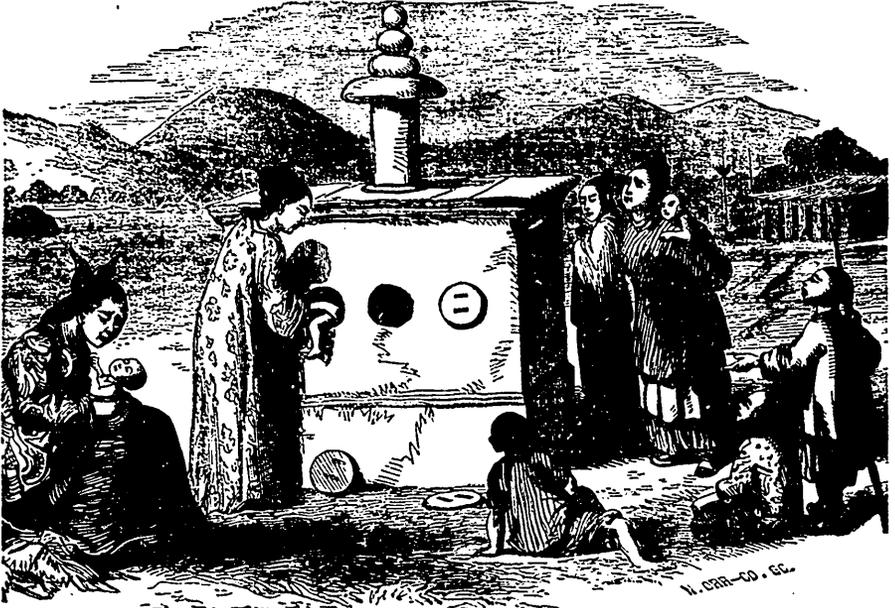


## LITTLE GRACE-BRINGER.

One of the dreadful things in some parts of China is the killing of little girl babies. This makes even the mothers very cruel sometimes. They usually try to save their little girls, but not long ago I read of a Chinese mother who, when she was told she had a little daughter, rose from her bed, laid the child on the floor, put on her wooden shoes and trampled the

babies into such a cold, dark place to die? When the missionaries or Christian women hear of any children that are to be killed in this way they do all they can to save them. They send them to the foundling hospital or take care of them in some way.

Some years ago a poor little girl was born in Lilong, China, and her father and mother were heathen people, and when her father saw her he said he couldn't



THROWING AWAY THE GIRL BABIES.

poor little creature till it was dead, saying all the time, "Now, you good-for-nothing thing, will you dare to come back? Will you dare to be born again as a girl?"

At one time this was done so much that people built large stone vaults, like the one in the picture, where the children could be thrown away without any trouble. Isn't it dreadful to think of the mothers or other women throwing the

take care of girls, and she must be killed. It sometimes seems as if these fathers did not care any more about killing these children than we do about kittens when there are too many of them. This little girl, however, had a good Christian grandmother who had learned that it was wrong and cruel to do such things, and she made up her mind to save the child. So she carried her off one day and took her to a