

THE WOMEN OF CHINA.

Their Manners and Customs Differ Widely from Those in Vogue in Our Country.

At the present moment, when it may be said, without fear of contradiction, that in the whole of the civilized world there is no woman who is attracting more universal attention and interest than the dowager empress of China...

Somehow it is difficult for us to credit any Chinese woman with the "love of power," when, for years we have been accustomed to think of the female population of the celestial empire as being remarkable only for their tiny feet, deformed from infancy by tight bandages...

Even the peasant women wear ornamental garments, especially the better-class ones, who affect bright-colored tunics, such as bright blue ones worn over bright red trousers, or light blue over pink trousers.

Perhaps at the theatrical performances, which play so prominent a part in China in connection with all religious rites, are to be seen the most gorgeous costumes. The Chinese ladies spare no pains in arraying themselves at such times, and arrive in their best silks and satins, ornamented with many pearls and much jewelry, often going as far as wearing two sets of ear-rings at one time.



GIRLS OF CANTON.

dressed and heavily gummed, and decorated with all manner of gaudy artificial flowers; while their cheeks and lips are profusely colored with rouge.

The average height of a Chinese woman is about four feet six inches, but in their trousers and tunics, which are the most common articles of female dress, they look even shorter. As a nation, they are extremely superstitious, particularly the lower classes; and men and women alike are much given to gambling.

Before a Chinese woman is married, she sends with great pomp and state to her future home her entire trousseau, which is packed in large boxes, the keys of which she brings with her when she comes, and on no account is the bridegroom ever supposed to be allowed to see what is contained in these precious trunks until after the wedding is over, when they are shown to him with much pride and ceremony.

In a number of ways the Chinese differ totally in custom from Europeans. For instance, it is considered the greatest mark of distinction to remove one's hat in company; and the greatest compliment it is possible to pay a Chinese man or woman is to tell them they look older than they are.

Another peculiarity of the lower class of women is their slavish fear and regard for their mothers-in-law, who take advantage of their position of being dependent on their daughters-in-law, to whom they often behave most cruelly, and whom the law places within their power.

Monogrammed Gloves.

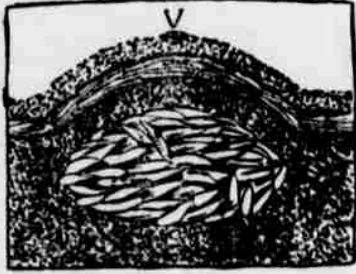
The monogrammed glove is the very latest thing and, of course, it is worn only by the extremists of fashion. To make the monogrammed gloves you get a pair of plain kid gloves with as little stitching upon the back as possible. Black and white are the best colors. Now mark upon the back of the gloves your monogram, or get it stamped there. With silk the color of your walking suit you now embroider the monogram. After it is completed it is about as large as a silver quarter. You will find that it is very becoming to the hand and the custom of wearing the embroidered glove will grow upon you until you will want no other.

HORTICULTURE

STORAGE OF ROOTS.

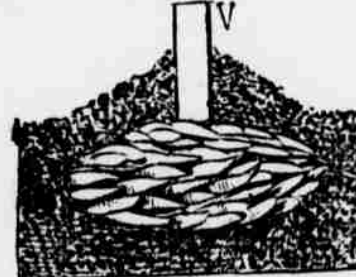
Illustrated Description of Two Methods Tried with Success in Wisconsin and Nebraska.

The time of the year is here when the farmer must prepare to store his roots for winter use. While of course a cold storage house is the desirable thing, yet to many farmers this is an impossible opportunity...



THE NEBRASKA METHOD.

himself in feeding stock or for household consumption later on. In the storage of sugar beets for factory use various ways have been tried. In our first illustration we give a method used in Nebraska for the purpose mentioned.



A WISCONSIN WAY.

Whether it will be found equally serviceable in some other parts of the country can only be told by experience. In our second illustration is shown the method as followed in some parts of Wisconsin. Notice is taken of the fact that greater cold and more adverse conditions must be faced.

PITTING POTATOES.

After All Has Been Done or Said, This is the Safest Way of Keeping the Tubers.

Potatoes keep better in a pit than anywhere else, but they must be well protected to prevent zero weather from catching them. They should never be covered deeply enough to allow them to become at all heated or they will start to grow.

Potatoes that are to be used for seed should be placed in a pit by themselves so as to leave them undisturbed until taken out to plant.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

The plum is more difficult to graft than the apple, we would say to an inquirer.

Pruning can be done at any time that the trees are not frozen. Clons may also be cut for grafting and stored away for use later.

Grape vines will stand more pruning than most any other kind of fruit and they will make greater returns for the work if it is intelligently done.

Blackberries do best on naturally fertile soil that has not been manured, as manure causes them to grow too much wood.

White Worms in the Soil. If plants are troubled with white worms in the soil an easy method of extermination is said to be sulphur matches stuck well down into the soil, sulphur end down.

AMONG THE PARTRIDGES.



"You'd better hurry up into line, sir, or you'll bag some big game."—St. Paul.

A Frequent Epitaph. No more he'll ever greet us. He now is with the blast; He got appendicitis. And the doctors did the rest.—Judge.

Pointing Out His Fiancee.

Askem—Where's the rich heiress you're engaged to?

Tellum—You see that lovely girl in pink at the other side of the room?

Askem—Yes; I say, old man, what a superb— Tellum—Well, it ain't she. It's that grand old ruin in yellow sitting next her.—Tit-Bits.

Implicable.

Attorney—You can sue him for breach of promise, madam, but it seems to me preposterous to claim \$250,000 damages.

Fair Client—I want to get so heavy a judgment against him that he'll just have to marry me—the scoundrel!—Chicago Tribune.

Lucky She Mentioned It.

Lady (engaging cook)—And I suppose you will want me to find you in drink?

Irish Applicant (misunderstanding)—Faith, I hope you won't, mum; I usually goes straight to bed and sleeps it off when I've taken a drop too much.—Ally Sloper.

He Kept His Job.

Boss—See here, William, this is the twentieth time you've been late, and unless you've got a good excuse you're going to be fired.

William (the porter)—I stopped into church on my way downtown and prayed for the improvement of your business.—N. Y. World.

Indicating Calmness.

Wife—Look here, Emil, if your colleague's wife gets a new hat I must have one too.

Husband—Keep calm about it. We have come to an agreement that neither of you is to have one.—Fliegende Blätter.

THE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

This Authority Says That Husbands Are Jealous of Her and That Makes the Trouble.

Those of us who are in the way of reading the comic papers have regarded the alleged aversion of men to mothers-in-law as merely a kind of stock-in-trade joke that was a convenience to cheap wits.

Probably very few men would admit to being influenced by the stale and silly gibes at mothers-in-law, but that they have great weight is proven by the attitude that almost every man takes toward his wife's mother.

To a certain degree this feeling may be traced to a not unnatural jealousy. The young husband is always very self-important. He expects to be all in all to his wife. He is determined to be the arbiter of her destiny.

Then men seldom understand a woman's affection for her own people. They do not realize how deep the flower of love strikes its roots into the home where one was born and that no matter how tender the hand that transplants it some of the heart fibers must still cling to the old soil.

HONEYMOON CHITCHAT.

The Loving Couple Have a Little Spar Over the Opening of Their Letters.

"A happy couple were honeymooning in the country when the first packet of letters from home arrived, and the husband proposed to open one addressed to his wife.

"Certainly not," she said, firmly. "But, Philippa," he remonstrated, "surely you are not going to have any secrets from me, now that we are married?"

"I shall not have any secrets from you, but Phyllis might," his wife said. "That letter is hers, not mine. I shall probably let you read it after I have, but not till I am sure Phyllis has told me nothing but what she would be willing for you to know."

"Still, doesn't it imply a lack of confidence when a wife won't show her letters to her husband?"

"Not at all. The lack of confidence is shown by the husband when he demands to see his wife's letters."

This was unanswerable, and Mr. Grant sank back in his chair with amused delight in his wife's perfect unconsciousness of having said a good thing.

Presently she added: "I told you so! Here is something Phyllis wouldn't want you to know."

"Then are you not going to tell me?" "I'm not going to tell you what it is. You are only to know there is something you can't know—at present."

"Phyllis is engaged," Mr. Grant remarked.

"And what if she is? You are not to know to whom."

"To Radeliffe," hazarded her husband.

"I didn't say so." "But you don't say she isn't." "How could I say she isn't when she—"

"Is? I really think, my dear, you might as well have let me read the letter."—Philadelphia Press.

Protection Against Colds.

While everyone admits the necessity that exists for guarding against exposure, especially when there are sudden changes from heat to cold, there are very few persons who take these imperative precautions in the proper way. They are chilly when the weather changes and immediately seek out an overcoat, a jacket, a scarf or a muffler. The shoulder cape comes into use and the feather boa or wrap that is pulled up close about the neck and covers the chest.

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GRAPE HARVEST IN PORTUGAL.

THE PORT GRAPES CARRIED TO THE TREADING VATS. Scene at the Vineyards of Boa Vista, valley of the Douro: Women cut the bunches of grapes into small baskets, carry them a short distance and fill large baskets holding near 100 pounds.



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