\*CHINESE DETECTIVES.

Confessions Elicited by Torture and Other Cruel Me ans.

Shrewd Methods Sometimes Employed by Mengolian Magistrates for Entrapping a Gulity Party—superstition a Powerful Ally in Many Cases.

The Chinese possess no organized detective force, though the officials sometimes visit in disguise the scene of a notable crime for the purpose of making inquiries, and police spies are often locked up with remanded prisoners to try to worm out their secrets. The lower classes being intensely superstitious, the judicial investigation of crime usually takes place at night. The judgment hall, as described by a writer in Chambers' Journal, is a lofty building of wood, unceiled and bare of furniture save for the raised dais at the north end, where is seated the presiding magistrate, attended by his secretaries, clerks and lictors. The only light comes from paper lanterns or coltou wicks in oil cups, which but serve to bring into prominence the weird shadows flitting about the corners and livriding among the woodwork of the roof. Silend gamong the woodwork of the roof silend gamong the woodwork of the roof silend gamong the woodwork of the roof. Silend gamong the woodwork of the roof silend gamong the woodwork of the roof. Silend gamong the woodwork of the roof silend gamon he often requires only a little judicious terrorizing to elicit a full confession of his
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and similar penalties more severely administered check the giving of false testimony.
Should the prisoner, in face of atrong evidence, persist h denying his guilt, various
persussive encasures are resorted to, such
as forcing him to kneel on chains, hanging him up by the thumbs or suspending him by the neck in a wooden frame so
that his toes just touch the ground. All
such tortures are illegal, but a confession
has to be obtained somehow before sentence
can be passed, and cases are many and
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time for settling them short. Soldom can the stoutest rogue, or, alas! innocent man, hold out against such treatment continued throughout the night, and renewed, if necessary, again and again.

When two or more persons are equally suspected of theft or the like, the magnitudes of the show great ingenuity in detecting the guilty. In cross-examination they are peculiarly skillful in obtaining damaging admissions, their suave manner deceiving the secured as to the importance of the point they inquire about so carelessaging admissions, their susve manner deciving the accused as to the importance of the point they inquire about so carelessly. Two instances of extra-judicial methods for ascertaining the culprit among many equally under suspicion deserve to be recorded for their cleverness. Some balls of opium taken from a piratical junk by a revenue cruiser myteriously disappeared while being transferred to the latter vessel. Opium is very precious in China, and a ball is easily split up and secreted in the wide sleeves or the voluminous waistoand of a Chinese sailor. The commander of the vessel was loth to institute a search of the ship and crew, knowing well the craftuness of his men, and that even if found the opium would most probably be in the bundle of, some inneent man. He therefore resorted to a plan as simple as it proved effective. In hispania was, as is usual, a shrine of the Uodcess of Mercy and of the Chinese Neptune. Before these dedites he instituted a solemn service, which was prolonged till evening. When night fell he mustered the crew and called them one by one into the dmilylighted cabin. Here each man had to make

When night fell he mustered the crew and called them one by one into the dimiylighted cabin. Here each man had to make solemn declaration of his innocence, kneeling before the images, and, dipping his finger in a saucer of water, to smear his face all over, being warned that, if he were guitty, the divinities would make his face appear streaked with black. When the thief's turn came, het ried to out with the gods by rubbing his finger on the bottom of the saucer; but, to his horror, when he reached the light, his face was all over black marks, the wily commander having held the saucer over a lamp before commencing the experiment.

saucer; but, to his horror, when he reached the light, his face was all over black marks, the wily commander having held the saucer over a lamp before commencing the experiment. In another case, where several servants were suspected of their, each man was given a bamboo of the same length, marked with his name, which had to be deposited in an ura before a small shrine in the outer prison where they were confined. The officer announced that the culprit's rod would grow, by interposition of providence, one inch during the night. The prisoners were then locked up, no watch being kept on the urn. On the reassembling of the court one rod was found to, be an inch shorter than the rest, as the thief had under cover of the darkness endeavored to circumvent the supposed divine power by biting a bit off his rod.

When any article diappears, from a private house and one of the inmates is suspected of purloining it, it is usual, before having recourse to the magistrate, whose underlings exact huge fees for doing any thing, or nothing, to call in a priest and hold a communion service. This consists in the

underlings exact hugo fees for doing any thing, or nothing, to call in a priest and hold a communion service. This consists in invoking the evil spirits and bribing them by offerings and music to hound the culprit to death within 'the year. It continues for three days and nights—if the, terrified their does not confess and make restitution before that time, a result very frequently achieved. Europeans living in China have tried this method, but not with much success, as the gonging and other discordant sounds which constitute the "music," so effectually drive away sleep that the neighboring foreigners insist or its being intermitted during the night, and, so say the Chinese, spoil the charm. So offectually drive away sleep that the neighboring foreigners insist or its being intermitted during the night, and, so say the Chinese, spoil the charm. So of a second of the control of the second of the matter of advertisements. So now, the loser of bank notes or other portable property can, and very frequently does, as neounce his loss in good Chinese in the columns of one of the three leading dailies, offering suitable rewards for the recovery of his property and the detection of the thief. The European settlement at Shaaghai alone of all the towns of China employs regular detectives at the expense of the rate-payers. When, if ever, the Chinese Government will follow the example set them by this "western" community it is impossible to predict. hing, or nothing, to call in a priest and hold

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The bet was not taken, for nobody knew.

The bet was not taken, for nobody knew. The crank went on the man who will take his pen or pencil and draw a line which shall represent the exact liameter of a silver dollar."

Upon this all hands made the attempt. plees of paper was taken, and each took a turn at drawing a line upon it. When had finished the crank took a dollar om his pocket and placed it successively

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girl goes into the interior on the plantations he has to get married in seif protection or eless she is so pestered with attentions as almost to drive her out of the country.

A remarkable case of sudden and almost anpremeditated matrimony occurred on a plantation near Winton a few weeks ago. A planter had been to Rockhampton, and had here engaged a strapping good-looking girl to assist his wife in her new home several days she took her wash-tub out of doors one morning to do the family washing. While hard at work, with soap-suds up to her elbows, along came a squatter who kept a small herd of cattle in the neighborhood. He didn't intend to lose this fe hance to make the acquaintance of a woman. So he sidled up to the wash-tub on does not cattle in the wash-tub on the sum of the

adorns, apparently as happy a woman as there is in Queensland.

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hands A New Cause of Fires.

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