

CHINESE ROMANCE

Hop Hi and Sing Lo "Outwitted Her Father."

Having a daughter an old maid at 30 years old?

But Whang answered: "Pooh! We cannot afford to give her away."

Meanwhile Hop Hi fell more and more deeply in love with Sing Lo.

Next day the yet more venerable grandfather of Hop Hi presented himself at the house of Whang Lo.

Then the tea gardener waxed exceedingly wroth, and he kicked the venerable sage out of the doorway.

So hard did he kick that he crippled the toes of his right foot, which made him yet more angry.

So constantly did she weep that she used up two score of rice paper pocket handkerchiefs.

Next day Whang said to his wife: "Truly, for a marvel, the words were right, though they were but the words of a woman."

Already was the day fixed when Whang Lo's friends were to come to the feast.

What could poor Hop Hi do? No need to ask the question, for whoso truly loves one can always find a way.

It was the day before the wedding. Whang Lo had gone to town.

Hop Hi knew very well that she was watching him through the bamboo work of the screen.

No sooner did Sing Lo perceive all this than she tottered down to the water's edge.

Life of my life rose of all roses, slender willow of tottering gracefulness!

That night, as they were seated at supper, feasting upon the eels, a hideous noise suddenly arose.

There were collected Whang Lo and Ah Sin, with his sister and near relatives.

Twice, indeed, the bamboo thatching took fire, and if Hop Hi and his bride had not climbed on the roof.

What could the servants do but bear her into the garden shed, and there, at her own request, leave her to recover alone?

So he sharply rebuked Ah Sin, at which they got to quarreling and then fighting.

Finally Whang Lo's cowardly servants all ran off, upon which he and his wife were well beaten.

Under this affectionate treatment they revived and were for some days tenderly nursed by their good and dutiful children.

When they were quite recovered, they went home and made a great feast in honor of their son and daughter.

Cost Him His Life. Mattoon, Ill., Oct. 12.—An unknown man, supposed to be James Rourke, after escaping from the detention hospital.

Montana Miner Shot. Butte, Mont., Oct. 12.—William J. McCaine, a miner, while on his way to work this evening.

Postage Stamp Theft. Webster City, Ia., Oct. 12.—D. G. Mundell was arrested at Williams, fifteen miles east of here.

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