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## CHINESE PORTABLE KITCHEN.

This curious picture shows how the Chinese carry about a sort of portable kitchen with them. With a little lamp they will cook food and sell it in the street; and eat rice with chopsticks, which look like knitting-needles, only they are made of bone.

In our papers we shall have a good deal to say about China, because the Methodist Church has sent many missionaries to that country, and they will write letters which will be very interesting to our young readers. About one-third of the population of the earth live in the great empire of China. It is sad to think that millions of them are dying every year without a knowledge of God! We hope our young friends will take a great interest in the reports of our Chinese Missions, and save their pence that they may contribute something towards the missions in China. The condition of Chinese children, many of whom are abandoned in infancy—if, indeed, they are not put to death to get rid of them—should make our readers in their happy homes very grateful for what God has done for them, and lead them to try to do something for the Chinese.

If all the people of the world can be imagined as standing abreast, in a single line, so that they should just touch one another, that line would be about 500,000 miles long—long enough to reach around the earth twenty times. And if you could pass in front of that line, and look on each face, at least one man in every four you would see would be a Chinaman.

There are eighteen provinces in China proper, each one being about as large as Great Britain; and yet it is very doubtful if many of the boys and girls who have finished their geographies know so much

as the name of any one of these provinces. We Canadians talk much of our vast country, yet China, with its dependencies, has more square miles than are found in the whole Dominion of Canada.

On each square mile in the United States there dwell, on an average, ten or

A Georgia man of enormous girth stood at his gate watching the passage of General Johnston's army. All at once three or four men left the ranks and came running toward the gate, exclaiming:

"We've found him! We've found him!"



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eleven persons; while China has two hundred and fifty for every square mile.

## THE VERY MAN.

A company of soldiers is unfortunate if it does not contain a few wags to enliven the tiresome march and the comfortable bivouac.

The fat man was astonished, and perhaps a little frightened, and the captain of the company demanded:

"What is it? Whom have you found?"

"Why, captain," answered the men, still dancing about the bewildered citizen, "don't you see? We've found the man who swallowed our bass drum!"