wash everywhere. Refitting a native house practically means rebuilding without putting up the frame. The work on the hospital is not yet completed, nor can it be till the house is finished and the Hospital building all free. When the work is completed we will have a commodious and convenient Hospital, eminently suited to the needs of the work."

Now you see dear young friends why we are asked to give our offerings this year to China. This Hospital which has already seen service needs funds to carry it on, and the "Jennie Ford Home" for the little orphans must be built as soon as possible. God speed the good work.

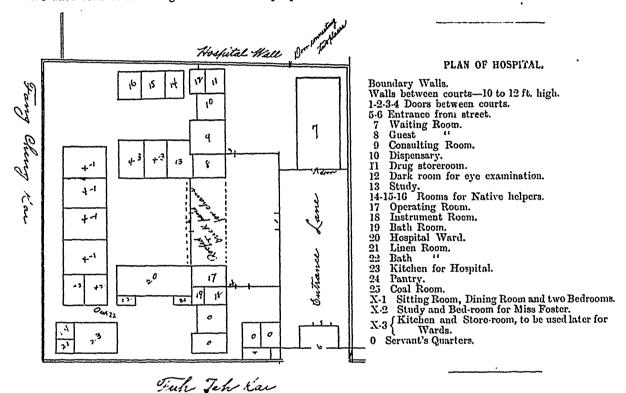
We have read some strange facts about the people

grandmothers wore, and their great grandmothers.

The boy will have the front hair shaved off and wear the rest in a long braid or cue at the back, and it will be his ambition to have this cue as large and thick as possible. The little girl when she becomes a young lady will dress her hair very high up on her head and a lorn it with flowers and pins and jewels. If she be poor she will have cut glass and imitation gems.

In our Christian schools they will try to unbind the feet of the poor little girls, and so to teach the Chinese mothers of the love of Christ that they will give up this cruel and silly custom.

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in China, young and old. One is a singular custom they have of making the first clothes of a baby boy out of the garment of some very old man. They think this will make the baby live a long, long time, and you see baby boys are precious in China though baby girls are not. It would be very nice to be a child in China for one thing—they never wear any kind of tight fitting clothes, they are all loose and comfortable. In winter they do not get hurt when they fall down because they are so bundled up. Little boys and girls wear clothes very much alike when they have grown to be men and women. They will then wear an outer robe like a tunic and trousers that come down to the ankle. Chinese ladies do not care for European styles, but wear just what their

The life of a woman in China is not a happy one, for she has no voice in the management of her home other than in submission to her husband's parents, and her life is one of toil. She is little esteemed, seldom loved, and she lives in loneliness, with but little consideration shown her by husband or family. She must toil while her husband feasts, and as for him, he regards his home life of little account apart from the ministrations of comfort he there receives. The betrothal of a girl takes place usually when she is from thirteen to fifteen, but sometimes when she is no older than ten. A girl of the higher class is never permitted opportunity to have a moment's conversation with a man not a member of her own family, and the marriages are always arranged by persons called marriage brokers. These brokers are old women, keen and shrewd.—Selected,