

WOMEN'S HOME AND MAGAZINE PAGE

LONDON GIRL VISITS THEATRE IN SHANGHAI

Sees China's Leading Actor, With \$300 Hair-Dressing Play.

WOMEN BEJEWELLED

Whole Audience Sits and Eats Joyously All Through Performance.

Did you ever picture the Chinese theatre in its own country as a place attended by beautifully-gowned, perfectly-groomed and wonderfully-coiffed Chinese women, ablaze with jewels?

Did you ever in your wildest dreams imagine any one cheerfully paying \$300 a day for hair-dressing?

These are things which a brilliantly-gifted young Canadian-American writer, who has been visiting in Shanghai, China, for several months, Miss Betty D. Thornley of New York, tells about in a letter received Monday by her mother, Mrs. May R. Thornley of this city. The Saturday before writing she had the privilege of attending the leading theatre of Shanghai, when the most noted actor of China, Mei Lan Fan, was playing thanks to the hospitality of a box offered by the rich patient of a clever young Chinese woman doctor, Dr. Phoebe Stone, with whom she has become acquainted during her stay.

In the course of her interesting and amusing description of the theatre, Miss Thornley says: "I hardly think the opera of New York would show any more diamonds than that Shanghai audience. The women positively glittered. Most of them wear orchids in their hair, not arranged in half-moon shape on little

silver frames. These orchids are cream-colored, and smell rather like Easter lilies. They look beautiful against the silky, sleek black hair that has taken some poor anah two hours to do.

"By the way, speaking of hair 'doin', it costs Mei Lan Fan \$300 to have his done every night."

He was recently offered a fabulous sum to go to America, but he thinks we are a barbarous people, and he couldn't get all the comforts of a home, so he won't accept.

His headquarters is Peking, but he also plays in Shanghai and Canton every year, and the people bow down before him, so why should he worry about foreigners? He takes women's parts, and is supposed to be perfectly lovely, and he certainly seemed so to me, only that, to the western mind, there is something upsetting in a pretty man."

Continuing, Miss Thornley tells of his exquisitely graceful dancing and his singing in a high, falsetto voice, like a bird call. "His wife," she adds, "is wildly jealous of his being looked at by other ladies, and has recently taken on the job of doing his \$300 hair."

He is 29, I wonder what he'll do when he grows up. He is an old woman! However, it may not matter after all. Half the actors wear masks. There were six of the most ferocious, ugly fairies from hell, as the Chinese ladies next me called them. Mei Lan Fan was a fairy from heaven, she said.

With regard to the Chinese theatre, "The performance begins at 9 and ends at 1 o'clock. Generally there are three plays the same night. We did not arrive until 10:30 o'clock, and stayed until the conclusion. "Every box in the theatre has a sort of shelf running along in front of it, and in the little tables are placed a tea pot and cup, fruit cakes and melon seeds. The whole audience sits and eats joyously all through the performance. The actors don't mind, though, and every time one of them gets thirsty a stage hand brings him a cup of tea. He pauses, drinks it calmly, and goes on with his part.

"The Chinese stage is certainly strange to our eyes. All the action takes place on a huge rug in the centre. To the left sits the orchestra. Beside and across from it are chairs and benches, where the real enthusiasts pay \$5 to be very uncomfortable during the evening. They can hear every word which anybody else can, owing to the orchestra and the restauranty goings-on."

That Acrobatic Hero!

"The scene shifters stay on the stage at the back all the time. When the hero and robber band go into the latter's castle the scene shifter just sets up a silk curtain and two poles, and the crowd walks through it. When the hero climbs over the city wall at night they bring out the most ornamental tea table and two chairs, one of which goes beside the table and one on top. The hero hops up, stands on his head on the highest chair, turns a graceful somersault, dropping on the other side. The audience understands perfectly he has climbed the wall.

"When the crowd of warriors gallop in on their horses the actors prance in on their own feet, each carrying a most decorative wand with bunches of horse hair on it. The emperor's horse, stealing of which by the robbers forms the whole base of one play, is represented by extra long wand, with extra beautiful bunches of horse hair and a scarlet ribbon.

"When the warriors were supposed to travel on wheelbarrows (the popular means of conveyance) the warriors walked in, preceded by coolies in black, each carrying two yellow flags, held horizontally. On each flag was a conventionalized wheel drawn in red. Really, it is all most interesting, even if you cannot get the whole."

Miss Thornley expects to sail for Canada on Saturday, July 15, and will pay a visit to her mother in London before returning to work in New York. She will be here the latter part of August.

Personals

Mrs. Seeley Smith is the guest of Miss Betts, Kingston.

Miss Minnick is in Chatham, the guest of Miss McNaughton.

Messrs. W. Parker and E. Wallace motored to Goderich for the weekend.

Miss Madeline Green is in Goderich, a guest at the home of Judge Lewis.

Miss Dorothy Thomas of St. Thomas was a visitor in London on Monday.

Miss Mabel Black and Miss Annie Jervis are spending two weeks at Grand Bend.

Miss Isabel Finnegan is enjoying a week's visit with Miss Marian Vansickle, Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Talbot, Sarnia Beach.

Mrs. George Lethbridge, accompanied by her daughter Alice, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Y. Graham, Galt.

Mrs. Joseph Locke of Woodstock has returned home after spending the past month with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Gregg.

Miss Eileen Finnegan has returned home after spending five weeks with her uncle, Dr. B. C. Pikey, Munroville, Ohio.

Miss E. E. Hambly is spending the month of July with friends at Lac Masson, Ste. Marguerite, Quebec, and Montreal.

Miss Isabel Coles returned from Ipperwash Beach Monday after a delightful visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McCrimmon.

Miss Ella Davis was called to Concord, Ontario, some days ago, owing to the death of her mother's sister, Miss Ellison Duncan.

Mrs. W. R. Irwin and Mrs. Leslie Irwin accompanied Mrs. J. B. Rhodes and Mrs. E. Loney of Chatham on a motor trip to Detroit.

Miss Harris goes to Muskoka Saturday next, July 15, to spend a week with Mrs. Hume Cronyn at her summer home "Beaumaris."

Rev. John Richardson and Mrs. Richardson have returned to London after visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richards, Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson returned to Detroit Thursday after a little visit at "Edgemoor," Lambeth, the home of Dr. G. A. Routledge and Mrs. Routledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulhearn of Detroit left for home Saturday after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Mulhearn's sister, Mrs. Noble, 138 Waterloo street, and other friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dennis and sons, Harold and Ernest, and Miss Ida Lackie of this city were weekend guests of Mrs. W. R. Lackie, Mount Royal, Erie Road.

Dr. Jameson of Chicago, with his sister, Mrs. Charles Spettigue, and daughter, Miss Jessie, are guests at the old Spettigue home in Westminster, "Somerset Park."

Miss Beatrice Hutchinson is spending two weeks' vacation at her home, near Woodford. She was accompanied by Miss Lula P. Meadows, who will spend a week with her.

Miss Helen Anderson of Exeter, who is taking the kindergarten course at the Normal School, and Miss Clara McKindley, spent the week-end with friends in Sarnia.

Miss Alberta Verner, her niece, Miss Irene McIntyre, and Miss Lila Bowman have returned home after spending a very enjoyable week with Mrs. A. C. Millward and family, Detroit.

Miss Dorothy Smith of Briscoe street has returned from a most delightful three weeks' vacation with Miss Margaret Steven, at the summer home of the Rev. P. A. and Mrs. Steven, at Ipperwash Beach.

Miss Anita Rumbol entertained at the tea hour on Monday, July 10, in honor of Miss Robena Bryan of Martinez, Cal. Miss Tine Holm presided.

over the tea table and Irl Jenkin and Miss Verna Williams were charming attendants.

Mr. Lawrence Dunston of York street has been spending his vacation with his cousin, Walter H. Dunston, "Willow Farm," near Winona, Minnesota. He was accompanied by his father, who is paying an extended visit to the farm to recruit his health.

Through the generous offer of Mr. Frank Whetter, the Loch Lomond Chapter, I. O. D. E., will be in charge of parking cars on the old Frank property Wednesday during the circus, under the convenship of Mrs. B. J. Dunlevy. The proceeds are to be used in aid of the hospital fund of the chapter.

Many attractive features have been arranged for the garden party to be held Tuesday from 4 to 10 o'clock by the Women's Association of Knox Presbyterian Church, in the beautiful grounds of the home of the president, Mrs. John Stevenson, 103 Elmwood avenue. The garden party was postponed a couple of weeks, owing to the death of a valued member of the Women's Association, Mrs. John Macpherson.

A happy affair of last week was the farewell tea given by the Mission Circle of Wortley Road Baptist Church at the home of Mrs. W. J. Dalgleish, Bellevue avenue, in honor of Mrs. W. H. Shosenberg, who is leaving shortly with her family to live in Halifax. A charming feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a life membership certificate to Mrs. Shosenberg, who has been treasurer of the circle for the past eight years.

The presentation was made by Miss Cameron, and in a short address Mrs. N. S. McKechnie expressed the regret of the circle upon losing such a valuable member.

Weather permitting, London lady golfers are paying a return visit to the Sarnia Ladies' Golf Club Tuesday to play a friendly match in the afternoon. Plans made include a trip down by motor, returning the same evening, the match to take place in the afternoon, following luncheon.

In addition to the eight players, Mrs. George Belton, who has recently returned from abroad, kindly offered to drive down "because," as an expert motorist and excellent golfer of the team expressed it, "you cannot drive a car that distance and play a match the same day."

The members of the London team are: Mesdames Ronald Harris, Marshall Graydon, Frank Spry, G. Q. Warner, W. G. Webster, J. Wishart, Donald McLean. A visit will be paid to Brantford on Monday, 17th, and it is hoped to have a return visit to the Woodstock Ladies' Golf Club shortly.

FIRE DESTROYS STORES OF PULP AT QUEBEC MILL

Loss Estimated at \$1,000,000 in Chicoutimi Blaze.

CHICOUTIMI, Que., July 10.—Fire, which raged all Saturday morning and until late Sunday night and smouldered until late today, has destroyed a huge store of "mechanical pulp" in the yards of the Chicoutimi Pulp Company, Port Alfred, entailing a loss estimated by officials of the company at \$1,000,000.

Forty thousand tons of pulp were destroyed. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The fire was discovered at 10:30 Saturday morning, and a strong wind fanned the flames until there was no hope of extinguishing them. Staff fight saved the sawmill belonging to the company, as well as a warehouse holding some 8,000 tons of sulphite pulp. The destroyed plant had a large producing capacity, an average of 900 tons of pulp being prepared there daily.

FOREST FIRES IN WEST STILL RAGE

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., July 10.—The forest fire situation in the northern and central districts of British Columbia continues serious, according to E. C. Manning, district forester, who has returned here from the interior.

The fires are widespread, he states, although to date but little marketable timber has suffered. A gang of men is busy on the west shore of Babine Lake trying to save a large stand of timber. In the Terrace Lake area there are many fires, but these are not serious, and are under control, according to Mr. Manning.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

WHO IS HOPEFUL SYLVIA?

Dear Miss Grey—Just saw in tonight's paper where English Buttercup No. 2 wanted my address. I sent it in long ago, I wrote, but will inclose it again this time. Would you please send me Hope's address, also Hopeful Sylvia.

I am so busy that I haven't much time to write, but thought I'd answer that right away. Must close and do my dishes. Best wishes.

A BUSY YOUNG MOTHER.

Hope's address has been forwarded to you, but Hopeful Sylvia is not on our family list. Many thanks for sending in your address again.

WANTS H. T.'S ADDRESS.

Am sending for Mrs. H. T.'s address, who so kindly offers patches for Sonny's trundle bed. Also please send me Jonquil's address. I got these addresses, as I sent stamped envelope when I wrote to have on file if anybody offered patches. Will inclose nickel, as I have no stamps, and am a long way from town.

X. Y. Z.

Mrs. H. T.'s address is not on file, but if she sees your letter, I am sure she will send it in for you. Jonquil's has been forwarded to you.

OFFERS PETUNIA SLIPS.

Dear Cynthia Grey—I saw where a Newcomer wanted some double petunia slips. I could supply her with three kinds, pure white, pure pink and purple and white mixed. So if you will send me her address in inclose, I will send them to her. As ever,

ARABELLA.

I forwarded Newcomer's address to you, Arabella, and many thanks for offering to send the slips to her.

WANT HENSTOLAY 365 EGGS YEARLY

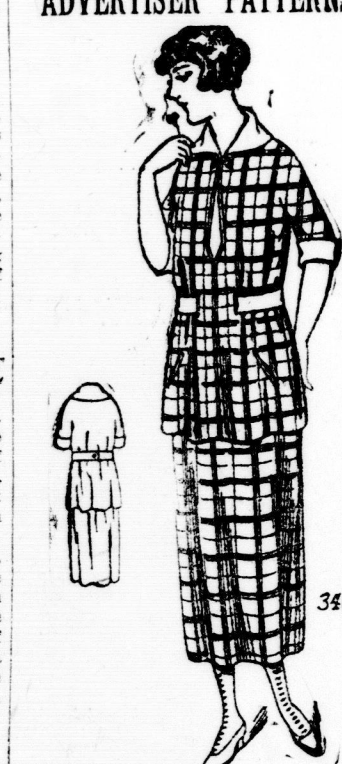
OTTAWA, July 10.—A Canadian hen which will lay 365 eggs per year is the aim which Dr. J. S. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture, placed before a largely-attended poultrymen's meeting here Saturday.

Already Canada had produced hens which could lay 325 eggs in the twelve months' period, he pointed out. Dr. Grisdale declared that housewives were becoming more and more discriminating in buying eggs, hence the need for better grading laws, which would shortly be enacted.

HEAR FORCES OF DR. SUN DEFEATED

PEKING, July 10.—United States naval advisers received here state that the forces of Sun Yat Sen, deposed president of South China, were defeated in a battle fought July 9 at Whampoa, near Canton, and that Dr. Sun escaped down the river to wards the sea with three cruisers still remaining loyal to him.

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