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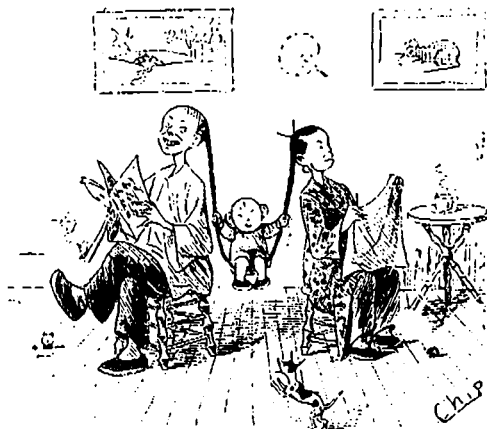


his princely hospitality to the boys of his pencil. Poor little chaps, they really deserve some recognition—they are very useful throughout the year. Mr. GRIP doesn't know, indeed, what he would do without them! May they all, and everybody else, see many a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

THE IGNORED STOCKING.—The Fishery Commission at Washington has adjourned over the holidays. Just what caused the sudden suspension of their labors seems to be unknown to the outside world. One thing, however, is clear, that there is as yet "nothing in it," for either of the parties to the Conference.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.—"Peace on earth and good will toward men!" is the angelic message which just now echoes throughout the world, and the nations of Europe illustrate the sentiment by brushing up their armaments and glaring at each other across their narrow borders. On this side of the Atlantic President Cleveland probably wiles away his Christmas Day in reading over the Retaliation Bill. A nice state of affairs, surely, for the last quarter of the nineteenth century of the Christian era!

THE ONLY PRICE OF OUR FISHERIES.—It is reported that the adjournment of the Fishery Commission was brought about by Sir Charles Tupper, who wished to have an opportunity of consulting his colleagues upon a most vital point. The story goes that Mr. Chamberlain had agreed to a settlement of the question, which practically amounted to a surrender of the Canadian fisheries—the so-called *quid pro quo* offered by the American representatives being far from an equivalent. If these are the facts we are very glad that Sir Charles balked in good time, and we trust that his colleagues will distinctly instruct him that nothing short of unrestricted Reciprocity will be accepted by Canada as a price for our fisheries. Less than this will be a surrender which, in the words of the Committee of Council laid before the Government last February, "will certainly be visited with condign punishment upon those guilty of such a serious breach of trust." The Americans will not make a fair money payment for fishing privileges, nor will they agree to Reciprocity of natural products only, but it is probable that they would agree to the best thing of all—Commercial Union. Let us, at all events, ask for it.



HOME LIFE IN CHINA.

—N. Y. Life.

CLEVER SAYINGS OF CHILDREN.

AN enterprising Boston paper has conceived the idea of publishing, in its Sunday issue, the bright sayings of children. It requests fond parents each to send in one or more of the latest *mots* of their darlings. This is what we may expect:

"Johnny is a bright little darling, two and a half years old. The other morning he came down stairs, and to the surprise and delight of all said, 'See Johnny's new toos.' The dear little fellow meant the new shoes which his papa had given him."

"We have always considered Edith a particularly clever child. I do not know that it was so much from what she said as the real cute and cunning way she said it. But she got off a very bright thing at supper last evening. There was a lull in the conversation when she looked up and said, 'Baby like tugar.' The dear little angel of course meant sugar. Wasn't it clever, Mr. Editor? I thought you'd like to have it for your Sunday column. I don't expect to see many brighter sayings there."

MONOPOLY is an all-absorbing topic.