

SOME QUEER OCCUPATIONS.

Ways of Making a Living Not Commonly Known.

Professional Bride Carriers—Skilled Mourners and Comforters of the Bereaved—Prayer Merchants, Steerers for Quack Doctors and Razor Swappers.

(San Francisco Chronicle.) A Chinese hauled into court for selling lottery tickets a few weeks since, testified that his occupation was "solicitor for an undertaker."

The incident recalls the fact that there are dozens of curious vocations being carried on in San Francisco, occupations that are nevertheless in the city directory and that only bob up now and then through just such an incident as this.

Of course, the most singular of these are Chinese, and of these perhaps the queerest is the trade of the bride carrier. There are three women following the occupation in Chinatown and making a comfortable life.

Another band of old Chinese women, also connected with an undertaking establishment, carry on the trade of professional mourner. This profession is better known than that of the bride carrier, but it is doubtful if its full scope is rightly understood in San Francisco.

These, however, are not the queerest careers of bread to the Chinese themselves. The most singular profession in San Francisco, judged by the Chinese standard, is that of the actress now performing at the Jackson street theatre.

Then there is a prayer store in upper Delaware street, where three or four Chinese make a good living selling guaranteed prayers and charms to the religious and superstitious among their countrymen.

All barbers, but few others, know of the occupation of "razor swapper." There are four or five men in the city following this as a vocation and several others carry it as a "side line."

bottom of the business. As every barber knows, razors sometimes act in the most unaccountable manner. Moreover, the razor may be entirely good to one man and totally unfit for another, or a good razor may not fit a particular hone.

Old loungers along Kearney street must remember a particularly picturesque fakir who used to hold forth on the corner of Pine and Kearney some three or four years ago.

Most of the crowd would follow. When they were once inside, the "comedian" would disappear and a quack doctor would emerge, take off his "plum" hat, and deliver a "medical lecture" designed to make the most healthy man believe that he was the victim of deadly disease.

Every reader of Israel Zangwill's stories is familiar with the operations of the schachdan, the Jewish matrimonial agent of the Jewish quarter, in the big cities of the East and Europe.

It is not always possible to get together a number of worshippers in such frequent ceremonies, and attached to every orthodox synagogue there is a number of regularly salaried men whose business it is to fill out the number of a young Englishman in India.

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Powders, lotions, salves, sprays and inhalers cannot really cure Catarrh because this disease is a blood disease.

The best and most modern remedies for this purpose are antiseptics scientifically known as Eucalyptol, Guaiacol, Sanguinaria and Hydrastin, and while each of these have been successfully used separately, yet it has been difficult to get them all combined in one palatable, convenient and efficient form.

The manufacturers of the new Catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, have succeeded admirably in accomplishing this result. They are large, pleasant tasting lozenges, to be dissolved in the mouth, thus reaching every part of the mucous membrane of the throat and finally the stomach.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets contain no cocaine, opiate or any injurious drug, and are equally beneficial for little children and adults.

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ST. JOHN PRESBYTERY.

Regular Session—Reports Received—Synod Fund Allocation.

The regular meeting of the St. John presbytery was held Tuesday morning in one of the school rooms of St. Andrew's church, Sedentary Rev. Jas. Burgess, Moderator, Rev. A. H. Foster, clerk, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Rev. Jas. Ross, Rev. D. J. Fraser, Rev. Dr. Foster, and Rev. G. Macdonell, J. Burton Morgan, Judge Forbes.

Considerable time was taken up at the first of the meeting in discussing a point of church law. Rev. A. H. Foster had been appointed by the presbytery to preside at the adjourned meeting to be held in Sussex.

A communication was read from Rev. C. D. McIntosh, of Sunny Brae, N. S., stating that on account of the illness of his brother and father he could not accept the call to Grand Bay.

The home mission report was presented by Rev. Jas. Ross. It recommended that Rev. M. Hill be appointed as ordained missionary to Fairville and that his designation take place on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7.30 p.m.

The presbytery has been asked by the synod to contribute to the synod fund. The following allocation of the fund: St. David's, \$1,575; Rev. D. J. Fraser, the convener of the committee, reported the following allocation of the fund: St. David's, \$1,575; Rev. D. J. Fraser, the convener of the committee, reported the following allocation of the fund.

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Oct. 14—Sch Clifford C. S. Pedersen, from New Haven, P. A. Second, bal. Sch D W B, 130, Halder, from New Bedford, D. Purdy, bal.

Cleared. Oct. 14—Str State of Maine, Thompson, for Boston, W. G. Lee. Sch Valletta, Cameron, for Boston, Stetson, and Co.

Arrived. At Yarmouth, Oct. 9, bkn Hornet, Crowder, for Yarmouth, Sch Corinto, Salter, from Boston.

Cleared. At Hillboro, Oct. 12, sch Adelaide, Baird, for Boston, str Brunsberg, Pedersen, for Chester, Pa.

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The housewife's labor is reduced one half; the original snowy whiteness is restored to the linens without boiling or hard rubbing and the disagreeable odors so noticeable with other soaps is done away with entirely.



Shipping, from St. John: Mollie Rhodes, from Shule; Odis Miller, from St. John via New London.

CITY ISLAND, Oct. 10—Bound south, sch Thistle, from St. John; Lanie Cobb, from Advocate, N. S.

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