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## GOD'S CARE.

Every little floweret  
Which growing up you see;  
Every pink little shell  
You've gathered from the sea;  
Every little thing that lives,  
In earth or sea or air—  
God has made, and watches over  
With his loving care.

"We could not see the bride, as she was shut up in the closed sedan-chair; and even after her arrival at the house of the bridegroom we could not at first see her face, as she was closely veiled. Just at candle-light a large number of guests had assembled, with their wedding garments on, to join in the festivities, when the sound of fire-crackers and music an-

generally manage such things for them by a 'go-between,' or 'middle-man.'"

## THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

Hark! a voice from Asia stealing;  
Children's voices we discern;  
Voices sweet and full of feeling  
Such as come from hearts that burn:



A WEDDING PROCESSION

A CHINESE WEDDING PROCESSION.

## A WEDDING IN CHINA.

"The bride was brought at candle-light in the bridal chair—a large, beautifully embroidered sedan-chair—borne by four well-dressed bearers. The chair was preceded by men and boys bearing flags and lighted lanterns, although it was still light. Following the chair was a band of musicians composed mostly of boys—all gaily dressed and full of fun. Then came attendants and several porters carrying bedding and household furniture enough to set up housekeeping. This was all provided by the bridegroom a month or two before the happy occasion.

announced the approach of the bride, and many voices exclaimed, 'The bride is coming! the bride is coming!'

"When the chair was put down near the door there was another explosion of fire-crackers and the sound of music. A lot of gilt paper is burned near the door and a small quantity of rice is sprinkled near by the entrance, as emblematic of prosperity. The bridegroom and bride never see each other's faces until the day of their marriage, or, at least, they are supposed not to have met. In many cases they do meet. There is no courting done in China by the young men, as the parents

"Come and teach us:

We are young, and we can learn.

"From our idols, scorned and hated—  
Wooden gods that we could burn—  
Unto Him whose word created  
Heaven and earth we fain would turn.  
Come and teach us;  
We are young, and we can learn.

"We have heard of One who never  
Little children's prayers doth spurn:  
Guide us to His feet, and ever  
Heartfelt thanks will we return.  
Come and teach us;  
We are young, and we can learn."