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Banditry the High-way to Success.

It was as a bandit that Chang Tso-ling rose to his present height. Of his earlier career little definite is known, but the legend goes that as a young boy he was kidnapped from a good family by bandits and taken to Manchuria. Having grown up among bandits, he became one himself and by courage and resourcefulness made himself leader of his band. After the manner of primitive conquerors he subdued other bands, consolidated them under his leadership and emerged as a sort of brigand-emperor of the Manchurian provinces. He was then eligible for statesmanship and entitled to recognition by the government.

Custom has prescribed a conventional solution to the problem of brigandage in China. When a brigand has gone beyond the orthodox limits in the terrorization of the region in which he operates, the government sets out to "suppress" him. It does so, in the usual way, by bargaining. Troops are moved, though not too close, and negotiations are opened with the bandit leader. He offers to go the way of good citizenship in exchange for an appointment as governor of a province. The government offers to make him a general. They compromise on his appointment as brigand commander with a station and ride for the plucking. When negotiations have been satisfactorily consummated, the government troops are brought up. They launch an attack on the bandits, fire into the air for a few minutes and then withdraw. Official proclamation is made: the bandits have been dispersed and order restored. And the former bandit chieftain finds that "squeeze" is far more profitable than robbery—and much less hazardous. Such is the history of not a few of the out-

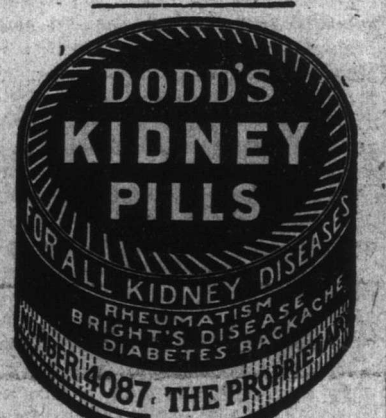
standing notables in contemporary Chinese public life.

Such is Chang Tso-ling's history. Now he is governor of the Manchurian provinces, an empire in themselves. He commands an army of nearly 200,000 men, whom he uses as the spirit moves, regardless of the fact that their pay comes from the national treasury, or at least from the provincial taxes, and by virtue of his armed strength and of his strategic position on the Peking-Mukden Railway, he maintains his hold on the government of China—for the time.

Deserting the Country.

YOUNG MEN SEEK LIVING ABROAD

Soon, if the present exodus of young men continues, many sections of the various electoral districts will answer to the name of "The Deserted Village." By the Rosalind yesterday, 200 young men left the country. On the sailing previous to this one, there were 250 second class passengers, and what of the hundreds who have gone across country? Not only are the ordinary toilers going, but men experienced in various trades have gone to seek the means of livelihood abroad.



Brown is favored for formal day-time frocks.

"Heather Frae" Scotland.

(Contributed.)
INVISIBLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE.

First Scot—"That sort o' minister has ye gotten, Geordie?"

Second Scot—"Oh, weel, he's no muckle worth. We seldom get a glint o' him." "Six days o' th' week he's en-vee-ble, and on the seventh he's en-comprehens-ible."

A COMFORTABLE PREACHER.

One Sunday, as a certain Scottish minister was returning homewards, he was accosted by an old woman who said, "Oh, sir, well do I like the day when you preach!" The minister was aware that he was not very popular, and he answered: "My good woman, I am glad to hear it. There are too few like you. And why do you like when I preach?" "Oh, sir," she replied, "when you preach I always get a good seat!"

THE PARSON AND HIS "THIRDLY."

A certain Minister had a custom of writing the heads of his discourses on small slips of paper, which he placed on the Bible before him to be used in succession. One day when he was explaining the second head, he got so excited in his discourse, that he caused the ensuing slip to fall over the side of the pulpit, though unperceived by himself. On reaching the end of the second head, he looked down for the third slip. But alas! it was not to be found. "Thirldy," he cried, looking around him with great anxiety. After a little pause "thirldy," again he exclaimed; but still no thirldy appeared. "Thirldy, I say, my brethren,"—perceived—the bewildered clergyman; but not another word could he utter. At this point, while the congregation were partly sympathizing, and partly rejoicing at this decisive instance of the impropriety of using notes in preaching—which has always been an unpopular thing in Scotland, an old woman rose up and thus addressed the preacher: "If I'm no mista'en, sir, I saw thirldy flee out at the east window, a quarter of an hour syne."

PROVING A MOUTHFUL FOR THE COW.

Old Magie Dee had fully her share of Scotch prudence and economy. One bonnet had served her turn for upwards of a dozen years, and some young ladies who lived in the neighborhood, in offering to make and present her with a new one, asked whether she would prefer silk or straw as material. "Weel, me lassies," said Magie, after mature deliberation, "since ye insist on givin' me a new bonnet, I think I'll tak' a straw ane; it will, maybe just be mon'fu to the Coo when I'm through wi't."

THE OLD SCOTTISH BEADLE.

"I'm getting auld an' fraill noo, Jamie," said a timorous and "pernick-ity" old lady one day to this same functionary: "there's a sarpence to ye to buy snuff, an' if I sud be ta'en awa' afore I see ye again, Jamie, ye'll mind an' lay me in our wastmost lair." "A-right," said Jamie, "but there may be ither I the family that would like the wastmost lair as weel as you, so to save disappointment, ye'd better hurry up an' tak' possession."

The late Rev. Mr. Barty, of Ruthven, was a man brimful of humour, and many good stories are told of him. A vacancy having occurred in the office of gravedigger, one Peter Hardie, made application for the appointment. The parish is small, consisting of five farms, the rate per head having been duly fixed, the Minister and Peter had just about closed the bargain, when Peter, with an eye to self-interest, said: "But am I to get steady work?" "Keep's at Peter," answered Mr. Barty, "wi' steady work ye wad bury the parish in a fortnicht!"

But the beadle sometimes meets with folks as inhumanly practical as himself.

"What's the pay, John?" asked a scrubby farmer of the sexton of Kilwinning, as the finishing touches were being given to the sod on the grave of the farmer's wife.

"Five shillin's," said John. "Five shillin's for that sma' job, it's oot o' a reason, ye're weel pay'd wi' half-a-croon."

"She's down seven feet," said John, "an' I've tell'd ye my charge."

"I dinna want to quarrel wi' ye here

the day, John," said the farmer, grumpy, "so there's four shillin's, but I winna g'e ye a farthin' mair!"

"See here," said John, holding the money on the palm of his left hand just as he had received it, whilst he seized the handle of the spade in a business like way with the other, "doon wi' the fther shillin', or up she comes!"

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love has been described in rural phraseology as "a yenkiness o' the heart that the hand canna claw."

HUMOURS OF RURAL LIFE.

Dr. Guthrie says "our ancestors might have been too scrupulous. I don't say they did not fall into glaring inconsistencies" in connection with Sabbath observance, and tells a story of his going to preach for a clerical friend in Rosshire. Before retiring to rest on Saturday night he asked his friend if he could get warm water in the morning to shave with. "Wheest! wheest!" returned his host, "Speak of shaving on the Lord's day in Rosshire, and you need never preach here again." And yet at the same time, in

the same locality, a little warm water and whiskey would have been supplied on the self-same morning, with question, being regarded as a work of necessity and mercy.

It was a country lass who defined it as "just an unco fykeness i' the mind." It is very often, alas! nothing more. Another declared that unsalted porridge—"werah parritch"—"just tasted like a kiss frae a body ye dinna like." It was a country wife who said to Dr. Chalmers, in answer to the question if she knew what was meant by believing, "Oo, ny, it's just lippen, sir."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—The Council met at 4 p.m. yesterday and adjourned immediately until Tuesday next. There was only one Bill on the Order Paper and this was deferred. The House meets on Tuesday at 3.15 p.m. when his Excellency will give his assent to a number of bills.

The T. A. & B. S. Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Card Party and Dance on Tuesday, June 6th. Tickets 50c. Empire Band in attendance.—may31.5t

Umbrella Notions.

The umbrella of the moment is tall, if the handle is to be large and imposing looking, one of those elaborately carved ivory scabbards that are so fashionable, or a long sword-shaped one set with gleaming metal or lightly tinted in parts.

It is short, on the contrary, if something more modest looking be chosen, such as a small handle of blonde or dark tortoise-shell highly polished, or fashioned quaintly into a woman's head, or twin heads.

There are many varieties of the tortoise-shell handle, but for town wear the crook is not so popular now as the straight handle. The crook is reserved for the middle-aged and elderly, who like to feel that they can hang their umbrellas over their arms. The smart and youthful prefer the newer models, and like the tinted and natural rhinoceros horn handles, now so fashionable.

Neatness in umbrellas is essential this autumn, and very attractive are the dark blue and nigger brown colours of the latest silk covers and the elegant "framework" they adorn. There is a revival again of the anti-

mal-handle. They are generally made of wood or composition, which lends itself to realistic colouring, and quite startling are some of the representations of reptiles and other fearsome creatures.

Concert Broadcasted.

MUSICAL COMEDY ARTISTES SING OVER RADIOPHONE.

Misses Helene Violette and Karolyi Nelson, of the Manhattan Musical Comedy Co., sang at a special radio concert held yesterday in the Marconi Co.'s offices, Water Street. The voices were heard quite clearly at Cape Race and the operators there expressed their thanks for such a pleasant entertainment. Both Miss Violette and Miss Nelson possess excellent voices and the former is also an experienced and charming dancer. Miss Nelson is appearing on the stage for the first time. Both ladies are talented additions to a very talented company.

Very few all-black gowns are seen. Pastel colors are returning for evening.

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Black Silk Hose, 50c. pair.

Assorted colors Silk, Navy, Fawn, Grey and Taupe, etc., 65c. pair.

Brown Silk, 75c. pair.

Grey, Navy and White, 90c. pr.

Heather Silk Hose, 90c. pair.



BLOUSES.

White Voile and Organdie, pretty styles, all neatly embroidered, \$1.10, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 3.50.

Fancy Striped Voile Blouses, White Organdie Collars; wonderful values, \$1.55.

Crepe de Chene Blouses in Smock style; all charming styles in Sand, Cream, Henna, Sapphire, \$5.75.

White Embroidered Under-skirts, \$1.35, \$1.55.

Pink Nainsook Nightgowns, very daintily trimmed with lace and ribbon, \$1.80 and \$2.25.

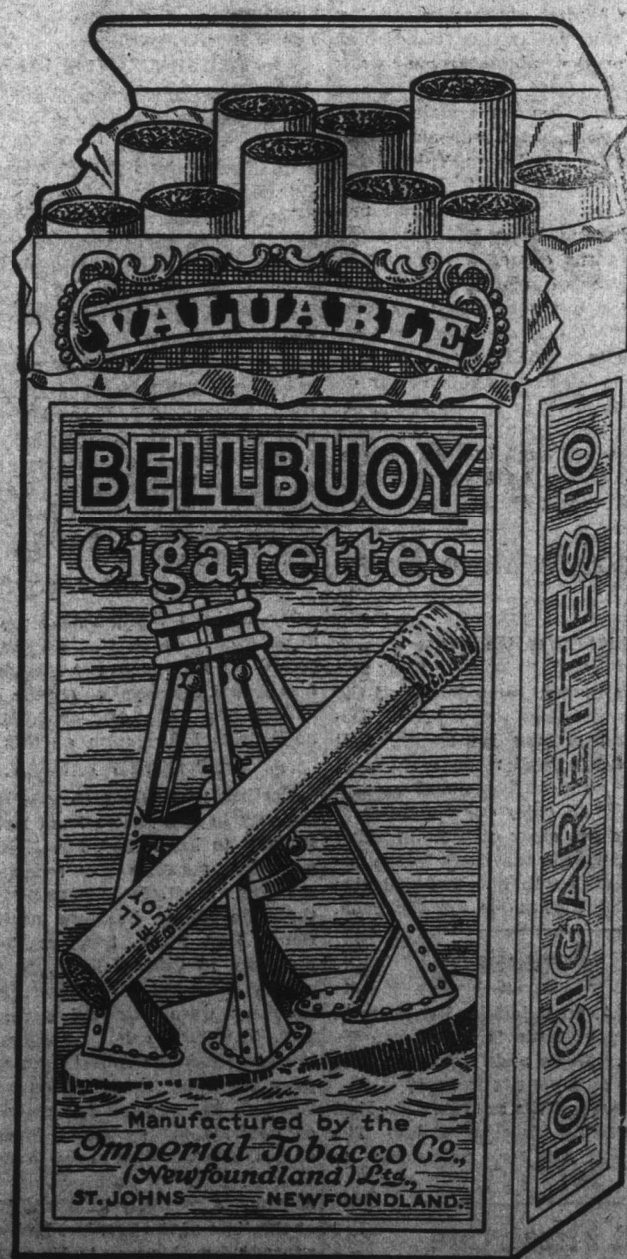
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