

extending up the sides of the mountains as far as prudence sanctions, ornament the rear of the city. The streets are wide and well filled with Chinamen, among whom are intermingled people from every quarter of the globe. Some of the gay scarfs and variegated turbans of the Hindoos, as contrasted with the bare shoulders of the natives of the country, add much to the novelty of the picture. The buildings of the tradesmen are of wood, two stories high, the lower part being entirely open and in design reminding one of butchers' stalls. At night closely fitting shutters are put up. The rent of these places being high, if the lessee is not in good circumstances he frequently invites within his narrow limits two or three other tradesmen of different pursuits, who carry on their business independently of each other, but contribute an equal proportion towards the payment of the rent. A portrait painter, a tailor, and a shoemaker form a trio: a copper-smith, a tin-smith and an umbrella maker also affiliate; a hatter and a watchmaker, a haberdasher and a vender of ivory curiosities, and others of equally opposite pursuits are seen working together. As many workmen are required to enable their masters to fulfil their engagements, all of whom are huddled together in this single room, which answers the purposes of workhouse, warehouse and shop: their numbers disincline a customer to go beyond the threshold, but he has such articles brought to the door as he desires to examine with the view of making a purchase.

Between the southern limits of the city and the Barracks, is a large public reserve of several acres which is much frequented by idle Chinamen, who resort thither to while away the day by gambling and sleeping. Peripatetic barbers and itinerant pastry cooks, migratory venders of medicine, and wandering booksellers, strolling fruiterers and roving conjurers, fill up the interval, and the unnatural sounds which some of them bellow forth in recommendation of their articles strike harshly on the ear of the foreigner. Passing along the general thoroughfare will be seen groups of Chinamen, some wearing long blue gowns reaching down to their feet and exhibiting from below a pair of dark cloth shoes, with paper soles of an inch in thickness. One hand is uplifted and holds between the sun and the head of the Chinaman, an open fan or out-spreading umbrella, while the other is engaged in twirling and lashing against his sides, the celebrated queue which is dearer than life itself. The hair is shaven off the head excepting on the crown, from which it is allowed to grow as long as nature will permit it, but the Chinaman above the order of coolies, (which are the lowest and most degraded class in