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This Hotel is sheltered from all winds but that from the northwest, chiefly a summer wind, thus tempering the heat of the summer months, and making it what it should be, a pleasure to live. To the south of the hotel, and very close to it, is a small crescent bay with sandy beach, a children's paradise, where the little ones can disport themselves immediately in sight of their guardians on the hotel verandahs.

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to inspect a portion of the stock. A few hours later the riderless horse returned to its stable, and just as a party was being organized to start a search for the Captain he appeared tired and disgusted on foot. He required no asking to explain his misfortune: "It isn't anything; only I'm pumped out completely," he said. "You see I brought the horse too and went ashore, but forgot to anchor the craft and she drifted off."

The services on Sunday are very impressive in the R. C. Cathedral. The singing is excellent and the large congregations are most devout; but the sermons are not heard to advantage in the large edifice. Either the priests are not accustomed to the English language, or the acoustic properties of the cathedral are inferior. Some time ago, Archbishop Gross preached in the Cathedral and I caught every word he uttered. Then the missionary fathers gave instructions there and they were plainly heard. Understanding that Victoria was a foreign mission, I asked a member of the church why the Irish and American priests were seldom heard in the city. He replied that the priests were good men and much respected by all; but he also could not understand why English, Irish, Scotch or American priests were not placed in charge of the people. Tacoma is agitating for English-speaking priests, and the congregation in Victoria would be better satisfied with

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priests of their own nationality. I do not wish to write one word against the much respected pastors; but the visit of the Bishop to Rome might be taken advantage of to demonstrate to His Holiness that Victoria is no longer a foreign mission, and is entitled to consideration in this respect.

PERE GRINATOR.

quite a while, Miss Morris had been suspicious of her flock of yellow birds. She noticed that they were surely corrupting the rest of the Sunday school. In her quiet way, she did a little detective work, and the result was that she put the police on to her bible class playing a nice, quiet game of fan-tan and smoking opium. One Chinaman jumped under a bunk and yelled: "Me no smoke opium; me no see game; me drunk likee Melican man." He was pulled in with eight others, and in court the bible class were heavily fined, while Miss Morris stood by and aided the prosecution. One unrepentant pigtail said to Miss Morris as he was leaving court, "O d— going to church anyway." The lady nearly fainted at this ending of her noble hopes.

Speaking of the Celestials, the document received by the Chinese Consul-General at San Francisco, from the Imperial Government, relative to the course to be pursued by the Chinese now in the United States, is worth reading. According to a San Francisco paper, the document is couched in the metaphorical manner peculiar to the Chinese language and begins with a long preamble meant as a greeting from the Emperor to his people in America. The Emperor then assures his subjects that the existing relations between the two countries are of a nature most satisfactory and he asks and commands that his people in the United States do nothing which can in any way prejudice this very desirable state of affairs. He commands his people to obey the laws of the country and to let their actions be such that the American people will be proud to recognize them and to let them enjoy the same rights and privileges as are accorded to the subjects of other powers. Above all things, he enjoins patience and assures his people that it is by the exercise of this excellent virtue that their demands will finally be acceded to. The Emperor then deprecates the fact that certain classes of the Chinese have persisted in maintaining organizations the object of which is to carry on a system of blackmail, and he calls upon law-abiding Chinese to unite in an effort to root out these societies, as it is through the unlawful acts of these highbinders that so much discredit has been brought to the Chinese people. He advises his subjects to contribute to the support and maintenance of the josshouses, and he pledges the support of the rich men of the empire to these elevating and civilizing institutions. The circular closes with an admonition to the Chinese in the United States to obey the laws, restrain from any overt acts, and to join in an endeavor to erase from the minds of the American people by honest and upright living the prevailing feeling of antagonism toward the Chinese people. The Emperor pledges his unfailing support and unflinching love to his people in America.

Capt. Nickerson, who now commands the steamer *Thistle*, was at one time in his adventurous career a jolly cowboy with seven years training in the business on board an ocean ship. One day the Captain took his horse and rode to a distant part of the range, some miles away,

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