

CHINESE DETECTIVES

Confessions Elicited by Torture and Other Cruel Means.

Shrewd Methods Sometimes Employed by Mongolian Magistrates for Entangling a Guilty 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 rascals to try to worm out their secrets.

When two or more persons are equally suspected of theft or the like, the magistrates often show great ingenuity in detecting the guilty. In criminal cases they are peculiarly skilful in obtaining damaging admissions, their suave manner deceiving the accused as to the importance of the point they inquire about.

After while the young man owned up that it was a case of love at first sight as far as he was concerned and he popped the question without any ado. The girl said she was willing if her mistress would in some way make a worthy girl.

In another case, where several servants were suspected of theft, each man was given a bamboo of the same length, marked with his name, which had to be deposited in an urn before a small shrine in the outer prison where the culprit was confined.

Of late years Chinese newspapers on the European model have been started, and are well supported in the matter of advertisements. Now, the loser of bank notes or other portable property can, and very frequently does, announce his loss in good columns in the columns of one of the three leading dailies, offering suitable rewards for the recovery of his property and the detention of the thief.

A GUESSING MATCH. Simple Tests Which Illustrate Common Errors of Judgment. A crank who is an occasional visitor to a downtown office entered the place the other day when nobody appeared to be very busy, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

over each of the marks. Some of them were too long by half an inch, and some lacked almost that much in length. There wasn't one which was not as much as an eighth of an inch on it of the way. The eccentric visitor said:

"For men who have as little money as you, I think you are not more familiar with its size and appearance. Now let me test your judgment in another matter. Here is a long sheet of white paper, which I will place upright against the wall back of this table. Now take your pencils and mark on the paper what you think is the height of an ordinary silk hat. Some of you have a silk hat here, I suppose."

"Mine is in the other room," answered one of the clerks. "I'll get it." "Now try to guess how tall the hat is, and mark the paper accordingly."

The estimates afforded a curious illustration of the way men's opinions will differ even about a small matter. Between the shortest and the longest mark there was a difference of nearly four inches. When the marks were brought out and set upon the table against the paper, all the marks, with two exceptions, were from one to three inches too long.

A remarkable case of sudden and almost unpremeditated matrimony occurred on a plantation near Winton, New York, weeks ago. A planter had been to Rockhampton, and had there engaged a strapping good-looking girl to assist his wife in her household duties. After she had been in her new home several days she took her wash tub out of doors one morning to do the family washing.

General Lord Wolseley Pays the African a High Compliment. I do not think Europeans learn drill as quickly as the Basuto or the Zulu. It is astonishing to see the zeal, the undivided interest and appreciation the savages bring to bear upon all military lessons given to them, writes Lord Wolseley in the Fortnightly Review.

The African in our West India regiments has always displayed the child-like affection which he treats his officers with. He respects the character of the negro soldier. His obedience to orders, especially when the duty is onerous, is remarkable. Many amusing stories on this point were current at Government House when I was at Cape Coast Castle. A previous Governor, finding that his native servants were given to robbing him by daily carrying away bundles of things from his kitchen, had orders given to the sentry before his door that no one was to be allowed out carrying any parcel with him.

At the office of the Insurance Commissioner of Massachusetts an annual record of fires in the State is kept, the engineers in the different towns and cities being expected to furnish a list. These lists are compared with one out from the papers as they come in. A letter received at the office recently contained the following original reason for a conflagration: "Caused by friction generated by rubbing a large insurance policy against a very small stock of goods."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Use Seavey's East India Liniment. 12 Minald's Liniment for Rheumatism. Amherst and Tyrone are to have street cars soon, companies having applied to the legislature for incorporation.

The presence of dandruff indicates a diseased scalp, and if not cured, blanching of the hair and baldness will result. Hall's Hair Renewer will cure it. Work will soon re-commence on the Oxford and New Glasgow Railway. The steam shovel at Scatburn is being put in order.

Persons wishing to improve their memories or strengthen their power of attention should send to Prof. Loebette, 237 Fifth Ave., N. Y., for his prospectus post free, as advertised in another column. The Springfield coal company will ship from Pughaw, on the completion of the railroad to that place, about the end of August.

Hard to Digest—Cod Liver Oil. Yes; but the oil in PUTTNER'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES being partially digested with Pancreatin in the process of manufacturing is readily assimilated by the most delicate organization. Caledonia claims a dog which attacks basket socials, bare parties, funerals, temperance meetings, both churches, goes to schools and makes calls at the stores.

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Table with columns: GOING WEST, Exp. Daily, Acem MWF, Acem P.M. Rows include Halifax, Wolfville, Annapolis, etc.

N. B. Trains are run on Eastern Standard Time. One hour added will give Halifax time. Steamer "Doona" leaves St John every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday a.m. for Digby and Annapolis, returning from Annapolis same days. Steamer "Fragling" will make daily connection each way between Annapolis and Digby. Terms of the Western Counties Railway leave Digby daily at 3.30 p.m. and leave Annapolis daily at 1.15 a.m. Steamer "Yarmouth" leaves Yarmouth every Wednesday and Saturday evening for Boston. Steamer "Cleopatra" leaves Annapolis for Boston every Thursday p.m. International Steamers leave St John every Monday and Thursday a.m. for Eastport, Portland and Boston. Trains of the Provincial and New England All Rail Line leave St. John for Bangor, Portland and Boston at 6.40 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. daily, except Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Through tickets by the various routes on sale at all Stations. P. INNES, General Manager, Kentville, 23rd November, 1899.