

to the calf. The ankle is large, and bandaged; the foot small, not exceeding 4 inches. The women are invariably sold in marriage, but are not to be seen until the money is paid. If the bridegroom is not pleased with the bargain, he has a right to return her by loosing the purchase money.

The general character of the Chinese, is a compound of meanness, affected gravity, refined civility and gross indelicacy, attended with artful cunning, falsehood and dishonesty. Vindictive, inhuman, and full of national vanity and self importance. They regard all nations as absolute barbarians.

Pekin, the capital of China, is situate in a fertile plain, surrounded by a wall 30 feet high and 25 thick, inclosing 14 square miles and about 3 millions of people. A street 4 miles long and 120 feet wide reaches from one gate to the other, and is crossed by another of similar length and breadth. The houses are brick, one story high.

China is celebrated for its manufactures, the principal of which are crapes and silks. The tea plant is the most celebrated production of China. This plant is similar to the myrtle; its flowers resemble those of the white wild rose. It yields leaves three years after it is sown. It grows from 8 to 12 feet high.