

entering these places. Many private houses, if they face an open space, or are overlooked by some Partition Walls unlucky building, also have these walls. These walls are often built in a zig-zag manner to prevent demons 'who are said to go in a straight line,' from getting into the house. The walls in front of a government building have a 'monster,' somewhat after the shape of a lion, called a 'Coveter,' painted in gaudy colors to remind the official that he must not covet. The animal is represented as trying to grasp at the sun whilst trampling the 'eight treasures' under its feet, as being beneath his notice.

"Ague is very common amongst the Chinese, and is supposed to be caused by evil spirits taking possession of the body of the person affected. A common cure is to cut from a proclamation the impression of the Governor-

Ague Charm General's seal, place it in a piece of paper with a few copper coins belonging to the reign of Chien Long, A.D. 1736-1796, called 'Golden Dog Cash,' or 'Birthday Cash.' A few grains of red pepper and a small quantity of white rice are added, and then the paper is carefully folded and placed in the pocket of the one afflicted. When he goes for a walk on the street this pocket is slyly dropped on the road and the person who picks it up becomes affected with the disease and the other is relieved!

"A few cash only forms a sure bait if dropped on the street in the same way.

"The morning when the bride leaves her home, a bushel measure covered with red paper is placed outside the door of her parents' house, and as she is being Marriage forced out of her home, for she must not go willingly, she steps into the bushel measure and breaks a hole in the paper; at the same time some one throws a pair of chopsticks over her shoulder into the door of the house she has left. The meaning of this is not quite clear but is supposed to be a desire on her part that her parents may have plenty of rice and chopsticks to eat it with after she has gone.