

GRAFT RULES CHINA.

To Refuse to Accept It Would Create a Big Sensation.

Why can't China build her own railroads, dredge her own canals? She has engineers who are no slouches; she has limitless material and the cheapest of labor.

There are two reasons, sloth, and graft, the outgrowth of sloth.

Try to take one of the little steamers that ply from point to point along the coast of China. "Will the boat leave today at the schedule time?" you ask the agents at the pier. Well, no, probably not till tomorrow, the courteous Chinese tell you. Tomorrow again there is some delay, and you may hang about for a week before you get off in that steamer. How could such methods build a trunk line from Peking to Canton, even if the government could float all the bonds in the world?

Graft, which permeates all China, from the highest official to the poorest coolie, would make it very difficult for a corporation to live. So many would take bites from the melon!

A missionary over here on a visit tells a story of a Chinese boy, educated in a mission school, who nearly upset a whole province by refusing graft. Sent on some expedition for the local government, he was given what in our money would be \$300 for expenses. When he returned he handed in \$50.

"What is this for?" they asked. "I spent only \$250," he explained. There was a great to do, and the governor of the province sent to see this lad, who had done what no man had ever been known to do before. But he was solemnly assured that he must not return that \$50 because it would mortify others who kept all they could get.—Eleanor Booth Simmons in World Outlook.

A MAN WE HAVE FORGOTTEN.

Matthew Fontaine Maury, Who Was a Really Great American.

Every one who has heard of Robert Fulton, certainly every one who has heard of S. F. B. Morse or Cyrus W. Field ought also to have heard of Matthew Fontaine Maury. But that is not the case. For my part, I had never heard of Maury until I went to Virginia. I have asked schoolboys if they have heard of him. None of them has. Yet Maury's scientific researches and accomplishments have had an enormous effect, not only in this country, but throughout the world.

It may be said that Maury laid the foundation for our modern weather bureau and that the science of meteorology began with him. He founded the national nautical observatory and the hydrographic office in Washington and discovered, among other things, the cause of the gulf stream and the existence of that plateau in the north Atlantic ocean which, if I am not mistaken, made possible the laying of the first Atlantic cable. Cyrus W. Field said with reference to this, "Maury furnished the brains, England the money, and I did the work." Further than this, the charts of the north Atlantic which Maury made years ago are today the basis upon which that ocean is navigated by all nations.

I am informed that though he was decorated by many foreign governments, he was never given so much as a cheap little medal by that of the United States, and that his name has not been kept alive by any memorial or other token of his country's gratitude.—Julian Street in Collier's Weekly.

The Cruel Wolf Spider.

One of the most unnatural things in nature, if the expression is allowable, is the manner in which the young of the common wolf spider treat their mother. After the little creature has laid her eggs she envelops them in a silken covering, so as to make a ball about the size of a pea, and this she carries about with her wherever she goes and will defend it with her life. When the young are hatched they climb on her back, giving her a monstrous appearance, and ride about until nearly half grown, and as soon as they discover their strength they fall to and devour their mother.

A Bamboo Forest.

There are few spots imaginable more beautiful than a Japanese bamboo forest. It is the most lovely in color, the most aristocratic and the best behaved forest in the world. It whispers pleasantly and gently, and the severest winds cannot make it angry. The long, slim boles of its trees are useful long after death, for they are made into water pipes, canes, fences, picture frames, vases, fishing rods, roofings, flutes, fans, furniture and poles.

Following the Styles.

"The average woman spends most of her time thinking about what to wear."
"I fear you are mistaken."
"Why so?"
"She spends most of her time thinking about what to wear next."

His Time to Talk

Judge—Have you anything to say before I pronounce sentence upon you? Prisoner—Yes, judge, I certainly have. But it's dinner time. Let's wait until after we've had it. I have quite a reputation as an after dinner speaker.—Yonkers Statesman.

Dangerous Suggestion.

"Talk is cheap."
"Now, look out and don't be talking that way or first thing you know the telephone rates will be going up."—Baltimore American.

When a man sits down and hopes for the best he is apt to get the worst of it.

BRIEF NEWS

Miss Irma Redmond returned last week from a visit to Toronto.

Sergeant Wm. Greenham returned from England having obtained his honorable discharge.

A \$25,000 curling rink is proposed in Kingston.

The publishers of the City Directory gave the population of Toronto as 527,566

Mr. W. B. Phelps, and niece, Miss Lillian Blackburn, of Philippsville, spent Monday in Athens.

Misses Violet Robeson and Edna Whaley spent the weekend at their Private Henry Pips of the 216th (Bantam) Battalion, Toronto is spending his last leave with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, New Dublin were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gifford.

Mr. Heber Pierce and family moved to Glen Buell where he will make cheese this season.

Mr. W. Lorne Steacy has gone to Brockville, where he has secured employment.

Mr. George Rosenbarker, Wight's Corners, has secured employment in Plum Hollow with Mr. Clint Bogart.

Mr. Ferguson P. Moore and Mrs. F. R. Moore were the guests of relatives and friends in Smith Falls on Friday last.

The meeting of the W.C.T.U. which was to be held last night, was postponed on account of the inclement weather, to next Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Gray and family, Roleau Sask., have disposed of their property there, and returned to their farm on the Lyndhurst road.

Rev. Wm. Usher will speak on "What it is to be a Christian" in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Sunday, at 7 p.m.

\$75 buys a fine piano cased organ, in use only a few months. Terms \$5 monthly. C. W. Lindsay Ltd. Brockville.

Dr. Ed Giles and son of Montreal, arrived last week, and went through to Charleston Lake where the former owns the big summer hotel, Cedar Park Inn.

Miss Gray's Spring Millinery opening will be held on Thursday, March 29, and following days. Ladies of Athens and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

Carpenters started work last week repairing the wharves of the C. P. R. wharf at Brockville which was damaged last season by contact with steamers.

Mrs. Mary Rabb, who broke her hip at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Morris, on the Charleston road, is very ill there, little hopes being held out for her recovery.

While cleaning a job press on Thursday, Clarence Gifford, of The Reporter staff, had the tips of two fingers crushed. He will be unable to resume his duties for some little time.

Earl Con. Co. have lumber on the ground for a large addition to their garage. It will extend from the present wing of the company's works to the Egin street front. An air compressor will be installed.

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Perth school board has asked the Perth council for \$37,000 to transform the Perth public school building into a modern and up-to-date building, with new seats, new heating and ventilating system, and proper facilities for teaching in all the rooms.

NOTICE

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OLD NEWSPAPERS

Old newspapers may be obtained at the Reporter Office at 10c a pound. We have some in 25 pound bundles.

New maple syrup was last week sold in small quantities at 30c a quart.

Neilson's Ice Cream, just in. E. C. Tribute.

Mr. John Eaton left today for Winnipeg.

Mr. Frank Whitford is moving to Arch Malvena's farm, Lyndhurst Road.

Mr. William Yates and son Mahlon left this week for Shumacker, New Ontario.

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Miss Anna Hickey was a Sunday visitor in Plum Hollow, a guest of Mrs. Claude Moulton.

Mrs. Fred Scovil was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) W. D. Stevens, Westport.

Mrs. W. G. Towris attended the Easter meeting of the W. M. S. in Prescott.

Mrs. W. H. Mallet, Sharbot Lake, and Mrs. S. E. Gilroy, Smith's Falls, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Arnold.

The Women's Institute recently mailed six well filled pails of good things to Athens boys in the fighting line in France.

Mrs. Harry Vollick and children left Athens last week for Little Falls, N.Y., to join Mr. Vollick and take up residence.

Lieut. Lawrence Webster, who has been taking the Officers Training Course in Artillery at Kingston, is a guest of friends in Athens.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church will hold their annual thank-offering service on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the vestry, instead of Thursday. Mrs. W. W. Henderson, of Ottawa, first vice-president of the Montreal branch, will be present and give an address. Everyone welcome.

The Women's Institute will meet in the Institute room on Saturday March 31st at 8 o'clock. There will be a good programme consisting of music and the topics for the month. All ladies interested in Institute and Red Cross work are cordially invited.

All residents interested in the school fair to be held in Athens this fall are asked to be present so that the matter may be thoroughly discussed.

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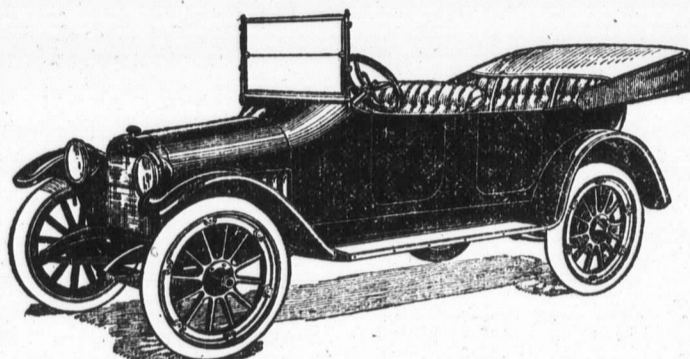
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