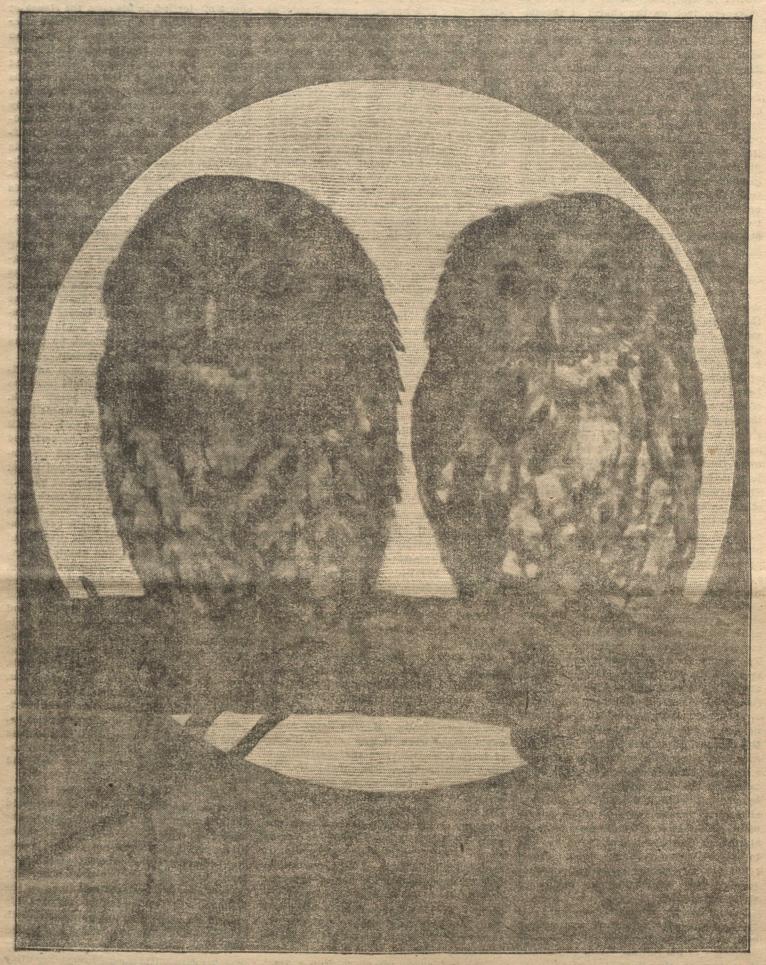
**BOYS AND GIRLS



STUDIES FROM LIFE AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS: NO. XXIII.-TAWNY OWLS. By Lascelles & Co., 13, Fitzroy Street, in 'Illustrated London News.'

The tawny owl is an inhabitant of the woods, and nests in holes of trees, as a rule; whereas its cousin, the barn-owl, is more civilized, and follows man as he clears the forest and builds his log cabin, with its accompanying mice and rats.

Tsui Ching's Great Idea terian Banner.') PART I.

early December in North China is like few ber, mark the transition from fall to win-(By Theodora Marshall Inglis, in Presbyother seasons the world over. There is ter. in colder climates perhaps, but it is balmy, mystical and delightful, nevertheless; few

On this day, as on many preceding, the air was mild and clear; not the faintest breeze lifted the ever-ready dust in the Surely nothing in the atmosphere led storms, rarer snows, only the silent change court-yards or stirred among the faded Tsui Ching into his questionable line of of foliage; the loosening petals of the rose oaks and evergreens. Outside the great thought. It was early in December, but clinging to its branch until late in Novem- Au Ting Gate and off the travelled roads