

Macariny, that ambassador of whose diplomatic stewardship so voluminous a record has been written. The emperor received the gift graciously, and when the embassy had departed he determined on astonishing his flat-nosed subjects with this new addition to his magnificence. But there was a difficulty in the way. His celestial majesty did not know in what part of the vehicle to deposit his celestial person. A council of Mandarins was called, and the question and coach gravely put before them. After a long debate the wise Ho-mi-hi, a very Ulysses and (willow) pattern of sages, pronounced that the front place outside, covered with gorgeous (hammer) cloth, was alone worthy of being pressed by the weight of the Brother of the Sun and Stars, and that as for the driver, the rascal should be put out of sight in the body of the carriage. This decision met applause and was pronounced worthy of Ho-mi-hi; and the emperor accordingly, amid the cheers, shouts and prayers of his admiring courtiers, majestically ascended the box-seat. But the excursion was very brief, and of so unsatisfactory a nature, that the Brother of the Sun and Stars had scarcely an appetite for his usual dinner of sucking pig and birds' nests. The coach was converted into an ornament for a pagoda, where it may still remain for aught I can affirm to the contrary.

THE PHYSICIAN AND THE ARTIST.—For many years Radcliffe, the physician, was the neighbor of Sir Godfrey Kneller, the artist, in Bow Street, London. A dispute that occurred between the two neighbors and friends is worth recording. Sir Godfrey took pleasure in his garden, and expended large sums of money in stocking it with exotic plants and rare flowers. Radcliffe also enjoyed a garden, but loved his fees too well to expend them on one of his own. He suggested to Sir Godfrey that it would be a good plan to insert a door into the boundary wall between the garden, so that on idle afternoons, when he had no patients to visit, he might slip into his dear friend's pleasure grounds. Kneller readily assented to this proposition, and ere a week had elapsed the door was ready for use. The plan, however, had not been long acted on when the painter was annoyed by Radcliffe's servants wantonly injuring his parterres. After fruitlessly expostu-

lating against these depredations, the sufferer sent a message to his friend, threatening, if the annoyance recurred, to brick up the wall. "Tell Sir Godfrey," answered Radcliffe to the messenger, "that he may do what he likes to the door, so long as he does not paint it." When this vulgar jeer was reported to Kneller, he replied, with equal good-humor and wit, "Go back and give my service to Dr. Radcliffe, and tell him I'll take anything from him—but physic."

THE NEW KEY.—"Aunt," said a little girl, "I believe I have found a new key to unlock people's hearts and make them so willing."

"What is the key?" asked her aunt.

"It is only one little word; guess what." But aunt was no guesser.

"It is *please*," said the child; "aunt, it is *please*. If I ask one of the great girls in school, '*Please* show me my parsing lesson,' she says, 'Oh, yes,' and helps me. If I ask Sarah, '*Please* do this for me,' no matter, she'll take her hands out of the suds and do it. If I ask uncle, '*Please*,' he says, 'Yess, puss, if I can;' and then if I say, '*Please*, aunt—'"

"What does aunt do?" said aunt herself.

"Oh! you look and smile just like mother, and that is the best of all," cried the little girl, throwing her arms round her aunt's neck, with a tear in her eye.

Kind Words.—They never blister the tongue or lips; and we have never heard of one mental trouble arising from this quarter. Though they do not cost much, yet they accomplish much. They help one's good-nature and good-will. Soft words soften our own souls; angry words are fuel to the flame of wrath, and make it blaze more fiercely. Kind words make other people good-natured; cold words freeze people, hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them wrathful. There is such a rush of all other kinds of words in our days that it seems desirable to give kind words a chance among them. There are vain words, and idle words, and hasty words, and spiteful words, and silly words, and empty words, and profane words, and boisterous words, and warlike words. Kind words also produce their own image

on men's souls; and a beautiful image it is. They soothe, and quiet, and comfort the hearer. They shame him out of his sour, morose, unkind feelings. We have not yet begun to use kind words in such abundance as they ought to be used.

THE HUMAN VOICE.—God has made the whole earth vocal with sweet sounds. The untravelled forest echoes the notes of the wild bird, and the habitations of men are made glad by the song of the feathered minstrel. But, above all, the human voice, that combines the highest charm of sweet sounds with the inspiration of thought, is given for no ordinary purpose of earthly pleasure. In its whisper of affection, how grateful! For its participation in joy, how unspeakable!

NOTICE.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP of P. SHEEN & BROS., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, bearing date from 1st May, 1863.
Halifax, Feb. 11, 1864:

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF

British & Foreign Shipping.

Surveyor for the Province of Nova Scotia.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. JOSEPH JOHN TUCKER has been appointed the Surveyor to this Society for Nova Scotia, to reside at Windsor, N. S.

Notice is also given that all Ships built in Nova Scotia, after this appointment, which shall not be surveyed while building by the Surveyor, or where the Owners or Builders shall refuse such Survey, will be subjected to the loss of one year (as prescribed by the Rules, page 16, sec. 53, in regard to British built Ships) from the period which they would otherwise be allowed.

All ships built under the immediate inspection of the Surveyor, on the terms prescribed for Special Survey, will be distinguished in the Register Book by a Cross, thus †, and in the Certificates of Classification then issued, as "Built under Special Survey."

By order of the Committee,

GEO. B. SEYFANG, Secretary.

2 White Lion Court, Cornhill, London, }
Jan 14.] 22nd October, 1863.

Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping.

THE undersigned having been appointed by the Committee of Lloyd's Register, London, their resident Surveyor for the Province of Nova Scotia. Shipbuilders and Ship Owners in Nova Scotia requiring to have their vessels surveyed for classification in the Register Book of this Society will please make application for the present at the Office, Windsor, N. S., where copies of the Society's Rules and any necessary information can be obtained.

JOSEPH I. TUCKER,

Dec. 17.

Lloyd's Surveyor.