

## CHINESE WOMEN ARE CONTENTED

Make Their Debut Under Disheartening Circumstances.

Children Taught to Reverence Parents and a Mother's Lot Is More Enjoyable.

Mr. Fred W. Eddy, in writing to the *Pittsburg Dispatch* from Shanghai, says: Woman in China enjoys the distinction of having escaped the admiration of foreigners. Her praises are unsung in the verses of other lands; she is not enshrined on the canvas of those whose ideals of outward being the world has adopted; she has flashed no wit upon the page of romance or dazzled it with her beauty. Everybody has agreed in letting her alone from the ankles up, as though her only possible claim to consideration lay in her cramped and tortured feet, which everybody pities and about which nobody ever does anything except pass resolutions.

Even at home she is under initial disadvantage. She starts in life handicapped by her sex. No family ever wants a baby girl. When the women go to the temples they always pray for boys, and buy boy images, in the hope that the gods will remember and favor them. If a girl results, she is tolerated rather than enjoyed. When hardly out of her babyhood her feet must be swathed. If she belongs to a proper family, as she grows her liberty is restrained. She knows nothing of life outside the home wall, except such glimpses as she may catch from a window, or from a covered chair in which she may occasionally be carried to visit families in which there are other unfortunate like herself. Thus she remains a prisoner until ready for delivery to a husband she has never seen, henceforth becoming the slave of himself and his parents. A brood of her own springs up about her quickly enough, and by the time that process ends she is a grandmother. Life becomes easier for her as the children mature, for the wives of her sons must be her handmaids, and the children are bound to provide for her comfort as the most sacred of their obligations, and to respect her authority as long as she lives.

CHINESE WIVES DEVOTED AND DUTIFUL.

Modern credulity is taxed to reconcile life so circumscribed with a conception of happiness and free agents understand it. The difficulty lies in the appreciation of environment. A Chinese woman knows no life but this. Her aspirations are restricted to it by traditions and customs that seem to her as immutable and as impenetrable as the walls that hedge in and defend her city. There is no one to suggest other thoughts to her. The minds advanced which hers brushes have limitations as narrow as her own. She usually makes the best of her lot cheerfully and turns out a fond wife and devoted mother. Of her wifely duty she is rarely forgetful. A womanly instinct to please prompts her to make herself attractive to her husband. Heartbreaking may not always be violent when the man strays abroad and returns with other women for his household, but they are often pathetic. Yet custom permits and the wife must bow, whatever her feelings. Her main comfort is that additional women cannot be wives. She is alone in that relation. Secure in her place she has an innate sense of her superiority and of the dignity that befits it.

This sketch of life, as found among those of good estate in character as well as means, is analogous to a summary applying in western homes, where conscience joins with custom in regulating social and domestic conduct. Circumstances may be different, but the Chinese woman may be, and differing so sharply in detail from accepted standards elsewhere as to make it seem almost intolerable, it has compensations of some weight.

CHILDREN TAUGHT TO RESPECT PARENTS.

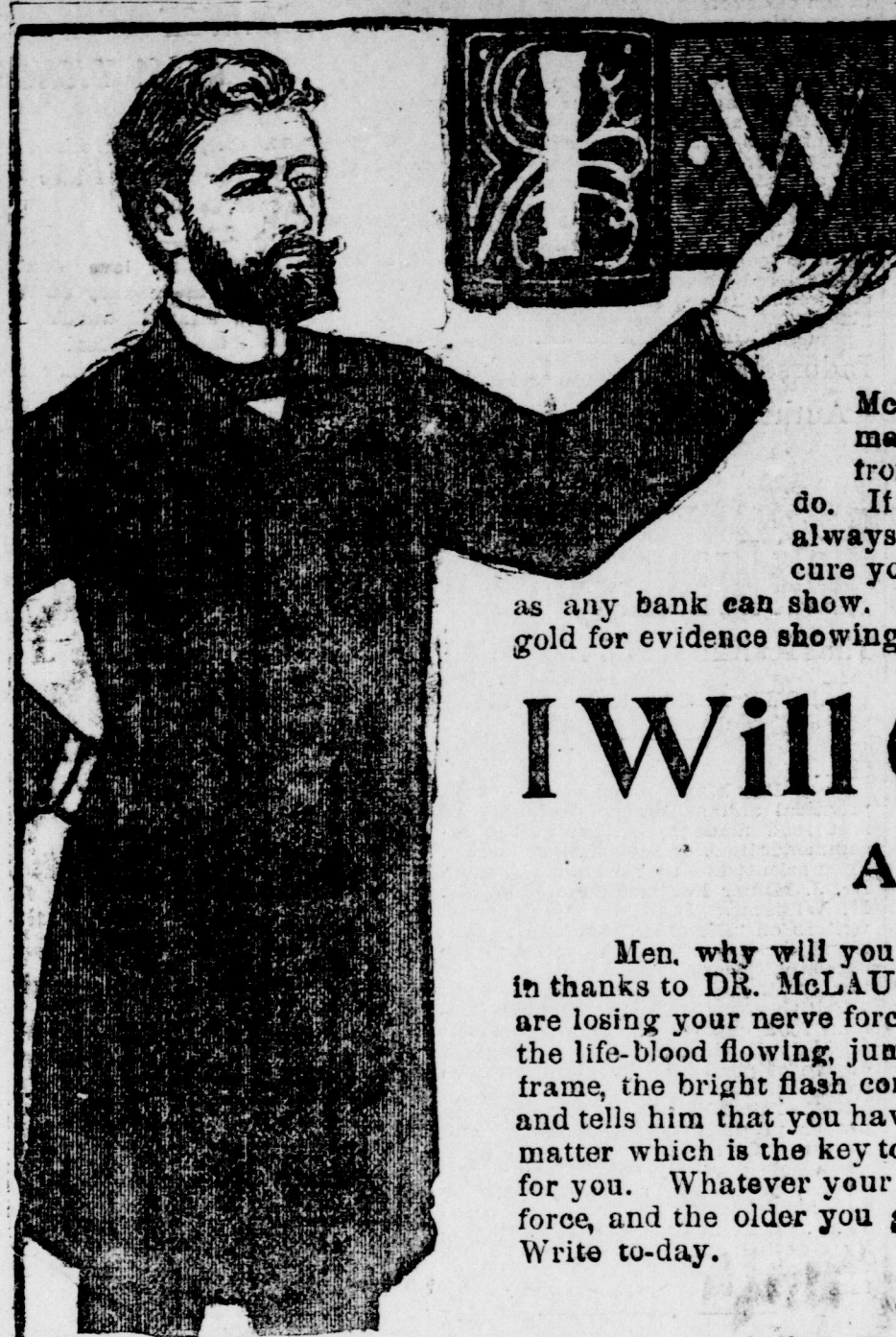
The privation, drudgery and subordination to which Chinese woman is subject come when she is young. Her strength and buoyant vigor, as these depart and she needs relief, social and family custom provides it, and with advancing years her cares lighten, her comforts increase, and her afternoon is pillow of life.

When one at home looks after parents it is a matter of special and admiring complaint, as though the benefit, which not undeserved, was yet conferred by favor and was specially meritorious. In China no credit attaches to a duty so obvious. If children failed to make comfortable the declining years of parents they would be disgraced. Ancestral worship is dictated by motives that have regard for the welfare of ancestors elsewhere, and living, as well as for remote ones, and no obligation is so sacredly held or so faithfully observed by the people at large. Theirs is a religion that pays practical honor to age. Each generation knows that the succeeding one will care for it while living, and revere it when dead, as surely as the planets move.

In spite of limitations, Chinese woman is quite human. By foregoing the pleasures of courtship and selection, she does not as a matter of course shut her heart to romance. When at her marriage the gates of the world open to her a little wider than before, she puts her sharp little eyes to the uses for which they were intended. If they are looking for a Prince Charming and they fall and linger on the husband to whom she is introduced, there is occasion for thanking. Still, their heart elsewhere love may find a way and scandal a promoter, ever in China.

NO NAMES GIVEN TO GIRLS.

It happens also that mild and yielding disposition in a newly-wedded pair is not invariably more pronounced in the woman. When one of that sex is assertive, the imagination is taxed to believe that she is the subject party. Man is, of course, supreme, but he not unfrequently finds it politic to declare himself only in a figurative way, and for practical purposes to appear to be submissive. The national costume, which puts trousers on woman and frocks on man in China does not always seem misplaced. The Chinese do not think it worth while to name a girl. She is "Sister," and goes by number. Her mother gives her a pet appellation that is their own dear secret. The husband never learns of it. To him she is the Chinese equivalent for "Hi there!" or



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### A Verse for the Day.

RANTIN' ROARIN' MORGAN.  
(With apologies to Robbie Burns.)

There was a senator gey crouse,  
Wha's tongue was awfu' lang an' loose,  
An' wha was kent by a' the Hoosie  
As rantin' roarin' Morgan.

Cho.—Morgan was a roarin' boy,  
Rantin' roarin' rantin' roarin';  
Morgan was a roarin' boy,  
Rantin' roarin' Morgan!

O' a the tribe wha blow an' puff,  
As gin they'd raise the vera roof,  
There's no anther blusterin' coot  
Like rantin' roarin' Morgan.

Chorus—  
He's in a towerin' rage the noo,  
An' mak's the air a' roon' him blue  
About yon scheme he wants pit through,  
This rantin' roarin' Morgan.

Chorus—  
He's got it in his frenzied pow  
That auld John Bull's to blame somehow  
An' so he's makin' a' this row,  
Is rantin' roarin' Morgan.

Chorus—  
For gory war he fairly yearns,  
A' ties o' kith an' kin he spurns,  
An' for oor British build he burns,  
Does rantin' roarin' Morgan.

Chorus—  
'Twould be no muckle thing to do,  
To whip the war! an' Britain, too,  
Cries cock-a-doodle, doodle-do—  
Fierce rantin' roarin' Morgan.

Chorus—  
But while he blathers sic like stuff,  
Auld Uncle Sam an' John Bull bluff  
Sit winkin' yonder, takin' snuff,  
An' lauchin' at this Morgan.

Chorus—  
Paris' New Century Phrase.  
[From the London Telegraph.]

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THE MAN WITH A MILLION.  
"Do you subscribe to the assertion that a man with a million dollars can do whatever he chooses?"

"No," answered Senator Sorghum, "I do not. These days a man with a million dollars wants to be low and keep out of trouble, or the first thing he knows two or three men with a billion apiece will take his money away from him."—Washington Star.

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HAD LA GRIPPE—Mr. A. Nickerson, Farmer, Dutton, writes: "Last winter I had La Grippe and it left me with a severe pain in the small of my back and I tried that used to catch me whenever I tried to climb a fence. This lasted for about two months, when I bought a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and used it both internally and externally, morning and evening, for three days, at the expiration of which time I was completely cured."

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