

so much in vogue in China, we find gaming among the men and prostitution among the women to be almost universal on the Pacific coast of America. A gentleman writing from Ohio lately to the *Christian Union*, in reply to an article in favour of Chinese immigration, makes the following startling statements respecting the imported Coolies:

“They are human machinery; they are made abroad and simply rented to us. And these are to become our future manufacturers! Your author, to have done justice to his friends in the East, ought to have stated that these Coolies live secluded as a separate caste. Wives and families they have none, nor do they ever intend to have any in this country; but there are some four thousand five hundred Chinese women on the Pacific coast, of which number over four thousand two hundred are prostitutes, exported as such, bought at \$300 to \$800 a head by their countrymen in San Francisco, and by their countrymen exposed for purposes of prostitution. Our government, in connection with the Chinese authorities, has now stopped this beastly traffic, and, though the ulcer remains four thousand two hundred strong on the Pacific coast, the importation has ceased. Such is their social status in America, and such the future manufacturers of our Great Republic!”

Physically, the Mongolians are greatly inferior to the Caucasians, and, as in the case of the Negro, ethnical admixture can result only in the deterioration of the more favored race. But that feature of the Chinese character most pertinent to the present discussion, is the low standard of living which satisfies them, both with respect to the necessaries and comforts of life, and to social position and culture. Physical, moral, and intellectual inferiority may prove injurious to the ethnical character of the future inhabitants of America, since these will be a progeny arising from the admixture of superior with inferior races; but that evil is distant, and will only appear in all its magnitude to the curious and prying ethnologist of the twentieth or some succeeding century. The low standard of life among the Chinese, on the contrary, is operating seriously at present for evil, and its operations are likely soon to be extended by increased immigration.

Of course, the same law of increase of population* operates in

* To quote from a previous article: “The capacity of mankind for increasing in numbers is greater than their power of multiplying the means of subsistence; in other words: the ratio of increase of mouths to be filled is greater (potentially, if not actually) than the greatest possible ratio of increase of the food to fill them.”