

CHINESE COURT HISTORIANS.

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There are court historians in China, as there are in other countries, but there is one striking difference, and it lies in the fact that the work of the Chinese court historians does not see the light until the reigning dynasty comes to an end.

In this way these Celestial historians have an opportunity to describe most truthfully the virtues and vices of the various rulers and the real significance of the events which take place during their regime. They can write what they please without fear of censure, for they know that their work will not be published as long as the reigning dynasty lasts.

This has been the rule for more than two thousand years, the first court historians having been appointed by the imperial house of Han, which reigned from 206 B.C. until 25 A. D.

The duty of these historians is to write a plain account of all the events that occur during their tenure of office. At regular intervals their completed work is taken from them and is locked up in an iron safe or vault. There it remains until the first member of a new dynasty ascends the throne.

It is then given with all the other histories to the vault of the court historian who is then living, and from the mass of documents he is expected to prepare a truthful history of the dynasty which has just expired. The present dynasty has been reigning since 1644, and consequently no court history has been published since that date.

AUSTRIAN WOMEN BARBERS.

Women barbers are quite the rule in Austria, and Austrians take no chances with their barbers. They must be experts, and the Barbers' and Wig-makers' Union of Vienna sees to it they are. Provision is also made in their code for women barbers who desire to carry on the business of their husbands in case of the latter's death or illness. In order to do this the wife must have been enrolled in the union as an apprentice for three years. Apprentices must appear in Vienna in the presence of judges of the union and show their skill before they are allowed to open shops of their own. A properly certified barber must have a knowledge of all kinds of procedure in shaving, hair cutting, hair curling and wigmaking. Poor persons and others who are frugal serve as subjects for experiment. Not only must the Austrian barber be well versed in the practical side of the subject, but questions are asked relating to the keeping clear of razors, combs and brushes; also the elementary rules of antiseptics are thoroughly gone into.

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