

some fish chow-chow, some puppy chow-chow, some rat chow-chow,—” You hold up your hand and tell him that that will do, but you will dispense with the dog and rat chow-chow. After being confined on board ship for four months eating salt pork and hard tack, I can assure you that Chinese chow-chow is delicious and am afraid that if a little puppy should by accident be served up, it would not be objected to.

The drinks consist of tea and sam shue. Tea is the universal beverage of China; it is the first drink introduced at the meeting of friends and is used at all their meals. It is generally used without milk or sugar but I have seen the Chinese use both. Tea is not cultivated in the immediate vicinity of Canton but some distance in the interior of the Country. Consequently, I did not see any of the plantations, but saw odd trees growing in Canton. Sam shue is a spirit distilled from rice.

The first articles we bought were manilla hats, for which we were asked a chop dollar each. But when you go shopping in Canton, do as the sailors do in Stratford,—take a pilot, some person who has been there before, and you will just save half your money; or perhaps if you do as the Irishman did with his stove, take two pilots,—you may save it all. Well, we got manilla hats for just half a dollar and a broad black ribbon on them into the bargain. There were five or six of us. After we had paid for