

CHINESE ARE POOR SOLDIERS

Aversion to Being Ordered is One of the Most Prominent Traits of an Oriental.

The Chinese is a poor soldier. Not that he is lacking in courage, for on occasions he cheerfully sells himself as substitute and goes willingly to the executioner's ax in order to provide his parents with the small sum necessary to support them through life.

WHO WANTS TO OCCUPY IT?

English Hotels Seem to Have Queer Idea as to the Popularity of a Hearse.

Some of the hotelkeepers "on the other side" have peculiar ways of advertising their houses, and one of the most singular of these methods is the statement in their advertisements that the hotel is equipped with a hearse!

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GIRL IN THE SHOW WINDOW

Remarkable Thing Seems to Be That Few Women Are Seen Among the Spectators.

"Ever notice what happens every time some enterprising firm puts a real live girl in a show window?" asked the old timer the other day, according to the New York Herald.

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LOOKING TOWARD OLD AGE

Some Reflections as to a Record That Comes to the Majority of Mankind.

Whether long life be a blessing or not God alone can determine, who alone knows what length it is like to run, and how it is like to be attended.

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NOT SUCH A GREAT AMOUNT

"Worth One's Weight in Gold" Has Been Accorded Altogether Too Much Significance.

You often hear of a man or a woman or an object of some sort that is proclaimed to be "worth his (her or its) weight in gold." Did you ever stop to figure out what your weight in gold would be? Or your sweetheart's? Or your baby's? Or your favorite pipe's?

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BROUGHT NERVE TO RESCUE

Experienced River Man Took the One Chance That Was Left Him and Saved Life.

The day the ice started to move there was a jam just above Athabasca landing, writes a Canadian correspondent to the London Telegraph, and as the mail for Peace river starts from the opposite bank, the postmaster hunted up a man who was willing to take it across in a boat through the clear water below the ice.

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RATS SETTLE AN OLD SCORE

In Numbers They Mutilate a Vellum Copy of Browning's "Pied Piper of Hamelin."

Rats invaded Wall street a few nights ago and made a vicious assault upon Robert Browning's poem of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. In that poem, it will be remembered, the rats do not have a very good reputation.

Arts and Crafts Idea.

We have all seen very attractive bits of jewelry made from gold or silver coins by having the background space etched away, leaving only the head and the encircling rim with a few little connecting bars.

Simple Dimples.

She had a dimple in each cheek—a deep, dainty, loving, kissable, delicious dimple.

Much Like Human Life.

A tree does not die of old age. It accumulates infirmities with the years, and has many diseases. It may starve or die of thirst; caterpillars may eat its foliage, scale bugs suck its juices, beetles tunnel under the bark, scab, rust, molds, rot, blight, may prey upon it.

Stone Microbes.

The decay of building stones, according to more than one authority, is not due to wind action or other surface influence, but to internal disintegration resembling wood rot, and this is ascribed by some to a low organism like the fungi and the molds that cause the decay of vegetable substances.

Omniuous Description.

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AGAIN, "TO WHAT BASE USES"

Here is Story That Will Shock Admirers of Two Recognized Men of Genius.

The ladies at a watering place in Bohemia recently organized a dress-making exhibition. A certain princess agreed to open it. At the last moment some one noticed that the most important models, two very gorgeous lace blouses, were not displayed to proper advantage.

Cornered Him.

"Are you Mr. Dokey?" asked the beautiful young woman who had succeeded in gaining admittance to the private office.

Get Even With the City Fellows.

"Now and then," said Toke Sagg of Goshkonong, "there comes over us a small town fellow a low, feeble yearning to go to Kansas City for the purpose of hunting up total strangers with whom to match our hard-earned dollars, the merry game invariably resulting in our finding ourselves with a hectic head, no money left and an all-pervading realization that we have made goshkonong-green fools of ourselves."

Honeymoons.

An Englishman and his wife have recently had a honeymoon, the second since their marriage. They left the babies at home and went to the place where they went on the day they were married and stayed as long as they could stand it. They didn't like it at all. They didn't see how they'd managed on their previous honeymoon—without the children! In short, the times had changed and honeymooning wasn't to their way of thinking any longer.

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