

## SAVING THE BABY.

The captain and mate of an English ship, waiting for a cargo in a Chinese port, took a small boat one day, and went on shore to see what they could find in the beautiful land of flowers which looked so charmingly from the Harbor. The Chinese are very fond of flowers, and cover their hills with many kinds of bright-colored azaleas, poppies, pinks, honeysuckles, roses, and other lovely flowers.

The captain climbed the steep bank from the beach, and there he saw the

One of them looked around and saw the strangers coming, and they all stopped in their dreadful work.

The captain soon reached them and drove them away with his sword; then he took the poor little thing and gave her to her nurse, who was standing near, wringing her hands and crying to see the baby in the horrible sand-pit screaming with fright, with no one to help her.

The father and mother were standing a little off with a sacrifice of cooked meats and other offerings to be placed on the grave, and afterward to be taken home and eaten



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strange group in the picture. Three Chinamen with spades were hastily shovelling the sand and stones on the beach, in which they had made a place to bury a little child alive.

When the captain and mate saw what they were doing and heard the cries of the child, they shouted to them to stop, waving their hats to make them see them.

by the men who had buried their child.

The captain found out that the parents were poor people and did not want to take care of their little daughter; and as their government allows them to kill their girls by burying them alive or by drowning, unless they would rather sell them for slaves, these ignorant parents had chosen to kill their child in this way.