

SIAMESE BEAUTIES.

A Country Where Women Excel the Men in Shrewdness.

The Siamese consider themselves to be a handsome race, and in their opinion their women are more beautiful than those of any other country. La Loubere, a French writer, says that he once exhibited to the Siamese the portraits of some celebrated beauties of the court of Louis XIV., and was compelled to acknowledge that they excited no admiration whatever. A large French doll, however, which he presented to one of the princes, was pronounced a model of physical perfection, and he was assured that a woman of such a form and with such exquisitely features would command a high price in the royal city.

The native women of Siam are certainly remarkably handsome, and, though somewhat diminutive, are naturally graceful in their movements and excel the men in intelligence and shrewdness. They are cashiers in almost every native establishment, and are considered to be safer guardians of the money-box than the proprietors, or even their own husbands, to whom they dole out the copper or silver fungas with frequent precautions and admonitions. Although, in accordance with Eastern ideas, they are regarded as inferior to men in every respect, there are few countries where they so thoroughly demonstrate and maintain their equality as they do in Siam. In every well-organized and properly conducted business-house they are acknowledged to be indispensable, and nearly all the multitudinous native hongs and retail establishments at Bangkok, as well as those in the remote provinces of the realm, are either owned or managed by them.

They seem to possess a genius for trade, and are marvelously successful in all kinds of mercantile pursuits. As saleswomen in the native shops they are precise and persistent in making a bargain, and always win their customers by a genial frankness that is too fascinating to resist and an unaffected plausibility that disarms suspicion. The Chinese merchants who settle in Siam and engage in trade have a keen appreciation of these qualities, and select Siamese women for their wives in preference to those of their own race, who are seldom capable of becoming anything but toys and menials. Thus, with the Eurasians on the one hand and the Siamo-Chinese on the other, that section of the far East is being gradually peopled by new-formed races in which only a few distinguishing traces of the ancestral types will ultimately be found.

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Curious Facts About Kelly's Island.

Adam Schardt lives on Kelly's Island. He is a rare old German with a sweet accent. He gives the following history of the early settlers of Kelly's Island: In the first place, the island was literally covered with snakes and reptiles, and no human being, not even the noble red man, had the courage to dispute their right and title to the island. During a heavy storm, many years ago, a schooner was wrecked off McGedgan's point. The boat carried a cargo of live hogs. All hands were lost, but the hogs swam ashore, and, as they found little else to feed upon, they made a diet of snakes. In the course of time they succeeded in devouring all the snakes on the island. Then the Kelly family put in an appearance and began devouing the hogs, a feat which was accomplished easily and quickly. Nothing has since succeeded in exterminating the Kelly family. —Cleveland letter.

HERETOFORE at their demise members of the British royal family have been buried in coffins covered with crimson velvet, with massive silver ornaments; but a few years ago, when the Queen paid her first visit to the sepulcher, she observed that the coverings had become ragged and faded, and orders were given that all the coffins should at once be placed in new oak cases, on the top of which are the plates and coronets on crimson cushions. The late Duke of Albany lies on a stone tablet in the center of St. George Chapel vault, with King George of Hanover, George III., and the Duke of Kent. The other coffins are on shelves on each side of the vault. The Prince Consort's coffin was never placed in the royal vault, the Queen objecting to her husband being buried, even temporarily, in the same place with George IV.

Nature Demands a Tonic.

A great deal depends on the man who carries the plate. He needs to have a sharp eye, of course, not to miss anybody, because there is not one chance in 1,000 of his being called back. What he needs more than anything else, though, is business tact. There's everything in knowing how to pass a plate to different people. Some of them are cranky. If you put the plate at them too persistently they feel offended, and take pride in not contributing a cent for six weeks. Then other people have their little weaknesses, and want their light to have a good chance to shine. I knew a man who, if a plate came to him empty, would put on a quarter or a half, and be satisfied with starting it that way; but, if there were a lot of quarters and things on already, he'd just as like as not to slap down a dollar bill. And he'd get at least a dollar's worth of satisfaction in watching the hesitation of the men next to him, who knew they were as good as he, and yet didn't like to give so much. Why, I've had a plate come sailing by me just loaded with bills, and you'd think the congregation was extravagantly liberal, when the fact was that two or three men started in that way, and the rest wouldn't take a bluff.—New York Sun.

SOME men are shining lights because they sparkle with gems of thought.

THE CASHIER'S DAUGHTER.

The Merchants National Bank, of Toledo, Ohio, is recognized as one of the prosperous financial concerns of that busy city; and M. C. Warn, Esq., is well known as its Assistant Cashier. Mr. Warn has a daughter who suffered severely from rheumatism. Although only thirteen years old, this obstinate disease took a firm hold of her, and for months tortured her. Hearing that Mr. Warn had used Athlophorus to restore the young lady to health, and anxious to know the effect of the medicine on one so young, a gentleman called upon Mr. Warn, to ask for information about it, which Mr. Warn very courteously gave in this wise:

"My daughter was indeed a sufferer. For several months she was laid up with rheumatism, and unable to go to school or to attend her studies at home. We were quite perplexed to know what to do about it, for the disease did not yield to the ordinary remedies of the physicians. After she had endured much pain, I heard of Athlophorus, and tried a bottle. It was astonished, both at the completeness of the cure and the promptness with which it was brought about. I had supposed that a medicine so powerful as this might have left some unpleasant effects, but it is now many months since she was cured, and there has been nothing of the kind, nor has there been any return of the disease. My daughter is as well as ever, attends her school regularly, and is taking her usual interest in her studies. I have good reason to hold Athlophorus in very high esteem, and freely to recommend it to all who are afflicted with rheumatism."

From the bank the gentleman went to the drug store of Messrs. Van Stone & Crosby. On asking Mr. Crosby what he knew about Athlophorus, that gentleman replied: "We have sold a good deal of it, and I have heard of it's doing much good in many cases."

"Their names? Well, there is one just around the corner from here. He is a barber, working at Flower's barber shop on Jefferson Avenue."

On asking Mr. Flower about rheumatism, he replied: "No, I haven't the rheumatism, but my man, Thomas, had it, and that—that What-dye-call-it, with the long name—that knocked it out of him. Better wait and see him; he'll be here in a few minutes." Presently in came Mr. G. W. Thomas, a bright and cheery-looking young man of about thirty, who looked as if he had never suffered an ache. "Surely you are not the man who was laid up with rheumatism?"

"Yes, I am the man," washis reply, "and I was all crippled up with it, so that I couldn't work. Yes; that Athlophorus is the stuff. I would give twenty-five dollars for a bottle rather than go without it. The rheumatism came on me when I was at work in Chicago. I was sick a long while. My first attack was in the fall of 1883. I tried liniments and everything else I could get. You know in a barber shop everybody who comes in recommends something or other. Well, I took them all. I had to quit work. One Saturday night I was helped home from the shop, for I could not walk. On the way I got a bottle of Athlophorus. I liked the idea of it, because it didn't offer to cure everything; only rheumatism and neuralgia. I was undressed and put to bed, for I could not help myself. I took two teaspooons of the medicine in milk. When I had had it down about two hours I began to feel numb. Now, I was not in pain. In about an hour and a half after that I felt prickly all over, as if with a lot of needles. Then I sweated. Oh! what a sweat! By Wednesday morning I was able to be at work again. Since that I have never lost a day. I took in all about three bottles."

"Well, you ought to see my old landlady, old Mrs. Smith. She is 73 years old. She had taken pretty much everything for her rheumatism; but no good. I had about enough of this medicine left for two doses, and I gave it to her. She took it, and it relieved her at once. Then she got another bottle. That was two months ago. She has had no return of the rheumatism; nor have I either."

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ISN'T it queer a white man always feels blue after painting the town red?

PLAYING EUCHE RE WITH LADIES.

"Whose play is it?"

"Who took that trick?"

"What's trumps—what was led?"

"Did I take that?"

"Is it my play?"

"That's the left bower, ain't it?"

"Is that mine?"

"Ain't you got a club?"

"What's trumps?"

"Whose deal is it?"

"Did you say you saw Miss Wilson on the street yesterday?"

"Yes, and she was looking splendid."

"Why, I thought the doctors had given her up, and said there was no help for her."

"So they did. But somebody advised her to try HOPS AND MALT BITTERS, and she took three bottles, and is in better health than she has been for three years."

"I'm so surprised."

"Oh! Are you all waiting for me?"

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