

## QUEER HABITS OF CELESTIALS STIR INTEREST

Well Known Writer Tells Vivid Story in Describing San Francisco Chinatown.

### JOSS HOUSE VISITED

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 30.—San Francisco has the largest and most essentially Chinese Chinatown in America. People who knew it before the fire declare that its charm disappeared with that catastrophe. By this, of course, they mean that most of its colossal filth and wickedness is gone. But the visitor wandering about its queer, irregular streets, finds it still exotic and picturesque.

One moment you are in Portsmouth square, before the monument of Robert Louis Stevenson, and a moment later you are in a narrow Canton byway, containing numerous Chinese markets, drug stores, restaurants and clothing shops that sell in dual native garb or second-hand American clothing through the gulf. And, as you walk along, you see a housewife a brilliant Chinese basket on her arm, trips silently into a market.

The markets are worth investigating in themselves. Always they are crowded with tiers and tiers of wooden coops reaching all the way to the low ceiling and containing nervous rabbits, frantic hens, and despondent ducks and geese. Nearly by the side of the market is exhibited in their popular dried form, hams, very much as if they had received a coat of yellow varnish. Some of them have been chopped into small withered pieces and strung on bits of cord like necklaces, which is also the state to which beef, pork and mutton are reduced.

But the principal trade of the markets, as you can easily detect by the smells, is in fish. There are big fish and little fish, fresh fish and dried fish, and fish of every hue and shape. Chinamen, it seems, are devoted to fish, and fish are sent from all parts of the Pacific to gratify their fishy appetites. Here you find huge, black-bellied sturgeon, spotted sharks, piles of codfish, carp and curiously yellow cod.

CHINESE RESTAURANTS PATRONIZED BY AMERICANS.

Even the Chinese restaurants of San Francisco are more Chinese than those encountered elsewhere. Many of them have a wide and permanent patronage among San Franciscans of Anglo-Saxon stock, who are disinterested in their weekly treat of a Chinaman's table d'hôte. Pathetic is the plight of the visitor who happens to have several such acquaintances, for each and all of them are eager and insistent to share this treat with him. The fact that an appetite for Chinese food must be created by a strong and persistent effort of the will seems never to have occurred to them.

Usually, the meal begins with chop suey, which is a sort of complicated and comprehensive hash, apparently containing, among many other things, old shoe leather and wooden shavings flavored with rusty pipe juice. The second course, if you are lucky, may be nothing more alarming than fried rice, chicken and shrimp rendered as dry and wretched as possible, and the grand prize of the collection—Cho Go Gong, a sort of soup supposed to contain meat, eggs, mushrooms and seaweeds. If the diner is not carried away unconscious at this juncture, eggs are brought in. And such eggs only the Chinese know how to procure. They are the eggs of yesterday, and yet the year before, or maybe they are passed down like old wine, or perhaps even dried old dried old.

No butter is served with a Chinese dinner, the Chinese buttering butter in bare contempt. "You smell all same butter," is one of the deadliest insults a Chinaman can level at an Occidental, but we may all be thankful that they do not say we smell like eggs.

There are only two articles on the menu of a Chinaman's d'hôte which are accepted to the uninitiated palate, and those are the dessert—usually a delicious, rich fruit served in honey—and the tea. More than any other race the Chinese know how to make tea. You can buy Chinese tea and make it yourself, but unless you are remarkably expert, you never quite succeed in the same flavor as can be had in a Chinaman's cup.

INTERESTING HISTORY OF CHINATOWN'S BEGINNING.

One of the most interesting features of the San Francisco Chinatown is its telephone exchange, located in a building with a brightly decorated pagoda roof and balconies and an interior elaborately frescoed with Chinese designs. The switchboard, which is carved and set in a room that is operated by Chinese girls in richly colored silken coats and trousers, who speak equally well in both English and Chinese.

Chinatown has its beginnings in San Francisco in 1850, according to California authorities, when Chinese coolies

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were encouraged to come to this country to work on the construction of the Central Pacific railroad. It was the same coolie class that laid the foundation of all other Chinatowns in America. Later came the merchant and leisure classes, but never in such great numbers.

"The old Chinatown," explained a San Franciscan, "contained over 25,000 inhabitants, whereas the present one contains about 20,000. Many of those who fled the fire located in the new Chinatown. The actions used to be composed of dissipated浪荡 and lecherous from two to five stories high, divided by narrow alleys that were swarming day and night with the occupants of the first floor stores and basements. Nearly every house had its cellar and subcellar, usually given over to the use of opium, gambling and other iniquities. The joss houses were more numerous than chin and Chinese music, which is now extinct. The Chinese were commonly last from them."

"The theaters, too, were more numerous. All the actors were men, women being forbidden in the Chinese theatrical profession; the scenery was primitive—often nothing at all; the play was without a plot, so far as an Occidental could see, and it often took days and even weeks before the final curtain descended."

"The new Chinatown is a reproduction of the old, but it is much cleaner, much healthier and less wicked. It is also much grander, for there are now several Chinese millionaires, and many palatial business houses filled with the richest products of the Orient."

Victim of Knife and Meat Hook Improves

Special to The Times.

ELWOOD, Ind., Nov. 30.—Relatives who have returned from the bedside of Elmer Stevens, 15-year-old Elwood boy, who was attacked Sunday evening in the Alexandria traction station by James Ross, baggage master, and severely slashed with a meat knife, report the young man appears to be out of danger.

Stevens was attacked by the station manager, who was in the station in a semi-conscious condition, with a meat hook, and when this was taken from Ross, he renewed the attack with the knife, inflicting several wounds. Stevens is in the Alexandria hospital while Ross is held at Anderson.

### Negro Population of Gary Now 2,999

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The census bureau today announced the white and colored population of Gary, Ind.

Gary had 5,299 negroes, or 36 per cent of its total population of 55,579. In 1910 Gary had 33 negroes, which was 2.3 per cent of the total. During the last ten years the black population of Gary has increased 203.1 per cent, while the negro population has increased 1,283.6 per cent.

Movie Course Is Put In

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 30.—An announcement has been made here that photoplay study and scenario writing as a university course will be established at Temple University with the beginning of the year.

FORMER SOLDIER FOUND DEAD.

James A. Dolan, 34, was found dead in bed at the National Hotel, 362 South Illinois street, today. Deputy Coroner Christian said death was due to a hemorrhage of the lungs. Dolan had been living at St. Ignace, Mich., and was a soldier who served in France.

Upon a central altar at the back of the temple, a dozen or more Chinese gods were seated in a row company with one or two black-haired goddesses. Most of the gods were holding in their hands one suspended from either side of the chin, while one of them, said to be the Doctor God, had three eyes one in the center of his forehead. Along the ledge, in front of each god—the god of war, the god of health, the god of justice, the god of luck, etc.—was a small Chinese cup of tea, in the process of evaporation. The tea is placed there in case the gods should become thirsty, and when it is entirely evaporated, the priests of the temple know that the gods are pleased with the offering and also a huge lamp, burning peanut oil, and a dull radiance on the gaily dressed, small wax figures. This lamp, it was explained, kept perpetually burning. If it should suddenly go out, it would mean that the gods were enraged and not a Chinaman could be permitted to get near the temple.

Until you have dined in a Chinatown restaurant do you realize the significance of the nearby drug stores, always a few feet from a food mart or cafe. We feel sure that the Chinese drug stores must do an overwhelming business, although the remedies they offer do inspire great confidence in the dentists. Chinese among them are the most popular, and as well as such popular medical staples as dried lizards and toads, displayed occasionally in weird juxtaposition to American songs and chewing gum.

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"I have taken only two boxes of Eatonics and feel like a new man. It has done me more good than anything else," writes O. O. Frappier.

Eatonic is the modern remedy for acid stomach, bloating, food repeating and indigestion. It quickly takes up and carries out the acidity and gas and enables the stomach to digest the food naturally. That means not only relief from pain and discomfort but you get the full strength from the food you eat. Big box only costs a dime with your druggist's guarantee.

Take a bottle home tonight and enjoy genuine foot comfort. There's no need to nurse pain when you can get quick relief at the nearest drug store.

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### TO WAGE FIGHT ON PUTNAM SCALE

Park Department Plans to Wipe Out Tree Pest.

Means of checking the spread of Putnam scale, a pest which infests probably 2 per cent of the trees in Indianapolis, are recommended in a bulletin issued by George H. Morgan, in charge of the special service of the city park department.

The bulletin announces:

Putnam scale so closely resembles the San Jose scale that it is often overlooked. It is much less injurious insect since it multiplies much less rapidly and also since it has a much more limited host.

Indianapolis trees have not severely infested by Putnam scale, but where it is found, it is usually in cases where its severity has been caused by other insects.

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