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CHILDREN IN CHINA.

THIS picture presents a number of Chinese scenes. At a strange time, then how the Chinese eat with sticks, then they carry babies, then a Chinese girl going to school and a boy at school. How the boy talks with his father to the teacher. There is no gladness in a Chinese family at the birth of a little girl, though friends and neighbours come together to rejoice when a boy is born. Parents think it a great disgrace to have only daughters in their family, and they fear the girls must be very young to send them with a misfortune. And though it is almost too sad to believe, little girls are sometimes put to death by their own parents, who do not see the trouble in bringing them



to do anything but to use her hands—to cook, weave, do embroidery, etc. She is taken away when quite a child from her own father and mother to be married, and then, unless she belongs to the poorer classes, she is seldom seen outside the house of her mother-in-law. Indeed you will not wonder at this if you remember their strange custom of cramping the feet of women to make them small. The mother begins to bind the foot when the little daughter is only two years old, and the bandages are worn for years, though some of the children die of the cruel pain. At last the poor foot loses all feeling, but it is crippled and almost useless. The small-footed girl cannot walk any distance without the help of a stick, and her hobble must indeed be painful to see. Yet the Chinese admire the walk of

A Chinese girl seldom taught

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