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O. I. Gregg, specialist in landscape gardening of the Michigan State College, will give a demonstration on the setting out of plants and shrubs at the Isaac Bond School Tuesday, April 17th at 10 a. m. The ladies of the North Farmington Cemetery Aux-

iliary will serve dinner at the school at noon and will hold their annual meeting in the afternoon.

Miss Helen Garner will attend the Zone B. meeting on Saturday, April 14.

George Howe, confined to his bed with a serious attack of influenza.

Velma Steele is now able to sit up for a few minutes each day. Mrs. Justin Ballis will be hostess for the Alpha Card Club on April 18.

Mrs. Herald Cox has been

spending a great deal of her time with her mother, who is critically ill.

Mrs. Frank Cox has been ill with a bad cold.

The P. T. A. of the Bond School district will present their first play on Friday evening, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Otte have opened a gas station at the corner of Orchard Lake and 13-Mile road.

Velma Seeley had her twelfth birthday this week.

Teddy Hall spent Monday visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Lewis, in Redford.

Barbara Wagner of Pasadena Park is back at school again.

Martha Sutton is ill with chicken pox.

Green Tolman is recovering slowly after a long siege of illness.

Dorothy Davis, George Love, Doyle Peel and Herbert Sleep are all wearing membership buttons

of the Airplane Model League of America.

Tom Cairns is suffering with a severe cold.

Mrs. Harry Ortwine has been in ill health for some time. Henry Wedenstorer is slightly improved.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erwin is ill with influenza.

John Brown was the lucky man to win the gold pieces for the largest deposit made in the Farmington State Savings Bank on "Better Business Day."

The Easter program given by the children of the North Farmington Community Sunday School was a great success. After the services each child enrolled was presented with a small plant.

Roy Kreason spent the week end with his family.

The "Spinster's Convention," a play to be given by the P. T. A. of the Isaac Bond School district on April 13 will be held in the Bond School auditorium. Tickets adults 35c; children 20c; reserved seats 50c.

Morning worship—10:30. Sunday School—11:45.



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Two Nails and Four

By AD SCHUSTER

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WITH his hands drawn up into his sleeves, his head held forward and his slippers feet falling noticeably, old Chang Wah made his way. It was as if he saw no one and cared not a bit for the goings and comings of his fellows.

Set on the edge of the sidewalk near the curb and equidistant the alley entrance, the man who had vision for no man saw two tiny nails. He stopped, picked them up, dropped them into a pocket and moved on. Chang Wah, the silent one did not turn as he passed the store of Sing Lee, nor did he stop to listen to the American music which came from the modern chop suey place of Moy Fanz. He patterned on, dragging one foot ever so slightly and his hands were hidden in his sleeves.

An old man picking up discarded nails. It is nothing. Ed Wylie smiled at the thought of Chang Wah. When, next day, he saw the old man at the same place to salvage two more nails the lad felt he was facing coincidence.

Chang Wah picked up the nails quite as if he had expected to find them there. Then he looked around to make sure there were no more. Ed Wylie followed. It occurred to him that if the old man were adding to his income by gathering discarded nails, the pickings were poor. Not once more in a walk of seven blocks did Chang Wah stop to rescue anything. He did not even seem intent on studying the walk or the street for possibilities. It was just by chance, Ed decided once more, that he had seen Chang do the same thing on two successive days.

"But if the old man does it three days in succession," the lad reasoned, "it will be a mystery."

So Ed watched and Chang repeated the performance. Every day the old man paused, picked up two nails, looked for more and went on. It was at once weird and ridiculous. Why should there always be two nails and why was the old Chinese interested in finding them at no other place on the sidewalk?

"I wonder what he would do," Ed thought, "if I were to get there first and find the nails. And I wonder what would happen if he found three or four."

Next day Ed placed two nails beside two he found on the sidewalk in the place where the Chinese made his daily find. Hiding himself in the alley the lad watched.

Chang Wah came by—the methodical plodding—walking as if he were headed into a strong wind. He paused, picked up the two nails mechanically and then saw the other two. Immediately Chang Wah was a changed man. There came into his bearing something of strength and cunning. Ed sensed it and thought of a panther stalking his prey. Chang Wah moved on with his hands in his sleeves, moved on the route of old, but there was purpose in his manner.

In front of the store of Sing Lee he made a quick turn. Ed saw him run in and saw, too, that the hands had come out of the sleeve. Something was aching and there was a loud report. Doors slammed and hid frightened men. As if by magic the street cleared. There was a commotion in the store of Sing Lee and it was there Ed ran.

Inside he saw Chang Wah held fast by four Chinese and a white man in plain clothes. Chang Wah was desperate, disappointed, and puzzled. His shot, aimed at Sing Lee, had gone wild. He wondered why these men had been ready to catch him.

"Four nails," Chang Wah was saying to himself, "four nails mean guard is gone. Two nails mean watch out. How come four nails and the guard still here?"

And they led him away wondering why the signal had failed him.

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