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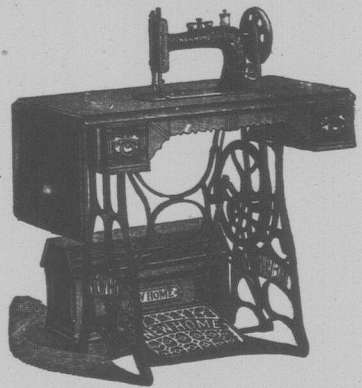
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31.

The Poet and His Hair.

He stood upon the bridge of sighs, Fast by the vale of tears, And with prophetic vision scanned The swift approaching years.

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Love-making in China must be a very peculiar process, to say the least. Some curious specimens of letters have come to light regarding the marriage of the son of an ancient family of "Tan" and a daughter of the equally old and respectable house of "O."

The following is a literal translation of the proposal of the young man: "The ashamed younger brother, surnamed Tan, named Su, with washed head, makes obeisance and writes this letter to the greatly virtuous and humble gentleman whose surname is O, old teacher, great man, and presents it at the foot of the gallery (at this season of the year); the satin curtains are enveloped in mist, reflecting the beauty of the river and hills, in the fields of the blue gem are planted willows, close together, arranging and diffusing the commencement of genial influences, and, consequently, adding to the good of the old year. I duly reverence your lofty door. The guest of the State country descends from a good stock, the origin of the female of the Hai country likewise (is so too). You have received their transforming influence, resembling the great effects produced by rain, much more you, my honorable nearly related uncle, your good qualities are of a very rare order. I, the mean one, am ashamed of myself, just as rotten wood is in the presence of aromatic herbs. I now receive your indulgence, inasmuch as you have listened to the words of the match-maker, and given Miss Si in marriage to the mean one's eldest son, named Kang, your assenting to it with more to me than a thousand pieces of gold. The marriage business will be conducted according to the six rules of propriety, and I will reverently announce the business to my ancestors, with presents of gems and silks. I will arrange the things arranged in your baskets, so that all who tread the threshold of my door may enjoy them. From this time forward the two surnames will be united and I trust the union will be a felicitous one, and last for a hundred years and realize the delight experienced by the union of the two countries Chin and Chin. I hope that your honorable benevolence and consideration will defend me unceasingly. At present the dragon flies in Sin Hai lake the first month, every day, I, Mr. Su, bow respectfully. Light before."

At this decision of the essential oil of modesty the young Miss O's face looked white, so he responded in a state of still more profoundly polite humility.

"The younger brother, surnamed O names Tu of the family to be related by marriage, his head clean, knocks his head and bows, and writes this marriage letter in reply to the married and virtuous gentleman named Tan the venerable teacher and great man who manages this business. At this season the heart of the plum blossom is exceedingly white; at the beginning of the first month it opens its petals. The eyebrows of the willow shoot out their green, when shaken by the wind it displays its glory, and grows luxuriantly into five generations. This matter of congratulations the union of 100 years. I reverence your lofty gate. The prognostic is like green willow and a feeble plant and is not worthy of becoming the subject of verse. Now I reverently bow to your good words, and make use of them to display your good breeding. Now I hope your honorable benevolence will always remember me without end. Now the dragon flies in the Sin Hai lake, first month, lucky day. Mr. Tu makes obeisance. May the future be prosperous."

The modesty of the old gentleman is so painful that we are almost afraid to guess what may have been the feelings of Master Tan and Miss O.

The letters themselves are as remarkable for external glitter as for internal value. Each of them is about the size of a ledger, and consists of a rich frame, composed of something like papier mache, inside of which is artistically folded a scroll of richly tinted vellum paper, so interwoven with the golden letters that convey the words of love and modesty. The outer surface is likewise embellished with a quantity of raised work representing robes of honor, titles of distinction, the smallest of all small shoes peacock's feathers, and a variety of other equally tasteful designs, which are supposed to be emblematic of the accession to the wealth and honor of both contracting houses, that may be expected to flow from the union of the gallant Su Tan, junior, and the accomplished Miss Tu O.

ABOUT MADAGASCAR.

How Ranavalona III was Raised from Poverty to Throne.

Madagascar, which has given rise to so much excitement in Europe, and which appears destined to lead to a dangerous controversy between France and England, is the third largest island in the world, and is situated to the east of the African continent, from which it is separated by the Mozambique Channel. The population numbers between 400,000,000 and 500,000,000 divided into numerous tribes, the governing one of which is the Hova, inhabiting a province of the central highlands, called Imerina.

The island was discovered in 1506 by the Portuguese, who named it St. Lawrence. The French have coveted it ever since 1642, when a company called the Societe de l'Orient was formed under the patronage of Cardinal Richelieu, with the object of colonizing it; but all attempts at conquest have been unsuccessful.

By the treaty of Paris (1814) a number of French settlements on the east coast became British, as dependencies of Mauritius, then ceded, and to these were added in 1815 a portion of the northeast coast, including Port Louis and Diego Suarez. In 1816 diplomatic and commercial relations were entered into between Great Britain and Radama I, King of the Hova, who was acknowledged as sovereign of the whole island. By the treaty included between the British and Malagasy in 1865 the same title of supremacy was accorded to Queen Rasoherina, and by the French-Malagasy treaty of 1868 to her successor, Ranavalona II.

By the treaty of 1865 France obtained the Port of Diego Suarez as a naval station. The Malagasy Government has always declined the political rights claimed by France, although Great Britain formally recognized the French protectorate over the island in 1890.

Although all the acts of the government are done in her name, Ranavalona Njakka III, the present Queen of Madagascar, has no political authority. She reigns, but her husband, Rainilai Rivoany, the Prime Minister rules. He succeeded his elder brother as ruler of the island, after a coup d'etat in 1894. In 1888, on the death of Ranavalona II, he raised the Princess Rasoherina to the throne, ignoring the claims of her elder sister, who was noted for her intemperance.

The Princess, who was then 21 years of age, had a few months previously lost her husband, Prince Rasoherina, and was in a dejected and straitened circumstances. The property of the family was such, in fact, that her uncle had to earn his livelihood as a butcher. Rainilai Rivoany, who was 55 years old, married her as soon as she had assumed the royal dignity, in accordance with an invariable custom obtained in the island, by which the Queen is bound to marry the Prime Minister.

Like all the Hovas, the Queen is very intelligent. She was educated by the nuns of the French Order of St. Joseph of Cluny but was subsequently converted to Protestantism, the State Religion, through the influence of the Anglo-Hova party.

Of late years great efforts have been made to improve the army on European methods, and it is a good deal more formidable than might be imagined.

According to a British officer who during the operations against the French in 1884-5 served with Gen. Willoughby, commander-in-chief of the Hova army, the total strength of the latter is now about 14,000 men, armed with the Snider rifle. Their artillery consists of two batteries of four seven pound mounted guns each, which can be placed on a foot footing of six guns, and six batteries of six-barrelled galling guns, each weapon fitted with a feed magazine to carry 8,000 rounds.

Another authority states that the regularly drilled army can be increased by over 200,000 untrained auxiliaries. At first sight even this large force would appear to have little chance of being able to withstand the 12,000 French soldiers who are going to Madagascar with the avowed object of making a dash for the capital, unless the demands of M. Le Myre Villers are conceded, which is exceedingly improbable. But after the last war the French recognized the impossibility of an advance on the capital from Tamatave, the shortest route, for the intervening country is a series of mountain ranges, with steep, thickly wooded ravines. They will, therefore, proceed via the longer but easier route from the west coast of the island. Here however, for 200 miles inland, the climate is very deadly to Europeans, and the policy of the Hovas will doubtless be to avoid an open battle with the invaders, but to impede and harass them by petty guerrilla warfare, and rely on the age-friendliness of the swamps to do the rest.

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