

in bringing down the price of labor generally below a decent price. I cannot educate my family, attend to my duties, give them decent clothes, and meat and other food, such as Americans live on, at a dollar a day. I do not want to ; I do not need to ; neither does any other man.

There may be some instances where Chinamen are employed as nurses. Children acquire a great deal of knowledge from their parents, but from their nurses, white or Chinese, I think they never ought to learn. If they have good, intelligent nurses, well-behaved American girls, they learn something. I think the house-servants in the east are largely foreigners, and I should have just the same objection to employing them as nurses as I have against Chinamen as nurses.

Children and Chinese and European nurses.

I do not know how to reconcile the fact of the Chinese fondness for children and the infanticide which prevails in some parts of China. Some of them sell their female children, which does not show a fondness for them in the persons who sell them. Sometimes they are sold knowing that they would be better off, sometimes for purposes of prostitution.

Sale of female children.

The Chinese, generally, are peaceful among themselves, but they have riots among themselves. I read about the bloody riots recently at Virginia City and at San José. Sometimes they arise over a woman ; sometimes about money. Feuds often occur in China between villages.

There is no slavery in China as to the male sex ; there are no slaves among them here. I have read somewhere that many of the Chinese get to this country by giving onerous obligations, which are secured by their certificates, and that where there is a failure to return the money the relatives themselves are sold in order to make good the contract. It is not the custom in China to sell a family.

Not slaves.

I do not think the Chinaman here would be professed Christians except from sincere sentiments.

Perhaps my avocation would be gone if there were no Chinese here. I am a lessee of property in Chinatown, occupied by Chinese, and I shall hold it as long as I can. It is not an opium den ; I know they smoke opium there, for I have seen them, the people rooming there being opium-smokers. In some other rooms that I have rented I have seen people smoking tobacco, cigars, and drinking whiskey. The use of opium stupefies, puts them to sleep, makes them languid. It is more injurious than tobacco ; it debilitates the system. The effect of smoking opium is different from the effect of drinking whiskey, the latter stirs people up, makes them rampant, and fight sometimes ; Chinamen never fight when under the influence of opium. The building I rented was simply for the purpose of securing a chapel.

Opium-smoking and whiskey drinking.

The Chinese sick are largely taken care of by their friends. There are but very few paupers who do not manage to get a little something one way or the other. They are a great people in their own country to live upon their friends.

The Chinese here are industrious, if you exclude the women who are prostitutes and the class who are gamblers. There are hardly any idle persons among them. There are fewer fights among them than among the lower whites.

Chinese industrious.

They are excluded from the public schools on account of race-prejudice. In Sacramento there is a Chinese girl who attends school. I never heard of one here ; there may be others in some country school districts, but I do not know of it. I made application here once, and was refused by a formal written answer. If they were admitted the night schools would have a large number of them. The mission schools are quite full all the time. The different branches of Protestants have schools for the Chinese

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