



NINE GIRLS OF NEW CHINA

HOW would you like to play in that group?
Beth loves to do so. They have such fun.
She thinks they are just lovely.
They are so bright and quick and winsome,
And all are anxious to learn new games from Canada.
“Why, they look different from the usual Chinese,”
you say.

Yes, these are the girls of the new China.
Their feet have never been bound
And they have gone to school for some time.
There they learn to live healthfully, thoughtfully,
joyously,

So the new life is bursting out all over the land.
In the old days, girls did not “study books.”
They were taught to cook and wash and sweep if poor,
But especially to sew and make embroidery, if rich.
“Why should she learn to read?” people said,
“She can never be an official!”

The old marriage customs, too, were bad.
Often little girls younger than these were betrothed.
Sometimes, the boy died before the marriage,
Then the girl was expected to go to his home