

World of Missions.

Waking Up A God In China.

"We have had too little rain," writes the sub-agent of the Bible Society in Hunan, "and the people are now praying to their gods for it.

"The other day a man, supposed to be devil-possessed, was carried through the streets in a chair, followed by an idol, to 'pray down' the rain, but no answer came.

"Then, one evening, the people assembled in the temple, and making a hole in the plaster of which the idol was made, they put in a *live scorpion* and closed up the hole. At the same time they beat their drums, and made their invocations with redoubled vigor. The scorpion was put in to bite and wake up the god!"

O make me useful in this world of thine,
In ways according to Thy will, not mine;
Let me not leave my space of ground untilled!
Call me not hence with mission unfulfilled!
Let me not die before I've done for Thee
My earthly work, whatever it may be.

Korea.

Korea has an estimated area of 82,000 square miles and an estimated population of 12,000,000. The capital, Seoul, has 200,000 inhabitants, and Pyeong Yang, 40,000. The foreign population is about 15,000 Japanese, 4,000 Chinese, 200 Americans, and 100 British.

The worship of ancestors is generally observed. Confucianism is held in high esteem by the upper classes. There are many Buddhist monasteries.

The emperor, whose surname is Yi and name Heui, succeeded to the throne in 1864. He is an independent sovereign, "but his power is to a certain extent modified by the cabinet, which passes resolutions and frames laws which must be submitted to the emperor for ratification."

Roman Catholicism was introduced into the country about one hundred years ago, and there are now about 30,000 adherents to that faith.

Protestantism commenced regular work in Korea in 1884, although in 1832 Rev. C. Gutzlaff, of the Netherlands Missionary Society, and in 1873-1876 Rev. John Ross, a Scotch missionary, did some mission work on the borders of Korea, and Rev. J. W. MacIntyre baptized in Manchuria in 1876 the first Protestant Korean convert. Rev. John Ross translated one of the gospels into Korean. About 1880 Mr. Ross and Mr. Webster of Manchuria visited Northern Korea and met with a cordial reception and baptized 85 persons.

In 1884 the American Presbyterians commenced mission work, followed in 1885 by the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The missionaries now in Korea represent the Presbyterian Churches of the United States, North and South, Presbyterian Churches of Australia, Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Church of England, Baptist Church, Union Mission of Canada.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease Consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send free of charge a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis and all throat and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address.

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Health and Home Hints.

The foot of a coarse cotton stocking is superior to a sponge for bathing purposes.

A London physician advises a quiet sea voyage as the best remedy for insomnia.

The average walking pace of a healthy man or woman is said to be 75 steps a minute.

A drinking glass placed between sheets in a bed will gather moisture if there is damp.

The virtue of a poultice lies in its heat, softness and moisture, therefore it should be changed frequently.

Remember that when baking powder or soda is used the cake must be baked immediately, or it will be heavy.

Meat should always be cooked with the fat downward.

Whipped cream is more easily digested than plain cream.

If the waste pipe is clogged with grease pour down a pailful of boiling water, in which you have dissolved a cupful of soda. You may have to do this two or three times before the impurities are removed.

Plum-puddings, if made properly and hung up in a cool, dry place, will keep for months, and be improved for the keeping. They can be boiled again from one to two hours, according to size.

A compote of figs, prunes and dates is made by stewing the fruit, removing the stones, and substituting an almond for each. When done flavor some syrup with lemon juice and a little liqueur, color a pretty pink, and serve the compote in it.

At no time in the history of Scotland have oats occupied so prominent a position in the dietary of the nation as now. Their value as a food-stuff is appreciated and admitted by all classes, and the medical world is unanimously of the opinion that those ought to form, in some fashion or other, part of the daily diet in every home.

Scrambled Eggs.—Take two eggs, pepper and salt, one ounce of butter, one dessert-spoonful of milk; buttered toast. Beat up the eggs with the milk, season with pepper and salt; melt the butter, pour in the eggs, and keep them stirred till creamy and about to set. Spread out on buttered toast, garnish with crisp parsley, and serve hot.

Cure for Flies.—As summer is nearly here, the following will prove useful to housewives in general: Boil three or four onions in a pint of water; then with a gilding brush do over your glasses and frames, and rest assured the flies will not alight on the articles washed. This may be used without apprehension, as it will not do the least injury to the frames.

Hints About The Newest Hats.

The new hats remain, in nine cases out of ten, low and flat both as to shape and style of trimming, showing a very decided tendency to fall low over the hair in the back, and to droop well over the edges of the brim at all times. This fashion is decidedly a pretty one, especially in summer hats, as laces and flowers can be used most effectively in this manner. Many of the larger hats show uneven brims, the edges being bound with silk and wired into drooping, and downward or sharply upward curves, becoming to any face.—Mrs. Ralston, in the April Ladies' Home Journal.

A Talk With Girls.

HOW TO OBTAIN BRIGHT EYES AND ROSY CHEEKS.

PALE, ANAEMIC AND EASILY TIRED GIRLS OFTEN FALL A PREY TO CONSUMPTION.

In young girls we look for abundant health and strength, rosy cheeks, bright eyes, firm, plump flesh and constant cheerfulness. How often, however, we meet young girls who seem prematurely old, feeble, pale, listless, thin and irritable. These abnormal and dangerous conditions are due to a general weakness of the blood, and should be cured just as promptly as possible or the whole life of the patient will be ruined, if, indeed, decline and consumption do not speedily follow. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the natural, logical and sure cure for weak girls. These Pills make rich, red blood with every dose. They strengthen the nerves, act upon the whole system and bring health, strength and happiness to those who use them.

Mrs. Hiram Rinkler, South Pelham township, Welland County, Ont., says: "It is with pleasure that I give this tribute to the health-restoring virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When my daughter, Lena, began the use of your medicine she was in a most wretched condition. In fact, we were seriously alarmed lest she might not recover. The symptoms were a feeling of languor and weakness, gradually growing worse. She became pale, lost flesh, had little or no appetite and was apparently going into a decline. Finally the trouble became complicated with a persistent sore throat, which gave her great difficulty in swallowing. She was placed under the care of a doctor who said her blood was poor and watery, and her whole system badly run down. The doctor's treatment did not help her much, and then acting on the advice of a neighbor, I began to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The confidence with which this medicine was urged upon us was not misplaced, as I soon noticed a distinct improvement in my daughter's condition. The use of the Pills for some weeks completely restored her, and from that time she has been a cheerful light-hearted girl, the very picture of health."

These pills never fail to restore health and strength in cases like the above. Through their action on the blood and nerves they also cure such diseases as rheumatism, sciatica, St. Vitus' dance, indigestion, kidney trouble, partial paralysis, etc. There are many so-called tonic pills, but they are all mere imitations of this great medicine. Be sure that you get the genuine with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on every box. If your dealer does not keep them they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

In an interesting letter written to the *North China Herald*, a few weeks since, the Rev. William Campbell, of the English Presbyterian Mission in Formosa, says: "The Japanese officials, Christian and non-Christian, bear testimony to the fact that, wherever they found Christianity established and a Christian community existing, there the people were more honest, truthful, and law-abiding than their heathen neighbors."