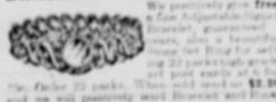


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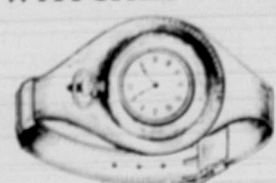
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rounding him with adulation and largesse. From Kulgen to Canton men went in fear of his displeasure; the subterranean channels of his pernicious influence reached out to every Yamen in the empire, carrying to its remotest outposts the germ of political corruption and intrigue. No great was the power which this favorite enjoyed as confidential adviser of the "Old Buddha," so firmly established his impunity, despite the repeated denunciations and righteous indignation of censors and high officials, that in the latter half of his career, and especially after the Empress Dowager's assumption of the supreme power in 1898, his position behind the throne became a recognized feature in the life of the Forbidden City. And this man began life as a cobbler's apprentice in the small provincial town of Ho Chien fu, becoming a eunuch at the age of sixteen for the sake of gain and a life of ease.

His hopes were realized, for he attained to the post of chief eunuch in 1860, his equally-notorious predecessor, An Tehai, having been summarily decapitated by the governor of Shantung for assuming imperial dignities

and insignia while engaged on a tribute-paying expedition in that province. Before that date, however, **Li Iuen-ying** had attracted the notice and won the favor of **Tsu Hsi** by loyal services rendered at a time when her own authority was not firmly established, by his remarkable physical beauty, good manners and intelligence. He was an adept at organizing and conducting the route, masques, theatricals and parties which the heart of the pleasure-loving empress required. To the end of her life, his services in this capacity made him indispensable to her, and won for him a familiar camaraderie which she continued to show after, not even to her faithful attendant, **Jung Ip**. He was a good raconteur, able and willing to distract her mind in dull moments of a humble wit and cheerful disposition. And let it be recorded to his credit, that, ignoble and vicious as he was, he served his mistress with a lifetime of dog-like devotion and affectionate care.

His Methods

The hand of **Li Iuen-ying** was powerful not only in the finances and administrative affairs of the palace and the provinces, but in higher matters of state. He, above all others, was instrumental in inducing the Empress Dowager to suppress with violence the reform movement of 1898 and to condemn the unfortunate Emperor **Kuang Hsu** to the humiliation of a gilded prison, which ended only with his life. It was he who, in his colossal ignorance, persuaded her to believe in the mystic powers of the **Boxers** and in their ability to "drive the foreigners into the sea." His blind hatred of the reformers and of European ways, no doubt, largely due to self interest, since they had dared repeatedly to denounce the emperor's system, and to make its abolition a plank in their program of reform, with the very general support of public opinion. His faith in the **Boxers** was, however, entirely genuine, and in the very last days of the siege of the Legations he continued to reassure the empress of their eventual success, exhorting her to stand firm, and doing his utmost to conceal the prudent counsels of **Jun Lu**. After the capture of the city by the allies and the flight of the court, his courage forsook him, and for many months he went in fear that the Empress Dowager would be forced by the demands of the avenging powers to hand him over for punishment with the other leaders of the movement. He owed his eventual safety to the influence exercised on his behalf by the Russian government, which, with an eye to past and future benefits of his good will at Peking, intervened to shield him and others from their well-deserved punishment. Nevertheless, he did not escape scot-free, for his hoard of treasure, hidden in the vicinity of the palace, was betrayed to the French troops and by them pyrolytically looted. He subsequently reconquered himself, to the best of his ability and to the increasing scandal of the better class of officials, by provincial exactions of the most unblushing rapacity, while the court was in residence at Hsian-an, so that in 1908 his restored fortune was estimated to amount to about two and a half millions sterling. For many years he contested with **Prince Ch'ing** the doubtful honor of being China's squeezer-in-chief, archetype and fountain-head of official corruption; the impunity with which he and his princely rival for years conducted their nefarious operations has probably contributed more than any other cause to the general demoralization of the Peking government. It is clear that all talk of reform must be vain so long as public opinion in China continues to tolerate the Manchurian parasitic system and the eunuch regime of the palace. — *London Times*.

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Mulligan, the contractor, put up a church building. **Dunn** was building inspector then, and when he saw the church he said, "Plumb, it isn't plumb." That made **Mr. Mulligan** pretty mad. He climbed right up and began to take measurements. Having squinted down the plumb line in a dozen different places, he was ready to report. There was a ring of triumph in his voice. "Mr. Dunn," he said, "come and look at it y'rself. Plumb, eh? By the piper that played before Moses, it's more than plumb!"

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