

them mixing up a dose for an individual who came into the drug store—or whatever they called the place where they had this medicine—and the druggist took down different bottles of all sorts of things, and spread out a paper on the counter and laid out a handful of one thing after another, until he had about half a gallon of all sorts of mixtures, which he bottled up, and the Chinaman put it under his arm and went off.

SCHWARZ: Gentlemen, I suppose you are all familiar with the fact that the Chinese not only use insects for medicine, but they also use them as an article of trade. I think Mr. Mann and many of us must have seen those collections of insects which the Chinese have offered for sale to the Europeans who visit Hong Kong and other ports. I have seen several of these sets, always arranged in the same manner and including the same species. The insects are pinned on old English needles and arranged in an artistic figure in a glass-covered box, opening from beneath.

QUAINTANCE: Have insects any real medicinal value?

SCHWARZ: Well, if you believe in a thing, it will help you, certainly.

SCHWARZ: Hong Kong is, of course, one of the best known points in regard to entomology, because for many years it has been an English settlement. In regard to Shanghai and the country back of it, the French missionaries have especially taken pains to collect insects as best they could.

MARLATT: You remind me of something that I had forgotten, in your remarks, Mr. President, namely, that I visited this French missionary establishment situated back of Shanghai, where for many years a certain priest, I think the Rev. Hué, has studied and collected insects. I went out especially to see him, and had forgotten the event until you reminded me of it. This considerable French mission lies several miles out of Shanghai, and with its big buildings is a very comfortable place, and possesses a large museum, in which are specimens kept as we keep them in our museums, of all sorts of birds and animals of the country, and a considerable collection of insects. The collection of insects was in a number of boxes, but in rather bad condition, and I was informed that the old priest who had been responsible for the museum and its collections was on his deathbed. I did not see him, therefore, but I did examine his collection, and it showed great industry and enthusiasm on his part, in that out-of-the-way corner of the world. His collections were, however, in such a condition that they could not survive very long.

(To be continued.)