

Weird Medicines in Use Among Chinese

If medicine is the horror of childhood in western countries, it might be considered a veritable Dante's Inferno done up in pharmaceutical form in China, judging by the fearful compounds which invalids have to swallow. Shanghai is a clearing house for Chinese medicines—hundreds of different kinds of grasses, seeds, fruits, leaves, insects, roots and a miscellaneous class which the customs designate "sundries." Many Chinese medicines are the good, old family herbs which grandmother used to pick and use with an efficacy greater than that of dispensary preparations, but the majority are not so palatable. Among the things imported as Chinese medicines into Shanghai are toud cakes, pea pods, dried pomegranate skin, fowls' gizzards, dried snakes, scorpions, tigers' bones, centipedes and worms. Recently the customs had to pass one of the strangest medicines ever human man had to take. None of the ingredients of the brew compounded by the witches for Macbeth was so fearful. It was a kind of fungus called "tai kou chuan," meaning "opposite the mouth" plant. It gets its name because it grows near the mouth of corpses in coffins. This medicine, the Chinese say, is prized for its curative properties in consumption and brings about \$8,000 a pound. This fungus was sent up from Canton especially packed in a glass case. If there is one reflection to be made on these medicines it is: How on earth do the Chinese keep in that fit, robust and healthy condition which makes them the most hardy farmers and laborers in the world?—Chicago Daily News.

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The New-Rich

Mrs. Alexander Hamilton Rice—daughter of William L. Elkins and widow of George Widener—said at a dinner in Newport, where she and her husband have won great popularity:

"The new-rich have one uniform fault. They go in for too much ceremony, serve too many courses and too many wines at dinner, have too many flunkies standing about in silk stockings and powdered hair, observe too many obsolete rules of etiquette."

"I heard of a new-rich woman the other day who was unable to go to church one Sunday, so she sent her card."

What Next?

A policeman one day rushed into an enormous mob that was rioting behind a theater.

"We'll pinch the lot of you if you don't stop your fighting," he yelled. "What's up, anyhow?"

"We are rehearsing," a member of the mob panted, as he wiped the blood from his face.

"Rehearsing? Rehearsing what?"

"Dolores Valencia, the Spanish dancer, begins her first American engagement at this theater next Monday night, and her press agent has hired us to play the frenzied multitude storming the box office."

Steal Pipes From Organs

London vicars have joined forces to an attempt to catch a gang that specializes in stealing pipes from church organs. Most of the churches rifled recently are in the south of London. Thus far ten churches have reported such thefts, in each case a pipe having been removed from an organ in such a manner that its disappearance would not be noticed immediately. The pipes range in value from \$800 to \$500. It is believed that the thieves are supplying the pipes to some one who is building an organ.

Restoration of Old

Italian Church Begun

As one result of the reclamation work of the Italian government in Saint Francis of the Fields, in the town of Pistoia, near Florence, a medieval church will arise from a dirty stable. The church has a curious history. Like its prototype, Santa Croce in Florence, and like others of its period, its walls were covered with frescoes, and were later plastered over by an age that considered itself more cultured, but, in this respect, was barbarous. The frescoes in Saint Francis are by the contemporaries and pupils of Giotto, including Taddeo Gaddi and Giotto, and are, if not of first rank, very near it. At the beginning of the World war the church was converted into a stable where horses of the Italian army were kept. The straw, and the strong equine odor are still there, but the work of restoration is about to begin. Government experts will remove the outer plaster, with delicate instruments that will not harm the frescoes, and Franciscan monks will once more take possession. The vegetable colors used by Giotto and his pupils are still unequalled for delicacy and permanence. The chemical points with which experts sought thirty years ago to restore parts of the frescoes have entirely changed color.

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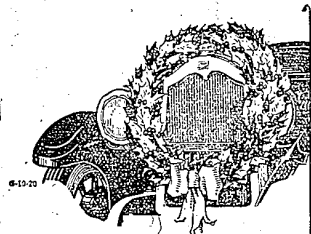
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