



### A CHINESE DANDY.

Heigho! now doesn't this old fellow look like a regular guy? Well, that is just what he is. Isn't he gotten up in style, though? I dare say he thinks there was never such style before.

You didn't know they had dandies in China, did you? But you see they have. Well, when we compare the style with that affected by some of our own dudes, it isn't so bad after all, is it? Really, if this fellow didn't have that fan and parasol, he'd be right respectable in comparison.

The Chinese are very fond of dressing, as people are elsewhere, for that matter. On festival days, especially, they may be seen on the streets arrayed in the most gorgeous attire they can procure. The mothers begin early with the children, and one of the first desires of a Chinese boy's heart is to have a coat with as many colors as can be gotten into it. The shoes, caps, and collars of the babies are decorated, too, with all manner of gay-colored embroidery.

### WASHING DISHES.

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"Come, Madge, leave your book now, dear, and wash the breakfast dishes."

Madge rose unwillingly, put the plates together with a clash, and piled the cups with reckless disregard of their slender handles.

"O mother, I hate to do housework," she fretted. "I'm going to get married just as soon as I can so I'll not have to wash dishes."

"That would be a queer way to get rid of it," laughed her mother. "Don't I do it every day?"

"Oh, well, I shan't. I will say to the man, when he asks me to marry him, 'Do you s'pect me to wash dishes?' and if he says, 'Yes,' I'll say, 'No, I thank you, sir,'" and Madge threw the spoons into the dish-pan with such a clatter that the water splashed up into her face.

"Madge," called Aunt Ida from the sitting-room, "don't you want to go to walk with me?"

"Can't," answered Madge crossly. "I have all these dishes to wash."

"Oh, well, I'll help you."

In a short time the two started on their walk.

"Where are you going, Aunt Ida?" said Madge as they turned down a narrow street.

"I'm going to call on a little friend of mine who never washes dishes."

Madge looked up quickly. "I wonder if Aunt Ida heard me scolding this morning," she thought.

At one of the houses on this street Aunt Ida stopped and knocked at the door.

"Come in!" called a cheerful voice.

Inside, in an old reclining chair, sat a girl about Madge's age with a thin, white face and big blue eyes looking up at them out of the pillows that supported her. A book lay in her lap and three children hung about her eagerly looking at the pictures and listening to the stories she was telling.

"O Miss Sherman!" she exclaimed as she saw her visitors. "How glad I am to see you! But mother is out washing to-day."

"Then we will visit the rest of you," answered Aunt Ida. "This is my niece, Madge Fairfield, Anna; and, Madge, this is Anna Dean."

"And how go the lessons, Anna?" continued Miss Sherman after a chat with the little ones.

"Rather slowly, I am afraid. You see, when mother is out I cannot study much because I must look after the little tots; and I teach Nellie, too, you know; so at night I am too tired to study. But I'm glad to do this for mother," she added quickly. "It is the only way in which I can help. I wish I could sew or wash the dishes for her, but my hands are too weak," and she glanced sadly at the little wasted hands lying in her lap.

"Anna once had a dreadful fall," said Aunt Ida to Madge, "which injured her spine, and she has never since been able to hold up her head. I don't know what her mother would do without her, though," she added. "With Nellie's help she takes care of the two babies; and, since Nellie cannot be spared to go to school, Anna teaches her. But you look tired, Anna dear. I'm afraid Madge and I are too much for you."

"Oh, no, indeed, dear Miss Sherman! You always rest me. I am tired because I did not sleep much last night, my back ached so."

"Does it ache now?"

"Yes, it aches 'most all the time lately. But please don't tell mother. It only would trouble her. I ought not to have told you, but somehow it seems as if I could bear the pain better if I could tell some one who cares for me," and her lips quivered and tears stood in her blue eyes.

"You are a dear, brave little girl!" said Aunt Ida, kissing her. "I'm glad you told me, and I'll try to help you to bear it. We will not tell mother unless it is necessary. But now, if you will invite us, Madge and I are going to lunch with you. I've brought a basket of things with me to help out."

"Goody! goody!" exclaimed Nellie with sparkling eyes; and for a few minutes every one was busy setting the table, and ranging on it the dainty food from Aunt Ida's basket and bringing bread, butter, and milk from the closet. Even Anna did her part, unwrapping the boiled eggs and arranging the little cakes on a plate. For the next hour there was a very merry party in the dingy room.

"Mother," said Madge that night when she finished her account of the visit to Anna, "I'm glad I can wash dishes and do housework! I'm never going to scold about it any more. Just suppose I was like Anna Dean! I don't see how she bears it so well! She is just lovely, mother."

### GOOD RULES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The rules of Elizabeth Fry, the benevolent, are equally appropriate for young people. They are as follows:

1. Never lose time. I do not think that lost which is spent in amusement, recreation every day; but be always the habit of being employed.
  2. Never err the least in truth.
  3. Never say an ill thing of a person when thou canst say a good thing of him. Not only speak charitably, but feel so.
  4. Never be irritable or unkind to anybody.
  5. Never indulge thyself in luxuries that are not necessary.
- Do all things with consideration, and when thy path to act right is difficult, have confidence in that Power alone which is able to assist thee, and exert thine own powers as far as they go.

"Well," said little Frances indignantly, after a long search for her school book strap, "I've hunted every single place where it could possibly be. Now I'm going to hunt where it can't possibly be, and I suppose I shall find it." Then she proceeded to do, with great success.