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 lib-erty 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 unfortunates like herself. Thus she remains aprisoner 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 ner 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 of 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 immovable and as impenetrable as the walls that hedge in and defend her city. There is no one to suggest other thoughts to her. against which hers brushes have aged and have for many years kept limitations as narrow as her own. She the pot boiling for a large domestic 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. Heartbreakings 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 the she has an innate sense of its 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. Circumscribed though the life of 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 TÄUGHT TO RESPECT

The privation, drudgery and subordination to which Chinese woman is subject come when she has youth and 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 pillowed for her. When one at home looks after pa

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rents it is a matter of special and admiring complaint, as though the benenot 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 immediate 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. Should they light 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 freeks 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. If her mother gives her a pet appellation that is their own dear secret. The husband never learns of it. To him she is the irresistible pre-Chinese equivalent for "Hi there!" or council of men.

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because I know there are people who claim a great deal more for their remedies than the truth would justify, and I want everyone to know that when Dr. McLaughlin promises anything it's as good as done. When I tell you I can cure a weak men and make him feel as he did in the fulness of his youthful manhood, I give you letters from men who say I did as much for them. That shows that I have done what I claim I can do. If you are looking for a bank to deposit your savings in, you pick out the one that has always carried out its promises. You consider that sate. If you want a remedy which will cure you, it seems wise for you to take the one that has cured others. That's a record as good as any bank can show. I have published thousands of testimonials from cured patients, and I will pay \$1,000 in gold for evidence showing that I have ever used a testimonial which was not true and honest.

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'Oh, say!" until the babies arrive, when she becomes "Chang's mother, or is otherwise indirectly designated. That does not bother her, for she knows no other girl except as the owner of a certain number in some man's home. Yet "Mother" is a term of love and power. A man may do much as he likes in regard to his wife, but though he be gray and bent, he cannot embark in any enterprise of undertake a journey if his mother is living, without her consent. will once in a while get a refractory western notion into their heads, and The minds imagine that since they are middleestablishment they need consult wishes but their own. It is in the power of a mother to cause the arrest of such a son for disobedience to indicate the number of bamboo blows he should receive in punishment; and the magistrate must give the or-

der that she prescribes. Woman shines in China, as where, in the domestic relation. She is not the mere convenience that social rules would make her. Those rules abound in exceptions so plentifully as to be distinguished by them. traits are those of womanhood, wishing always to please and to be loved. In spite of all that is said of the lack of Oriental morality, she is reasonably observant of the Ten Commandments, without having heard of them. There is no more cheerful being anywhere. In the lower walks, which foreign visitors observe, the wife is man's helpmate in every practical way. She assists in his farming, yulohs his boat for him, shares his packs and eases him of much of the miscellaneous labor that he must perform, looking after his home, rearing his children, and weaving, spinning and employing her deft needle for the fam-

If civilized women were always kindly treated, it might be worth while pointing out instances in which that lot has not uniformly fallen to her Chinese sister, but careworn faces are rare in China, and one of the most common sights is that of women trudging about with quiet babies slung in strap cradles across their backs, or at play with their chubby, laughing, heathen offspring. Foreign families, who employ Chinese amahs, or nurses, find them tender and faithful. They think themselves of a family when they join it, and the children love and

trust them. Higher in the social scale, where women are kept from the gaze not only of visitors but also of all natives except closest friends or relatives, there is no reason to suppose that they are less blessed than the lower orders with the essentials happiness in their station. One may get glimpses of their round, contented faces, of the tiny feet that charm a native husband, of silks, velvets and embroideries with which their garments are fashioned, and of gleaming hair, ornamented with pearls, beads, iade and gold-a setting so ornate that one cannot doubt the quality of the jewel. Opportunity and incentive do not come to the Chinese woman as to woman in other lands. ucation lavished on her brothers is denied her. The traditions and ten-dencies of the race would dwarf her mind and impress upon her no lesson so strongly as that of self-subordination. Her influence in the home and the reverence for motherhood everywhere observed reflects merits that must be sterling. Chinese history is not minute enough to tell how far she has shaped national character and destiny. In the two instances in which she has so far risen above the plane set for her as to become the ruler of the vast empire, her talents have not suffered by comparison with those of the emperors. The Empress Wu. 1400 years ago, intrigued her way to throne, but she ruled ably and did as much for China as any other ruler of the Tang dynasty. Today an empress is a refugee, but under her rule the trade, and prosperity of China have proportions never contemplated, and when the history of the foreign troubles may be impartialwritten, in the light of all the facts, it may not unlikely appear that they owed their first impulse not to the empress, but perhaps in spite of her, to the instigation and advice and

irresistible pressure of her superior

BRIDLING THE NILE

Egypt Will Soon Be Made the Garden Spot of the World.

Sir John Aird, the contractor for the great barrage works on the Nile, has returned to England after seeing the most difficult part of the work successfully completed, says the London Express. completed, says the London Express.

"A fortnight ago," said Sir John, "I wired home that you could walk across the Nile. You can now cross it in a railway train. We have got the locomotive running. We contracted to do the work in five years. Three have elapsed, and I think we shall finish in two years more. That will be a record, for we have had to go a good deal deeper for our foundations than was anticipated. We had to go down some 60 or 70 feet before we found a solid foundation. We expect the works to be in full swing for the Nile works to be in full swing for the Nile floods of 1903. The importance of the work cannot be over-estimated. Egypt lives on the Nile-always has done, always will. From time immemorial the country has been at the mercy of the floods and the low waters. That will be floods and the low waters. That will be counteracted by the present scheme, which stems the water back for 180 miles and holds it in reserve, to be let out through the sluices as it is needed. The land is fertile—fertile as no other land is—for a distance of three-quarters of a mile from the banks. This barrage scheme should extend the surface of fertility to a mile and a quarter. More land in cultivation means more produce, more labor, more taxes.

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WHERE THE WISE MEN WENT. It is recalled that when the late William M. Evarts was secretary of said in an after-dinner speech at l the more I am satisfied of the

A Verse for the Day.

RANTIN' ROARIN' MORGAN. (With apologies to Robbie Burns.) There was a senator gev crouse. Wha's tongue was awfu' lang an' loose An' wha was kent by a' the Hoose

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' anither blusterin' coof Like rantin' roarin' Morgan,

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

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.

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

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

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

PARIS' NEW CENTURY PHRASE. [From the London Telegraph.]

Parisian society has just soved a most momentous problem. Every one has heard the expression "fin siecle," and most people have used it, chiefly to describe persons and things to which they objected. Some very modern spirits have even been known to call themselves and their own doings fin de siecle. Now, however, that the end of the century has come in earnest, the expression must perforce be dropped-at all events for the next 80 years or so. As the peculiar spirit and state of mind which is designated appears not only to subsist, but to flourish more than ever, Parisians have been at a loss for a new phrase. state in President Hayes' cabinet, he Various modifications were tried, such an after-dinner speech at as "commencement de siecle," "debut "I like the west. I like her de siecle," "nouveau siecle," but these self-made men, and the more I travel were all rejected, not being found neat west, the more I meet with the public enough. At last, with the help, it is enough. At last, with the help, it is said, of a particularly witty dramatruthfulness of the Bible statement | tist, whose plays have often provided that the wise men came from the the boulevards with the stock phrase of the season, the problem has been

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MRS. R. KERR, Cote St. Paul, Que., writes: "I was suffering from a very painful backache and always felt tired. It seemed as if a weight was tied to my back and dragging me down. I tried many different remedies, but none of them seemed to help me. I procured two boxes of Doan's Pills, and after taking them I can safely recommend them to all sufferers from backache or kidney troubles, as they did me a world

solved. M. Henri Lovedan, in a drawing room, is related to have said to a very modern young man, "Vous etes, monsieur; tout a fait jeune siecle." Then and there Paristan society adopted the phrase. The "young century man" is now an accepted character in Paris.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Clippings From the Stratford Beacon's Old Files.

some ancient history from its files of 1861. Here are four paragraphs:

A school teacher in the township of Mornington lately sent a circular to the parents of his pupils, in order to obtain authority to influct such punishment as he thought proper. Among other replies he received the following: 'Dear Mr. R-, cirkler is dully received. I hope as to my John you will flog him es ofin as you kin. Heas a bad boy —is John. Hithto I've been in the habit o' teachin' him myself, but it seems to me he never will larn anything; his spellin' is outrageously defishint. Wallup him well, Soir, and you will receive my thanks. I-R-. P.S. -What accounts for John bein' sich a poor skollar is, that he is my son by my wife's first husband.—I. R."

The Beacon has just received a copy of a paper named The Mute and the Blind, and is asked to "please exchange." The paper is published at Niagara, and tells the following story 'This is how our paper is published: The editor is a blind man, the com-positors are all deaf and dumb; the presswork is performed by the blind the papers are folded and wrapped by the blind."

A farmer in one of our northern townships advertises in this week's Beacon, as follows: "Notice.—My wife Maria -, has strayed or been stolen. Whoever returns her will get his head broke. As to trusting her, anybody can do so if they see fit, for as I never pay my own debts, it's not likely I'll pay hern .- John -- ..

The following is an exact copy of a will left by a resident of the township. of Blanchard, who chose to dispense with the services of a lawyer: "This is the last Will and Testament of me. John T—. I give all my goods to my relations, to be divided among them the best way they can. N. B.—If anyone kicks up a row or makes any fuss about it, he or she is not to have anything. Signed by me, John T-

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