

Baptizing a Chinese Baby.

There is a pretty baby in Chinatown who enjoys the proud distinction of having been baptized in a purple velvet brocaded dress imported from Paris. Her name is Suey Mey Lau. The baptismal name, Suey Mey means crystal. She is the daughter of Tom Yin Kim Lau, a well known dealer in Chinese and Japanese curios. The little one is ten months old. Her handsome costume, although of expensive European material, was made up in the Chinese conventional style for babies, that is, with loose blouse and wide trousers.

Little Suey Mey was baptised on Sunday in the Chinese Methodist mission by the Rev. F. J. Masters, pastor of the church of which Suey Mey's parents are members. She has one sister, eight years old, who was baptised some time ago. The number of Chinese babies who have been christened in a style similar to white babies is surprisingly large.

Chinese mothers who have adopted the Christian faith carry their babies to church as early as possible, and Chinese parents often take their children with them to the communion table just as soon as the little ones are old enough to be taught. They are beautifully dressed, often in rich silks, and the infant class in the Chinese Sunday school looks literally like a convention or oriental dolls in all the colors of the rainbow.

The Alcotts' Romance.

Here is a romantic anecdote about Louisa Alcott's father and mother. As a young man, Mr. Alcott, so the story goes, was amanuensis or secretary to Mrs. Alcott's father. The two young people met often and naturally fell in love with each other. Mr. Alcott's social position and prospects being somewhat uncertain at that time, he did not feel justified in asking this well-born and talented young woman to marry him. He finally gave up his position and they parted with no confessions on either side. It was agreed, however, that each should keep a journal, and that these journals should be exchanged once in so often. Thus matters went on for some time; he, unwilling to ask so much and offer so little; she, willing to give all and chafing under a woman's necessity of keeping silent. At length, one day, while reading the journal he had sent her, she came across a few sentences in which he hinted at his love and unhappiness, and wondered at what she would say if he should ever presume to ask her hand in marriage. The moment was a critical one, but Mrs. Alcott was equal to it. Seizing a pen, quickly and clearly she wrote underneath: "Supposing you ask her and find out!" It is said that the journal is still preserved in the Alcott family.

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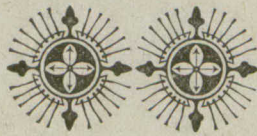
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BINGO.—"Why, what's the matter with it, Uncle?"

UNCLE EBONY.—"It's a little off color. sah. You see, she's done got to go in mournin', sah, on account ob her firs' husban'."

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YOUNG HUNKER.—"Miss Flypp, allow me to offer myself."

ANGELINA (of Boston)—"Now, Augustus, since we're engaged to be married, I wish to inquire if you believe in the practice of osculation."

AUGUSTUS.—"Well—er—not—a"

ANGELINA.—"Oh! I'm very much pleased that you do not—it's so very plebeian."

Carl Pretzel's Philosophy.

A misfit of a minnoot may bring mit it der sorrow of a corn for a week.

Don'd exclaim "I got me plandy brains" unless you show 'em a trust deed about it.

Dot's besser you don'd told an editor how to run his sheet of paper. He pooty quick finds it out by his own self.

Inklits—"Why do you think the short story is popular?" De Kicque (who doesn't like fiction)—"Because it isn't long."

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YOUNG LADY (frankly). "I know you are very famous, Mr. Greatname; but although I have read a number of your articles, I did not like them one bit."

MR. GREATNAME (literary lion). "Of course you didn't like them, my dear young lady. How could you? They were not written to please the public."

YOUNG LADY. "Not written to please the public?"

MR. GREATNAME. "No, indeed. They were written to please the magazine editors."

PRIZE COMPETITION.

THE BATTLE OF _____ (?)

One of the most remarkable and terrible ever fought. The army of the general whose previous successes had terrified Europe was posted along the ascent with Hougoumont, and the general himself had taken up his stand in a farm house called the "Belle Alliance." The opposing forces were extended over an elevation in the Charleroi Road about two miles from the little village in Belgium which gave its name to the battle. Each commander was thus able to command a view of the whole field. The first general with better equipped and better drilled troops and unable to see the reserve force of the other was over confident. The second commander, supported by the brave old Prussian marshal, divided his troops into two lines and awaited the beginning of the battle. It was between eleven and twelve o'clock on Sunday the 18th of June, 1815, that the actual engagement began. The action opened with a brisk cannonade on the house and wood of Hougoumont which were held by the troops of Nassau. The contest continued here all day with terrible fury, but without being able to expel the who, although the building had been set on fire, maintained their post amid the flames. Frightful slaughter and great loss ensued. Terrific and resolute attacks were made by the cavalry on the centre, and at six in the evening the allied army had lost ten thousand men. Their opponents had suffered still more severely losing fifteen thousand soldiers. Then the great general on seeing the sweep the old guards before them exclaimed:

"All is lost for the present," and rode from the field. The battle was over.

QUESTIONS:—1st. Name the battle referred to in above description 2nd. What two nations were principally interested? 3rd. Give names of two principal commanders. 4th. Did defeated commander ever regain his position? 5th. Where did he die?

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