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LI HUNG CHANG'S DIAMON. IT IS IN THE SOUTH OF CHINA AND IS FAIR AND FERTILE.

The Canton District Very Different From Central and Southern Provinces—Speak a Different Language. What strikes an observer most about China and the Chinese is that so far as the Chinese are concerned, they are a vast organism, which up to the present half-century had remained exclusive.

THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Cantonese is a dialect of which hardly a word is understood in other parts of the empire.

WILL HONOR ANNIE LAURIE. Monument is to be Erected over the Grave of Miss Annie Laurie. A movement is on foot to erect a tombstone over the grave of Annie Laurie.

PLACES OF WORSHIP. Temples and Buddhist monasteries are scattered all over the hills. In the south, as one might expect from the parallel of Europe, the buildings display brighter colors and more ornate decorations than in the north.

A PRACTICAL MARRIED MAN. "My husband has no sentiment. I told him I would have my photograph taken for his birthday present."

BEFORE THE CHRISTENING. Mr. Freeborn Jackson—What you give name in, Laurella? Mrs. Jackson—Anything you like.

CURIOS INFORMATION. A racehorse galloping at full speed clears from 20 feet to 24 feet at every bound.

AN ARISTOCRATIC CLERK. LORD FAIRFAX WORKS IN A NEW YORK BANK. Intends to Restore the titles of His Honor—Earl to the nobility of the Young Noblemen Who Wish to Re-

ENGLAND'S FACTS AND FANCIES. LONDON consumes 11 tons of salt daily. About 400,000,000 pounds of soap is used in Great Britain yearly.

KIPPLING TO WRITE OF PUSSY'S PUPP. One of Kipling's new "Just-So" Stories, which he is now writing for "The Ladies' Home Journal," will tell "How Pussy Got Her Purr."

THE HEARER AT CHURCH. It is not apathetic, but sympathetic. The kind of hearer I like best is one who is in rain-proof, sun-proof, food-proof and visitor-proof.

NO HARM IN LOVING THE WORLD. We cannot know or enjoy or love the world too much if God will control us.

TERRIBLE FALL. Solemn-faced Man, with newspaper, -Well, I see there was a slight accident at one of the slaughter houses out at the stock yards yesterday.

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POINTS ABOUT BACON. Ontario Agricultural Dept. Warns Farmers to Change Breeding Some kinds of Hogs.

FIGS AND THISTLES. Our dominant duties determine our destiny. Every sin becomes a tiger on our track.

TREE CLOCK. A Glasgow man has in his garden what he calls a "tree clock." Fir trees are planted in such positions that one of them will shade a portion of the house at every hour of sunlight.

WASPS DRIVE BEES FROM HOME. A singular battle was witnessed recently in an English spire. A hive of bees was besieged by a large swarm of wasps.

SHE KEPT DUCKS. At a country feast a conjurer was performing the old trick of producing eggs from a hat, when he remarked to a little boy: Your mother can't get eggs without hens, can she?

Pale and Bloodless.

THOUSANDS OF ANAEMIC GIRLS HURRYING TO THE GRAVE.

A Young Lady at Colours, Ont. Who Suffered from Anaemia, Tells How She Regained Health and Strength—A Lesson to Mothers.

Anaemia is the term used by doctors to indicate poverty of blood. It is a prevalent form of trouble, most alarming, especially among young girls, and a large percentage of the altogether too numerous cases of consumption, which is subject to the country have their origin in this trouble. The first indication of anaemia is a pale, sallow or waxy complexion. This is followed by loss of appetite, frequent headaches, indisposition to exertion, or swelling of limbs, violent heart palpitation, and frequently fainting fits. These symptoms may not all be present, but the more frequent the headaches, the more prompt and effective treatment, which should be persisted in until all traces of the trouble have vanished. Among the thousands who have been brought near to the brink of the grave by this trouble, and ultimately restored to health through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, is Miss Bella...

It is nearly ten years since my illness first commenced, and although I was doctoring more or less I received little or no benefit, as the doctors did not seem to understand my trouble. Two years ago my health became so bad that another doctor was called in, and he stated that my case was a most severe type of anaemia, and that while he could help me the trouble had progressed to such a stage that he could hold out little hope of cure. At this time I was as pale as chalk, my eyelids were swollen and would hang down over my eyes like sacks of water. My feet and limbs would swell, and were always cold. I was subject to violent headaches, severe palpitation of the heart, and if I stood over I would be so dizzy that I could scarcely retain an upright position. My appetite failed me almost entirely, and I grew so weak that I was a mere wreck. While in this condition I read in a newspaper of the cure of a young girl whose case was much like mine, through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I determined to try them. Those who know me do not think any medicine could do me any good or that I would ever get better, but I determined to give the pills a fair trial. I have used them for nearly a year with the result that I feel like a new person. The swelling in my eyelids and limbs has disappeared, my appetite is good and my face is regaining the color which left it years ago. I can sew and do work about the house, and this great change in my condition is due solely to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It is not too little to say that they have saved my life and I strongly urge girls who are similarly afflicted to give them a thorough trial.

VOCIFEROUS "BETSY."

How the International Gun Saved the Boy at Pekin.

This interesting account of the now famous international gun, known as "Our Betsy," is published in the London Standard. "An American gunner, named Mitchell, of the United States Legation, had a machine gun, and a small cannon out of an old British Legation. A number of Chinese converts, refugees in the British Legation, together with a few marines, were ordered to guard the 'Betsy' to find materials and tools wherewith to bring about the necessary conversion of the pump. While they were foraging in a deserted backstreet the conversation was at an intense joy and surprise, an old cannon of Chinese manufacture, and brought it home, amidst the shouts of the besieged.

"The next trouble was suitable ammunition. When the Russians left their legation in more or less of a panic, they threw some shells they had in their possession into a well to prevent their capture. The shells were fished out and adapted, after a lot of skill and ingenuity, to meet the occasion. Other ammunition was made out of pewter cans and other temple vessels of every description, looted from a temple within the 'lines.' The manufacture of this ammunition was under the superintendence of one of the British marines. "Betsy" was mounted on an Italian gun carriage; Chinese gunpowder formed the charge; Russian shells were fired, and the American gunner, Mitchell, fired the gun. Unfortunately, on the day before the troops arrived, this very capable gunner was seriously wounded in the arm by a bullet from the enemy's fire.

"Although it was not by any means a formidable weapon, the excessively loud report therefrom usually struck consternation into the hearts of the Chinese soldiers, with the inevitable result that they quitted their position as quickly as possible when 'Betsy' was brought to bear upon them. "Possibly they imagined that by some means or other the Legation defenders had been reinforced by a big battery of artillery, seeing that 'Betsy' was constantly being moved from one position to another and during the first days of the siege there was an entire absence of anything of the nature of heavy firing from the Kyo-peas.

"On one night, when the French Legation, the eastern limit of the lines of defence, was hard pressed, 'Betsy' was taken over to the French lines, with the result that the attacking Chinese soon scattered in all directions. "On the memorable night before the relief force arrived when the Chinese made their most vigorous attack of the day, the defenders had in operation every single gun that was masterminded by the British North-West-quick-firing gun, brought up by the British gunner, the Italian one-pounder, and the Austrian machine-gun. "Betsy" was so named after Lady Macdonald. This interesting gun will probably find a home in the British Legation, although the Americans lay claim to it on the score of its being found by Mitchell and fired by him."

Heiress and Wife.

CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

A great lump rose in Daisy's throat. "Yes, madame," answered Daisy, raising her dark-blue eyes pleadingly to the stern face before her. "And may I ask by what right you dared violate the rules and regulations of this establishment by sending a sealed letter to a man? Your guardian strictly informed me you had no correspondents whatever, and I find this is a—I blush to confess it—actually love-letter. What have you to say in reference to your folly, Miss Brooks?"

"I'm sure I don't know," sobbed Daisy. "You don't know?" repeated madame, scornfully. "Not a very satisfactory explanation. Well, Miss Brooks, I have fully determined upon this matter. I shall read this letter this morning before the whole school; it will afford me an excellent opportunity to point out the greater folly of your conduct. Young girls are plunged by allowing their minds to wander from their books to such thoughts as are here expressed. What do you mean by this secret correspondence? You state so often 'I don't ask, madame,' sobbed Daisy; "I can not tell you indeed I can not. I dare not."

An alarming thought occurred to madame. "Speak, girl!" she cried, hoarsely, grasping her firmly by the shoulder. "I must know the meaning of this secret correspondence to which you allude so often!" she asked, suddenly. "Please do not ask me, madame," sobbed Daisy; "I can not tell you indeed I can not. I dare not."

"My duty is plain in this case," said madame. "I shall read this as a terrible warning to the young ladies of this institution; then I will send for Mr. John Brooks, your guardian, and place this letter in his hands." "Oh, no, madame, in pity's name, no!" sobbed Daisy, wildly, kneeling imploringly at her feet, her heart beating tumultuously, and her hands looked convulsively together. "Do not, madame, I pray you, anything but that; he would eat me out of his heart and home, and I—could not go to Rex, you see?"

"But madame did not see. She laughed a little hard, metallic laugh that grated, oh, so cruelly, on Daisy's sensitive nerves.

"When one woman's suspicions are aroused against another, Heaven help the suspected one; there is little mercy shown her. "Man's inhumanity to man" is not the least of woman's inhumanity to woman. "Mme. Whitney had discovered a capital way to score a hit in the direction of morality. "What," she said, laying the letter down on the table before her, "arise from your knees, Miss Brooks. Your prayers are useless. I think this will be a life-long lesson to you."

"Oh, madame, for the love of Heaven!" cried Daisy, rocking herself to and fro, "spare me, I beseech you! Can nothing alter your purpose?" "No," she said, madame, reflecting, "I may not be quite so severe with you if you will confess, unreservedly, the whole truth concerning this terrible secret, and what this young man 'Rex' is to you."

"I can not," wailed Daisy. "I can not. Oh, my heart is breaking, yet I dare not. "Very well," said madame, rising, indicating the conversation was at an end, "I shall not press you further on the subject. I will excuse you now, Miss Brooks. You may retire to your room."

Still Daisy rocked herself to and fro on her knees at her feet. Suddenly a daring thought occurred to her. The letter which had caused her such bitter weeping lay on the table before her, every line of which breathed of her pure, sacred love for Rex—her Rex—whom she dared not even claim. She could not resist the temptation to open every word and sentence, ridiculing those tender expressions which had been such rapturous joy to her hungry little heart as she had opened them, and, heart to heart, she read the most bitter thought, how dear old John Brooks would turn his honest eyes upon her tell-tale face, demanding to know what the secret was, the secret which she had promised her young husband she would not reveal, come what would. If his face should grow white and stern, and those lips, which had blossomed, pruned, and petted, but never scolded her, if those lips should curse her, she would die then and there at his feet. In an instant she had resolved upon a wild, hazardous plan. Quick as a flash of lightning Daisy sprang to her feet, and tore the coveted letter from madame's detaining grasp; the door stood open, and with the fleetness of a hunted deer she flew down the corridor, never stopping for breath until she had gained the very water's edge.

Mme. Whitney gave a loud shriek and actually fainted, and the attendant, who hurried to the scene, caught but a glimpse of a white, terrified, beautiful face, and a cloud of flying golden hair. No one in that establishment ever gazed upon the face of Daisy Brooks again!

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The servants looked at one another in blank amazement. No one dared tell her Daisy had fled. The torn envelope, which Daisy had neglected to place in possession of, lay at her feet. With a curious smile Mme. Whitney

HEIRESS AND WIFE.

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"Rex Lyon," she mused, knitting her brow. "Ah, yes, that was the name, believe me. He must certainly be the one. Daisy Brooks shall suffer keenly for this outrage," cried the madame, grinding her teeth with impatient rage. "I shall drag her pride down to the very dust beneath my feet. How dare the little rebel defy my orders! I shall have her removed to the furnace; a night or two there will humble her pride, and she will be a more obedient girl."

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CANADIANS FOR THE POLE.

CAPT. BERNIER WILL START NORTH ON JUNE FIRST NEXT.

HE WILL FOLLOW NANSEN'S COURSE, BUT WILL GO IN A SWIFT AND LIGHTLY EQUIPPED EXPEDITION WHICH HE CALLS HIS 'FRAM'.

The first distinctly Canadian expedition in search of the North Pole will probably set out for the Arctic next year. It will be commanded by Capt. Bernier, of Quebec, an old-time navigator, than whom no Arctic explorer was ever more confident of achieving his self-imposed task. The captain's plan includes several novel propositions for facilitating his reach of the desired goal. A sealing man from his youth and a captain of many years' experience and of wonderful success in his vocation, the study of the great problem of Arctic exploration has been the hobby of Capt. Bernier's life. He is a French-Canadian explorer, and confident of his ability to plant the flag of the Empire and the arms of his native country upon the exact spot of the world's imaginary axis. The captain has promise of generous Canadian aid for his expedition, and has gone to England to interview the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, president of the Royal Geographical Society, on the project, and also to make arrangements for the construction of a new ship. It will be decided in Arctic waters whether the vessel will be of wood or malleable steel; that is, the Siemens-Martin steel.

A STEEL SHIP. The experience of Nansen's Fram makes the captain rather unfavorable to a wooden ship, because of the fact that the vessel engaged among her crew when in the ice floes. His preference is for a steel ship, the sides of which can be so heated from the outside that the vessel will avoid the evil effects of ice pressure and being abraded like the Fram will readily rise from the pressure of opposing ice floes. Capt. Bernier estimates the total cost of the expedition at \$200,000, of which \$150,000 to \$200,000 will be required for the vessel and its outfit. He gives his own services free. Sir Clements Markham has already agreed to supply the expedition with the necessary supplies, and to continue Nansen's work, taking the drifting ice further to the east than he did, in which case he believes it would float over or nearly over the pole. Bernier does not share the belief of some that there is any extent of land in the neighborhood of the pole, that would interfere with the regular drift of the Arctic ice. He believes it is necessary to believe that there is other than deep water in the vicinity of the pole, when 300 miles south of it in the direction of Greenland, the depth of water is from 1,800 to 2,000 fathoms.

TO START JUNE 1. Capt. Bernier proposes to set out on his voyage about June 1, leaving Vancouver for Behring Straits, accompanied by a crew of twelve, all possessed of special scientific attainments. The coast of Siberia will be followed as far as the new Siberian Islands, the expedition passing to the west of them to survey Spitzbergen and to finish the survey of North Bennett Island commenced by the Jeannette's crew. They will be watched for in the latitude of navigation, to proceed to the north of the Jeannette's Arctic position through one of the north-easterly openings in the ice that are always found to exist about October. The water current of the arctic will be about 50 miles from the pole. Here the explorers will slaughter the live stock brought with them for food and store the flesh in a depot on the ice floe, against the day that the time when there will be nothing to kill around them. In the latitude where the first winter will be passed, the explorers expect to kill large quantities of bears and walrus, not only for current use, but also to add to their reserve stores.

A DRIFTING MATCH. All this time the captain expects to be gradually nearing the pole, carried toward it by the drift of the ice in which the vessel and attendant camp will be imbedded, or upon the surface of which they will be borne. So gradual is the drift and so slow the progress of the party, that they only expect to reach the pole during the third summer of their absence from home. It may not be possible for the expedition to take any direct route to the pole, but to be sure of passing directly over the pole, because of the westerly drift. In order to counteract this, however, a series of observation stations can readily be increased, so that the passage of at least a portion of the party immediately over the pole may be definitely accomplished.

BALLOONS TO BE RELEASED. Small balloons with records of the expedition's progress will be released at monthly or fortnightly intervals, and each succeeding balloon will contain the record entrusted to former ones, to provide against the loss of any of the balloons. It is estimated that twenty days supply of hydrogen. The usual evaporation they will be so freighted as to be imprisoned in the cold air near the surface of the sea, and Capt. Bernier is convinced that the prevailing currents of air will carry them first to the south and then east. Boats for use in cases of emergency will be taken out in accordance with the plan.

SETTLING THE SPELLING. When Police-sergeant McShane was going into a barber's shop he noticed a sign painted on the window, which read: 'Laundry agency.' 'Where did you learn to spell?' he asked the barber. 'Why, what's wrong?' he asked in reply. 'Look at that sign, replied McShane. 'You told me to spell agency that way?' 'It doesn't look right, admitted the barber. 'We had a big argument about it, me and the painter. I said it ought to be a-g-e-n-c-y, but he said it was a-g-e-n-c-y-e. He wouldn't give in to me and I wouldn't give in to him and we left it to a man that's president of the School Board. He split it the way it is on the window and we couldn't dispute it, could we?'

FUME-GENERATING BOMB. Prof. Camphausen, of Amsterdam, is out with a bomb generating fumes that will make breathing difficult, impossible for a distance of 100 yards around the centre of the explosion.

THE EXPEDITION EXPECTS TO RETURN BY WAY OF SPITZBERGEN. Judging by the fact that the polar basin has a higher level than either the Pacific or the Atlantic ocean, that the latter is lower than the Pacific, and that the cold winds of the polar basin help the ice and water thence on the way to the North Atlantic to feed the evaporation always going on there, Capt. Bernier believes it now to be nothing more than a matter of time and patience until he shall have passed directly over the pole and returned safely home to tell the story of the expedition. At first his only anxiety was as to the possibility of reaching the mouth of the river Lena from Behring Straits. Dr. Nansen writes him that he has no doubts that he can easily do so. Prof. Norden-skold, who reached the pole sea via Behring Straits from Stockholm, also writes encouragingly.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA and the Quebec Geographical Society have endorsed Capt. Bernier's plans. So has J. W. Tyrrell, the explorer of the barren lands and the chairman of the Committee on Polar Research of the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association, who says: 'I believe you are on the right track to success.' Dr. G. M. Dawson, director of the Geological Survey of Canada, writes: 'The recent voyage of the Fram seems to indicate that an expedition carried out along the line of Capt. Bernier's project, if properly equipped and manned, would have every probability of a successful issue.' And Dr. Bell, the assistant Director-General of Dominion Surveys, supplements the above with the following: 'I think you have chosen the best course and the best method, and that if you follow out these plans you will succeed.'

SUPERSTITIOUS WOMEN. They Place a Great Deal of Confidence in Dreams. It doesn't seem possible that in this enlightened age superstition could be rife among the educated, but there are nevertheless a number of young women who converse fluently if not eloquently in three languages, and who read Spencer and Browning and Emerson, but who place a dreambook with their Bible on the table beside the bed and consult it in the most superstitious manner. With a credulity worthy a darky mammy if her sleep has been visited with unusual visions, they seize this volume as soon as their eyes are fairly open and look for an explanation. If misfortune is foretold by it, the seeker after knowledge assumes a bravado she is far from feeling.

"I don't care," she says, to herself, by way of bolstering up her courage, "I'm not superstitious anyway, and I don't believe in such absurd nonsense." But she's nervous just the same, for a couple of days, until other trouble has driven this mythical one out of her mind.

There's one young woman known to the writer who never dreams of a young child in white shivering and sharking for days after, in fear of some dreadful thing happening to her. She has not consulted a dreambook on the subject, and so she doesn't know what the dream means, but she became connected in her mind, but, nevertheless, after she's had a visit of this sort while sleeping, she says prayers of unusual length and then goes up her mind to be patient under afflictions sore.

She's an intelligent woman, mind you, but she doesn't attempt to explain the terror that besets her at this particular dream. "She doesn't call herself superstitious, of course no woman does, not even the one who won't walk under a ladder, but her friends do, and make light of her until she exposes some feign of their, when the subject is carefully avoided afterward.

HE—How often a woman's face is her fortune. "She—Yes, and how often a man's cheek is his.

HE TOLD HER. A marriage took place at a little country church, the couple being elderly people. The man was very deaf, so deaf that he could not hear unless someone shouted in his ear. So when the clergyman read the words: "With thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife" etc, the old man did not understand a word the clergyman said, but turned to his intended and asked: "What do he say?" referring to the woman. Whereupon the woman shouted into his ear: "He wants to know if you'll have me for your wedded wife."

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LEADER, dear, said Mrs. Giddings, anxiously to her husband, "I don't like the boys' behavior here in this party. I'm sorry, replied Giddings, but it is the best I have.

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