

SHOPPING IN CHINA.

Some of the Quaker Features of Trade in That Country.

China is a silver country. When, therefore, you go a-shopping and are provided with the necessary cash, you take a faithful servant with you to carry the money and a second to protect the first from the wiles of the snatcher. A hundred dollars in our money is represented by a bag of silver coins called 'cash' weighing three pounds. Your servant keeps both the account and the money. You scrutinize the former but never handle the latter. On the other hand, every storekeeper keeps a strong box, a safe, or silver room, and employs one or more clerks to look after the white metal. This arrangement makes as much trouble in paying a bill as in incurring one. The store keeper weighs your money and examines every piece, while your servant does the same to whatever change he receives.

The stores are small, smaller, smallest. Hundreds are scarcely more than mere booths. The largest are not more than twenty-five feet front and 100 deep. Department stores are unknown. The rule is for one shop to sell one thing. A silk store looks like a brown paper establishment, or the delivery room of a laundry. None of the goods is exposed to view. Each roll is done up in fine white tissue paper; this in turn is firm light-brown paper, and this in the strongest gray-brown paper. One paper is sure death to ants, roaches, moths, flies, spiders, and mice. Another is waterproof and almost fireproof. All three are dust-proof and damp-proof. On the outside of each parcel is an inscription stating the color, pattern, width, quality, and quantity.

The clerks are men, and are very neat and polite. They will climb up a light ladder to the top shelf near the ceiling, bring down a parcel, open it on the counter and display the material, and reverse the process a hundred times over without changing the rich professional smile which marked the calling.

The counters are either made of dark hard wood, polished until it shines or else are covered with black oilcloth. A salesman or servant keeps them spotless with a damp cloth, followed up by a dry one. There is no display or attempt at beauty. Chaffering is very rare. Both merchant and customer know the value of the goods, so that there is no debate over the price. This state of things is in strong contrast with what prevails in the bazaars of India and Egypt, where a trader often asks ten times the value of his wares, and cries real tears of grief when he sells them at five times their proper price.

Another extraordinary style of shopping results from the odd social conditions of China. The ladies of that land all undergo the process of foot binding, and are unable to travel about except with the greatest difficulty. In addition to this disqualification, it is considered unwomanly and shameful to expose the face in public. When a Chinese lady desires the pleasure of shopping she sends a servant to her favorite dealer, with instructions as to her particular desires. The dealer thereupon takes down enough material to load anywhere from four to ten porters, and goes around with the invoice to the lady's home. A European lady can enjoy the same privilege without any extra charge of any increase in the price of goods. There are very few novelties in the Oriental shopping world. Almost everything fashionable is prescribed by law as well as custom. The pattern of your dress was probably invented 3,000 years ago, and the cuts of your pantaloons and jackets were designed in forgotten centuries. There is one field, however, where the children of the East can give points and then discount their sisters of the West, and that is in rich underwear.

Silks and grass cloth, Indian muslins, and pineapple cloths are employed, of qualities finer than nine-tenths of those we call the best. This material, worthy of a king's ransom, they embroider until the garment is a veritable blaze of splendor. I saw while in China a pair of pantaloons which were heavy with decorations in gold thread, pearls, and precious stones, and have admired under jackets and underwaists which were so extensively embroidered that it was difficult to determine the material of which they were made. The wife of a mandarin of my acquaintance had several sets of underwear that were worth \$300 and \$400 a set. All of these quaint goods are handled by male salesmen, and never by women. It is very trying at first to women brought under the system which prevails in the West. To cap the climax, for all your garments you are supposed to be measured and fitted by male dressmakers. The women are regarded as inferiors, and are only allowed to do what sewing and darning that may be necessary in the conduct of the household. There are no express wagons and no delivery wagons. Everything is carried by porters, from a spool of cotton up to a trunk full of clothing.

They are much more powerful than they look, and will carry heavy loads under a tropical sun without complaint or murmur. There are no trade marks and no particular means of identifying goods. When you

want to duplicate anything you go to the dealer from whom you bought it. If you bought it yesterday, well and good. If you bought it from his father twenty-five years ago, well and good, or from his grandfather seventy five years, it is the same, and if ten years hence you desire an extra yard of the same material you get it from the same man at the same place; or, if he has passed away, from his son or grandson. The East is very pleasant for shopping, but the shopping is not one whit like what prevails in the department stores and dry goods palaces of the great American cities.

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A Case of Dieting.
At a recent 'literary dinner' in London, Mr. I. Zangwill told a story of a certain fat lady of his acquaintance. Her corpulence had so grown upon her that she resolved to consult a physician about it. She had had no previous experience with 'banting' of any sort. The doctor drew up a careful dietary for her. She must eat dry toast, plain boiled beef, and a few other things of the same lean sort, and in a month return and report the result to the doctor. At the end of the time the lady came, and was so stout that she could hardly get through the door. The doctor was aghast. 'Did you eat what I told you?' he asked. 'Religiously' she answered. His brow wrinkled in perplexity. Suddenly he had a flash of inspiration. 'Did you eat anything else?' he asked. 'Why, I ate my ordinary meals,' said the lady.

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Guysboro, Dec. 15, to the wife of C. B. Smith, a son.
Truro, Jan. 1, to the wife of James Archibald, a son.
Brookfield, Dec. 28, to the wife of John D. Murray a son.
Amherst, Dec. 31, to the wife of William Pride, a daughter.
Moncton, Jan. 1, to the wife of A. W. Belyea, a son.
Middle Stewiacke, Jan. 3, to the wife of Silas Chaplin, a son.
Canning, N. S., Dec. 20, to the wife of Samuel Bigelow, a son.
Halifax, Jan. 1, to the wife of Sergeant F. Bowstead, a daughter.
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Truro, Jan. 1, by Rev. E. Smith, Frederick Shiers, to Emma Brown.
Halifax, Jan. 1, by Rev. J. F. Dastan, Esq. Mother to Edith Ward.
Mill Brook, Jan. 3, by Rev. G. Howcroft, Alder Miles to Ellen Conrod.
Millville, Dec. 20, by Rev. G. S. Jones, Alfred T. Gordon to Sadie Miller.
Five Islands, Dec. 20, by Rev. A. Gray, Nelson Marsh to Ann McKim.
Wickham N. B., by Rev. Jas. Gray, William Hyde to Annie M. Buchanan.
Windsor, Dec. 24, by Rev. H. Dickie, William Lightle to Mary Elliot.
Windsor, Jan. 5, by Rev. H. Dickie, Frederick Elliot to Nellie Ingram.
Southampton, Dec. 23, by Rev. A. Gray, Sydney Marshall to Jennie Adams.
Truro, Dec. 29, by Rev. W. Falconer, Bernard Black to Clara Archibald.
Elimville, Dec. 23, by Rev. J. Layton, Edwin Ferguson to Maggie Gorman.
Grand Manan, Dec. 21, by Rev. W. Perry, Oscar J. Barham to Blanche Rice.
Chatham, Dec. 31, by Rev. J. M. Coy, Fred C. Wiltshire to Nellie Loban.
Chatham, Dec. 28, by Rev. H. T. Joyner, Michael Wright to Mary Woodhead.
Chatham, Dec. 28, by Rev. C. Forsythe, Arthur E. Radcock to Isabel Forbes.
Folly Village, Dec. 27, by Rev. W. Dawson, Ainsley Stevens to Elmer Gatzell.
Pictou, Dec. 23, by Rev. E. McArthur, Howard Langille to Sadie Langille.
Truro, Jan. 2, by Rev. A. Clements, Charles Simons to Margaret Pervoe.
New Ross, Dec. 23, by Rev. J. E. Blakney, S. W. Freeman to Tomp Russell.
Lower five Islands, Dec. 23, by Rev. Andrew Gray, Chas. Webb to Estelle Davis.
Blackville, Dec. 30, by Rev. T. G. Johnstone, John W. Wells to Marion Gerrish.
Yarmouth, Dec. 24, by Rev. T. J. DelinStadt, Harold Robinson to Bertha Stoddard.
St. John, Jan. 7, by Rev. W. C. Gaylor, Patrick Donovan to Margaret Flynn.
Mill Brook N. B., Jan. 3, by Rev. G. Howcroft, Allen Wiles to Ellen Conrod.
Annapolis, Dec. 10, by Rev. G. J. C. White, George G. Fraser to Lottie LeCain.
New Glasgow, Dec. 21, by Rev. W. I. Croft, James H. Wilson to Nellie M. Wolfe.
Little Harbor, Dec. 23, by Rev. J. Penman, Robert Wright to Anna B. Mulhead.
New Annan, Dec. 30, by Rev. D. Farquhar, Frank C. Richards to Mary A. Ryan.
Watersville, N. S., Dec. 24, by Rev. E. Read, Edward Gould to Nancy Mood.
Pensild, Jan. 4, by Rev. R. E. Smith, Jas. E. McArthur to Margaret Sayer.
Chipman, Dec. 30, by Rev. D. McLeod, Charles W. Vall to Beatrice A. McLean.
Blackville, Dec. 30, by Rev. T. G. Johnston, James Weimore to Grace J. Robertson.
Yarmouth, Dec. 31, by Rev. W. F. Parker, Frank L. Penny to Estella Whitehouse.
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Tiverton, N. S., Dec. 23, by Rev. J. W. Bolton, Norman Robbins to Linda Leeman.
Plymouth, N. S., Dec. 28, by Rev. J. Freeman Chas. A. Prosser to Winifred Sims.
Centreville N. B., Dec. 23, by Rev. J. A. Cahall, William Lindsay to Amy C. London.
Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22, by Rev. A. Scott, N. C. Foulis to Annie D. Kilian of N. S.
Fort Lawrence, Dec. 10, by Rev. W. H. Evans, William A. Fuller to Gertrude Smith.
Key Settlement N. B., Dec. 23, by Rev. H. Saunders, John A. Jones to Anna L. Smith.
Mill Village, Dec. 15, by Rev. Jas. Lumsden, Frederick W. Lockton to Madeline J. Lays.
Upper Point de Sute, Dec. 31, by Rev. T. L. Williams, Albert J. Duffy to Winnie D. Dixon.
Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 6, by Rev. J. V. Garson, George Lee, Jr. to Anna Babbitt all of Fredericton.

DIED.
Yarmouth, Jan. 3, Eben Ellis, 45.
St. John, Jan. 6, Ross Selfridge, 81.
Chatham, Dec. 28, James Carter, 61.
Truro, Dec. 31, Cornelius Driscoll, 57.
Halifax, Jan. 1, Michael Hopkins, 53.
New York, Jan. 10, William C. Rivison.
Baton, Jan. 2, Mrs. Mary McKee, 10.
St. John, Jan. 1, Anson Ingersoll, 82.
Dartmouth, Jan. 4, John T. Walker, 68.
Yarmouth, Dec. 31, John Churchill, 77.
Tusket, N. S., Jan. 4, Thomas Kirby, 54.
Victoria, B. C. Dec. 19, J. S. Bennett, 61.
Truro, Dec. 29, Frank J. McClellery, 13.
Marshallton, Jan. 3, Stephen Marshall, 84.
Bedford N. S., Jan. 4, Robert Mingo, 55.
West Deerfield, Dec. 20, Rev. C. D. Tarner.
Fredericton, Dec. 23, Mrs. Phoebe Crocker, 90.
Fredericton, Dec. 23, Mrs. D. Ann McQuarrie, 68.
Bridgetown, Dec. 24, Rev. Asa Cogswell, 77.
Halifax, Jan. 2, Mary, widow of Andrew Gray, 86.
Upper Stewiacke, Dec. 13, Margaret M. Lawson, 68.
Chicago, Jan. 2, Jas. Saunders formerly of St. John.
Long Beach, N. B., Jan. 6, Willat A. Williams, J. P.
Little River N. B., Dec. 25, William McDougall.
Hardwood Hill, U. S. Dec. 25, Alexander McKay, 75.
Milltown, N. B., Dec. 24, Mrs. Fannie G. Waycott, 78.
Guys River, N. S., Dec. 27, Mrs. James Benjamin.
Jemseg, N. B., Dec. 10, G. Wallace Van Burkirk, 72.
Halifax, Jan. 3, Mary, widow of William Curran, 63.
New York, Dec. 20, James B. Howell of Halifax, 61.
Truro, Jan. 5, Rebecca, widow of George Roomer, 81.
River John, Dec. 18, Nancy, widow of George Gordon, 92.
Halifax, Jan. 3, James, son of Jesse and Margaret Noonan, 2.
Grand Harbor, Jan. 1, Jennie, wife of Sanford Brown, 33.
Folly Mountain, Jan. 2, Isabella, wife of Alex. Fleming, 57.
St. John, Jan. 6, Margaret child of Richard and May Isaacs.
LaHave Bank, Dec. 15, by drowning Daniel E. Lockwood, 25.
Amherst, Jan. 2, Eleanor M. C. daughter of H. Lockwood, 18.
Windsor, Dec. 25, Clara, child of Mr. and Mrs. Fen on Harris.
Halifax, Jan. 4, Jean, daughter of James P. and Sarah W. Fenon, 14.
Boston, Jan. 1, Alexander, son of Henry and Rebecca Salter, 23.
Halifax, Jan. 1, Sylvester J., child of Thomas and Mary Byrnes, 10.
Halifax, Jan. 3, Fannie, child of Catherine and John H. Power, 9.
Summer Hill N. B., Dec. 25, Mary widow of William Hawshaw 55.
Halifax, Dec. 31, Vincent, son of Ed. W. and Catherine Foley, 1.
Windsor, Dec. 25, William H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Poole, 3 months.
Charlottetown, Jan. 1, Lucretia J. S. widow of Hon. Cass. Young, 79.
Devon Settlement N. S., Dec. 18, Percy B., child of Hugh and Ellen Lightie, 5.
Parrsboro, Dec. 25, Maggie E., child of Thomas and Annie Livingstone, 2 months.
Lowell Mass., Dec. 30, Florence M., only daughter of Ezekiel and Maggie Stevens, 17.

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