. They are narrower in the back than in the front.

The husband may boast of "holding the reins," but it's generally the wife that says where the wagon is going.—Life.

Fichus of surah and lace crossed at the bust have sailor collars. Those of crape have broad bands of embroidery in rich colors.

Miss Jennie Lind Goldschmidt confesses that she has kept her vocal organs in tune for twenty-five years by yelling at her children.

Veils are now worn under bonnets, not to cover them, as the trimming is quite spoiled in effect, but the result to the eyes and eyelashes is somewhat more disastrous.

Those who foretell the sudden and early death of small bonnets are very wide of the mark. Fashions so sensible are not likely to be supplanted by eccentricities.

Cambries and satens are shown in exquisite designs rivaling foulard silk in sheen and color; a dark blue saten has a border of wheat ears and miniature ears from the design upon the fabric.

Crinkled zephyr cloth is shown in every variety of dark and light colors, with stripes for the skirts, while the bodice and drapery are of plaid, corresponding with the skirt in color.

Among the prettiest of the simple evening dresses for small parties or to receive in are those of fine white flannel made after the tailor models and varied with bright-colored ribbon bows here and there.

Philadelphia has eight female physicians whose practice is reported to reach \$20,000 a year for each, while twelve others have incomes of \$10,000, and there are twenty-two who earn over \$5,000 a year.

The bonnet crowns are in many cases so peculiar that one must see them artistically trimmed to learn to like them. Heart-shaped, square-shaped, round and indented are only a few of the many to be opened for inspection.

When a fair maid was wed by Colonel Gough, of the Hussars, in London, the other day, his deep-voiced, hearty "I will," made the bride jump so noticeably that everybody smiled. He was a man of Mars who talked in tones of thunder.

Women have the right to pre-empt, tree-claim or homestead a quarter section of government land in any of the Territories, just the same as males have. The girl must be twenty-one and unmarried to exercise the privilege of taking up land.

For ladies who do not like to wear a stiff bustle or tournure, the best substitute is a cambric petticoat with flounces all the way from the waist-line to the bottom on the back breadth, which the laundress should be instructed to starch very stiff and smooth with her hand, but not iron, so as to retain all the starch.

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