

which causes death of some one on whose house it drops. The banging of the panels and doors is to hurry it on its way. One moonlight night I discovered that this dreaded monster was a flock of wild geese flying overhead at a great height; but I failed to convince the Chinese that what they



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so much dreaded was nothing more dreadful than a flock of harmless wild geese.

"The Chinese are firm believers in ghosts, and haunted houses, with their blood curdling stories, are staple conversation in the tea shops. These stories are told with