

## THE PRISONS IN CHINA

Fearful State of the Criminals  
Confined In Them.

### ALL PRISONERS FETTERED.

Some From Cruelty Become In Appearance as Wild as Beasts of the Forest. Punishment, For Purposes of Extortion, That Kills Many.

The first thing which impresses the European visitor to the Chinese prison is the absolutely filthy character of the structure itself. If one gets permission to visit the prison in Canton, and shoals of globe trotters do wend their way thither after they have seen the execution ground, it will be found to be a ramshackle building of no pretense whatsoever.

The question will be asked, "By what means are the prisoners held in safety if the structures in which they are incarcerated are so filthy and insecure?" The answer, says the East of Asia Magazine, is brief. Without exception the prisoners are fettered. Many have chains on the legs only. These are the less dangerous and have been guilty of the less important crimes. Others, in addition, have fetters on the arms, which make it impossible for them to escape.

Lastly, a few prisoners were not only manacled on the ankles, but wore a chain around their necks, at the dangling end of which was attached a block of granite. The prisoner would walk from place to place within the courtyard, but ere he could move beyond the length of his chain he must stop and lift the stone and, carrying it in his shackled arms, drop it again where he wished to stop.

In addition to the chains worn by day, all the male prisoners are further shackled at night. By means of two heavy beams, in which holes have been made for the ankles of the prisoners, a rude but effective method is discovered for detaining the prisoners in absolute security.

The prisoners, who during the day have been loafing in the courtyard, are in the evening driven into the wards and made to lie side by side on a raised platform. The upper of the two beams is then raised, and each man is compelled to place his ankle in the hole made to receive it, whereupon the upper beam is replaced, and the prisoners are held by the feet in these rude stocks. There is no possibility of escape. They are allowed bricks for pillows, and in this uncomfortable position they pass the hours.

In addition to this, however, special cruelties are perpetrated on certain prisoners who, for some reason or other, are exempted from capital punishment. Prisoners there are whose appearance becomes as wild as the beasts of the forest; who, with heavy canes on their shoulders, are incarcerated in a filthy dungeon for the term of their natural lives. I have seen them moving to and fro like caged hyenas in their dens at a menagerie. Their appearance is revolting.

Night and day, as far as I remember, both asleep and awake, this heavy burden rested on their shoulders, though how it was possible to sleep therein I was unable to understand. On the other hand, in a prison I visited a few weeks ago I was informed that the canes were removed at nights that the prisoners might sleep. A crowd in the prison quadrangle, with their unshaven heads, their unwashed faces, their clanking fetters, their hopeless looks, their diseased bodies and their debilitated souls, can never be forgotten.

But, although under the recognized system of punishment Chinese prisoners must live a life which to us of the west would be unbearable, it would not be so to them if they were fairly treated and were saved from the excruciations and barbarities to which they are exposed at the hands of their rapacious keepers.

When a prisoner first goes into the wards the warders claim his clothes and his money, and he is left with the barest rags to cover his nakedness. He is robbed of all his cash, as a matter of course. Those who are condemned are compelled, under a threat of the whip, to write begging letters to their relatives requesting them to forward money.

If the unfortunate man hesitates to accede to this demand, the warders, assisted by some of the oldest prisoners—for it appears that inmates of more than twenty years' residence have accorded them certain privileges—take the man in hand during the night. The hands of the prisoners are fastened by a rope, and the other end of the rope is then passed through a ring which hangs from the roof of the ward.

The warders then hoist the unhappy wretch, who is left hanging in midair by the hands. Should he attempt to cry out his mouth and throat are filled with ashes. When the breath has almost left his body and he is choking he is lowered, and under the terror of renewal of this torture he is eager to promise almost anything.

Many die under this ordeal. But as it is assumed among the mandarins that mortality must be high and as no official probing is ever dreamed of a general statement as to natural death is sufficient.

The Cashless Engagement.  
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An Amusing Experience With a Customs House Official.

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"Well, just as my spirits were rising and my heart and tongue were going faster every minute my brother advised me with the usual brotherly practicality to put on my cape. I held it out to one of the men. He took it, gave it a shake, then a little fling, and out of the hood fell two pairs of stockings and a bath sponge. I can't speak of it now with any real calm. Of course the men chased the silly blown things, and of course my brother looked—he had the decency not to say it—as though no one but a sister would ever have allowed such an awkward thing to happen, and of course I stood there getting more scarlet every minute and murmuring such brilliant remarks as 'Oh, never mind; they're nothing really.' And as a last straw the maddening things didn't even have the sense to go overboard. I mean the stockings and the sponge—of course not the men. They were just handed back to me, and I accepted them—no, not the men this time either; the stockings, you know."



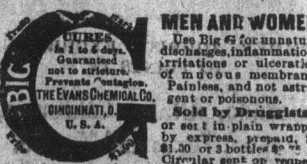
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"What's new in up to date hammocks?" I asked the makers of the finest hammocks in the land.

They showed me a sample. It was something like an Indian canoe, white, though with dainty criss cross work along either side. There were the cushion and footrest—everything but the trees or the piazza on which to swing it.

"You remember the old style double up hammock," he remarked, "that gave one aches instead of rest? Then, didn't you, like the rest of us, wish for a hammock in which you might lie out straight on a soft, elastic cushion? There you are! Even the cushion has creature comforts. It is supported by a laced webbing of exceptional elasticity, creating the most comfortable bed hammock ever devised. Then, too, it has exceptional beauty and is very ornamental. There is, in addition, a canvas and corded bottom, so that any stretching can be taken up."

The manufacturer hailed from Michigan, where people preferred their hammocks on their porches. Consequently it didn't take the wisdom of a Solomon to guess that the next thing he'd show would be porch hammocks.

"Now, then, here's a beauty for porch use. It occupies only the length of itself—I didn't suppose it could do more—six feet two inches long, thirty inches wide. None of the ungainly ends of the old styles, which take up more room than the part you use."

He paused for a moment.

"For a little higher price, say up to \$20, there are hammocks from the finest grade of green denim—both the casings and cushions, that is. The casings are double thickness and four ply at the corners. The ends of these hammocks form a most comfortable back rest, against which sofa pillows can be arranged with artistic effect. Four persons can sit comfortably at one time, leaning against the ends. A

lady, too, may pose in most charming attitude in these hammocks. There are pillows to match the hammock at \$2 apiece—and the whole hammock for \$20."

But he had not finished. There were hammocks warranted to outwear ten of the ordinary hammocks—good, in fact, for a lifetime. There were cushions filled with layer cotton felt, so that they could not get lumpy, hard or misshapen. All were thoroughly tufted, most of them decidedly handsome. The higher priced ones, we learned, were filled with curled hair.

Turning to Buttermilk Drinking. Food is bound to be a topic for discussion when women get together. It is said. They talk of the favorite dishes and drinks of each; of the merits and demerits of various restaurants and so on. They boast of their knowledge of the art of cooking and of their joy in eating. So it must be a dreadful blow to housekeepers to hear they must feed their families on buttermilk if they wish to be fashionable. The Roosevelt have taken up the idea. In the White House, frapped buttermilk with tiny cubes of pineapple, bits of orange and berries is served. Out at Friendship, the summer home of John R. McLean, the president, on a ride, stops at the farmhouse for a glass of buttermilk. Frozen buttermilk, long appreciated by the epicures of New Orleans, has been introduced in the north. It is sweetened only slightly and the tart flavor is not lost.

A Simple Bib.  
Attractive bibs for the baby may be easily and quickly made from heavy white linen or pique, finished with a buttonhole edge and worked with a simple design in eyelet embroidery.

A pretty scallop may be drawn by using the edge of a small spool of cotton, about No. 100, for a guide. It may either be plain, traced both on under and outer edge, or the latter can be subdivided into three tiny scallops to make a slightly more elaborate edge. Pad this with darning cotton and buttonhole in a fine mercerized cotton.

Biggest Consignment Ever Sold Goes Westward.

Kingsport, July 12.—The largest shipment of binder twine ever sent out from any factory in Ontario was loaded on the steamer Advance yesterday, to be taken westward. The consignment consists of eight carloads, the output of the penitentiary plant. The twine goes to the Farmers' Association in Alberta. The prices paid are: For 550 feet, mixed, 10c per lb.; 600 feet, mixed, 11c per lb.; 600 feet, pure, 11 1/2c. Seventeen carloads are carried westward by the steamers Ames, Nevada and Advance.

The tourist's season is now on and we are advised by W. E. Rispln, general passenger and ticket agent, that he has some especially attractive tours for the present summer season, reading to all the summer resorts of Canada, including Muskoka Lakes, the Temagami District, Georgian Bay, Lake Superior, River St. Lawrence, and Gulf and Atlantic Coast points, and would be very pleased to furnish information to any intending passengers.

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### UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. A. G. Huntsman Chosen as Biological Instructor.  
Toronto, July 12.—At a meeting of the board of governors of the University of Toronto yesterday afternoon, Graham Campbell, son of A. H. Campbell, Toronto, was appointed superintendent of buildings and grounds. Mr. Campbell is a graduate of the university. There were over 80 applicants for the position.

Dr. A. G. Huntsman was appointed instructor in biology for the next session.

It was announced that Keith Graham Felling, B.A., fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, had accepted appointment as lecturer in the department of modern history for one year. Mr. Felling made an unusually brilliant record at Oxford.

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### A GAME OF POKER.

It Was an Object Lesson on Playing Cards With Strangers.

A card sharp well known to the stewards of the great ocean liners was a passenger on a recent trip across. He received a line at Queenstown, which had the effect of keeping him out of the large games in the smoking room. He contented himself with peniculate and bridge at 25 cents a hundred points. On the evening before landing one of his bridge party, none of whom knew that he was a professional with a bad record, proposed changing the game to poker. "It's bad practice," said the card sharp, "to play poker with strangers. There's too much risk, but it's all right in this case." The others said there was no risk if a man had good sense and kept his eyes open. The deal fell to the professional, and when cards had been drawn by each man he said: "Now I'll show you how much you know. Mr. A, you have the winning hand. Mr. B, your three queens look good, but what show have they against Mr. C's four aces? And what good are they against A's four kings? Does it tally?"

It did, and A said, "Well, it's my pot."

"I was afraid that might happen, so I dealt myself a straight flush." He showed it, arose from his chair and said: "Give the steward what I put in. This was an object lesson—don't play poker with strangers."

### THE HABIT OF DAINTINESS.

It is surprising how many young business girls there are who give very little attention to their personal appearances. If a girl has long hours or other duties in the evenings, she can still keep herself and her clothes neat and tidy by giving fifteen minutes to the process every night regularly.

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