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[Published by request.]

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"I have been on the bench fourteen years, and during that time thousands of boys have been brought before me, but not one of them was a constant attendant at church or Sunday school, or obedient to his father or mother.

"I have inquired of many boys what caused them to get into trouble, and in most instances have found that staying away from school, playing pool, hanging around saloons and cigarette smoking are responsible.

"Start right, boys. To be anybody, to accomplish anything for yourself or the community, you cannot be idle. Don't drink—liquor destroys the mind and body. Don't swear—gentlemen do not. It is low and vulgar. Don't read trashy literature—it leads to evil. Don't hang around saloons—good men are not made that way. When you see a man hanging around a saloons, the devil is after him and will get him sooner or later. Benjamin Franklin would never have accomplished anything if he had been guilty of any of these practices. Be honest above all things. Poor boys make the best citizens.

"To be a good man, you must be a good boy. So start off right. The graveyards are filled with those who started wrong. Let me impress upon you the only road to success is by living a right life. Be honest, industrious, frugal. It is not necessary to wear a long face or be sanctimonious. Keep laughing. Have a good time as you go through life, but let it be the right sort of a time.—Ex.

Coffins at Gilmore's when you need them.

Rev. D. B. Koen a Primitive Baptist, of Montague county will likely preach at Tahoka the forth Sunday of this month.

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Mr. J. A. Hancock, of near Lamesa was in Tahoka Wednesday.

W. D. Robison, post master at Arney, Texas, and his brother, J. O. Robison of eight miles south of Canyon City, were prospecting in Tahoka, last week.

The grass on the Plains is still as green as a wheat field in early spring.

Bars Music in Church.

If an organ or a musical instrument of any kind is ever brought into the Christian church at Hartwick, Ia., the building and site will revert to the members of the congregation who oppose their installation. This is according to the terms of a deed to the property given the church by H. B. Smith.

One on the Old Gent.

Before going to battle with the Japanese fleet Rojestvensky sent his pay chest to Chefoo, where it was placed in charge of the Russian consul. This seems to thoroughly dispose of the claim that Rojestvensky was taken by surprise.

Cash

The preacher in the pulpit and the wise men everywhere
Who have to earn their "vittles" and the rayment that they wear
Are earnestly declaring, as men have since Adam's fall,
That the rich are far from happy and that money wasn't all;
O, their logic is delightful and their reasoning profound—
But cash is still a rather handy thing to have a round,
The profesors keep explaining that the richest men are those
Who possess the deepest knowledge and are free from petty woes;
Much we hear of tainted money and the heartaches that it brings
To it's pitiful possessors, the perturbed financial king;
We are constantly reminded of "the last six feet of ground"—
But cash is still a rather handy thing to have around,
He that works from early morning till the shadows fall at night,
She that sews with aching fingers while her cheeks are thin and white,
Maybe heaping future treasures where the saints in glory dwell,
But the rich mans' auto passes, leaving trails of dust and smell!—
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Application has been made for entrance in the postoffice as second class matter.

Not Dead, But Sleeping.

Last week a State Bank was organized at Emma with L. T. Lester as president, E. B. Covington vice-president and W. W. Gunn cashier. There are eight stock holders, all local men except L. T. Lester of this place and J. B. Posey of Floydada. The capital stock is set at \$10,00.—Canyon City News.

The Dawson county bank began business Aug. 24th. says the Dawson County News.

It begins to look like Tahoka is to be the last town in Texas, which boasts a court house, to have a bank: Lets organize a commercial club, village improvement society, a business mens league, or something, anything, to build up Tahoka and Lynn county. We have the best county on the Plains all conditions considered; fuel, soil, grass, and stock: Tahoka is as nice a little town as any one could wish to live in. Why don't we wake up and do something right away.

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When is Tahoka going to have a bank?

Ladies nice ready-made, under and over skirts, try them, at Wells & Welcher's department store.

The court yard looks bare and lonesome without the big tent.

Conway's prices are right. If you need dry goods see him.

Noah Cade came home from the T — ranch, Sunday, with a case of fever that is keeping him in bed.

W. G. Phillips, of near Angelo, bought five sections of Lynn county land, this week.

30 DAYS.

If you know that your account at Conway's has run over 30 days please call and settle, as the profits are so small it takes prompt settlements to run the business.

"Nothing Doing."

Mr. E. A. Boles, of Light, presented a telephone proposition to a small mass meeting of our citizens at the court house Wednesday night last. About all the meeting resulted in, was to develop the fact, as one of the citizens aptly remarked, that, "united we fall, or divided we stand." In fact all the report of the meeting is, "nothing doing."

Two, "Old Reliables."

'Tis now the "old mans" anxious thought.
Turns to the school shoes soon to be bought:
And he fingers and squeezes his pocket-book,
As through many a line he takes a look—
"I guess we'll try Hamilton's line once more;"
"Do they keep them here?" "Yes, at Hampton's store."

Mr. I. W. Meyer passed through Tahoka Thursday morning on his way home from a 15 day trip to Big Springs.

More room, more drugs, more customers at Taylor's drug store.

M. E. Merrill of 20 miles north of Plainview, and K. C. Sterret, also of Hale county, passed through Tahoka last Saturday on their way home from Sherwood.

Satisfaction Clothing is the cheapest line of good ready-made clothing on the market. For sale by Wells & Welcher.

Rev. W. L. Lovelady, a local preacher from Gomez, was here attending the holiness meeting.

Notice

The public are hereby notified that persons turning s^{ry, sparing} pasture without my co, Sho Mai," prosecuted to the full ex^{her name} law.—A. L. Lockwood. ^{to her}

A bouncing baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, last Sunday morning the 10th. We met Jess in town Tuesday, and we thought he was wearing an extra smile.

We are always receiving, and selling, fresh, pure drugs at Taylor's, west side square.

Mr. John Etheridge and Miss Cleo Phillips, surprized their many friends last Sunday the 10th, by quietly getting married. It seems the couple went to Sunday school, and from there to the home of Rev. Metcalf where the ceremony was performed, after which Mr. Etheridge took his bride to their future home.

School Shoe Sale.

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One recalls, writes William J. Croke, in Century, those moving speeches which, as cardinal, he delivered weeping in the conclave, setting forth all his imperfections (his sins, even), and the disadvantages of his career from barefooted boyhood up, but which really secured him the throne, and the stories of him which every one knows in Lombardy and Venetia. For no ecclesiastic can have been more widely known than he. A pulpit orator of renown from the very outset of his priestly career, the sought-after panegyrist of great occasions when bishop and patriarch, no wonder that he was hailed by a voice in Rome when he took possession of his title as cardinal: "No one has spoken so well as this cardinal!" As country assistant, then parish priest, then professor in the seminary of Treviso, canon, chancellor of the diocese, great hierarch of Mantua, the successor of St. Mark, everyone seems to know him, and no one has any memory that is not pleasant.

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Mr. Virgil Hunt, of Fannin county, arrived in Tahoka Saturday for a visit with his uncle, J. H. Conway.

THE MANDARIN'S DAUGHTER,

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Suddenly she heard a great noise, as if a thousand men had all at once broken into cheers; and, as if it were a signal, the bandage was removed from her eyes. A blaze of light succeeded the gloom in which she had walked, and she stood dazzled by the rays of a thousand lamps which filled the room with the glory of the mid-day sun. Straight before her rose a throne glittering with gold and gems, and towering almost to the ceiling of the lofty apartment. Flanked about the throne were soldiers of extraordinary size, wearing blouses of steel mail. All this the girl saw at a glance, and then the Chief led her before the throne.

"Kneel, slave," he whispered, and bore her to the earth with the weight of his hand till her forehead was pressed against the cold marble tiles.

"Oh, King, most noble Kwan Dah, mighty ruler over humble servants," said the Chief, "I bring good news from the sea to this, thy throne. Of merchandise plenty, and of teal also plenty. Not one of thy warriors has ascended to the sky, nor has one suffered serious hurt. I bring to you, oh! mighty Kwan Dah, a Han Chow youth whose beauty and courage have saved him from the God of the Ocean."

"Bid the youth arise," said Kwan Dah.

Sho Mai stood up and looked steadily at the pirate king, the terror of a brave nation. She saw a man, stout almost to obesity, whose sixty years sat lightly upon his massive head. A blouse of gold links, cunningly interwoven, covered his chest and arms, and a long, grayish mustache drooped down on either side of a sensual mouth. His face was painted in stripes of as many colors as the rainbow, but he did not need this savage decoration to make his aspect terrible. But Sho Mai had learned not to shrink from the face of danger, and she fixed her eyes upon the fearful being steadily. He looked straight into her eyes for a moment, and then said to the Chief: "Your words are true and I commend your judgment for sparing so promising a youth. He will make an acceptable addition to our community."

Then, turning to an officer who stood next the throne upon the right side, he continued: "Yee Chan, give the young Han Chow the uniform of the Toyhai, and an apartment suitable to the rank of an officer."

"I thank you, most mighty Kwan Dah," said Sho Mai, "and if I do not prove my courage let me die by the sword!"

CHAPTER VI. A TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

When Sho Mai, with the officer, Yee Chan, had passed out of the great hall, she found herself in a miniature city with paved streets. Around it stretched a wall of solid masonry at least seventy-five feet in height, without any gates whatever so far as she could discern. The wall had been so highly polished that it reflected the city's lights as if it were a great circular mirror.

The houses were low and were built at equal distances apart along the wide avenues, but here and there were larger dwellings, the residences of Generals and their families. These large houses resembled very much the residences of retired merchant princes, and were beautiful structures with finely laid-out gardens before them.

They stopped before a house which had been selected as the residence of the future Toyhai. In the courtyard a deft attendant removed Sho Mai's outer robe and helped her to put on the uniform of her rank. Then she was led into a chamber, where she knelt before a figure attired in long black satin robes, the somberness of which was relieved by the heavy gold embroidered designs with which it was profusely ornamented.

"Brother," said he of the black robe, as he laid his hand upon the head of the novice, "the God of your Good Fortune has smiled upon you in permitting you to enter the eternal city of joy and plenty. Let us sing the song of praise."

Ten men, attired in robes similar to that worn by the speaker, then advanced and raised up their voices in a wierd chant.

The words were:
Drink thou the cup of eternal life and friendship now,
Thou art the hero of all heroes now alive,
Thou hast arrived this day to drink eternal wine.
Wherever you go you will find your faithful brother.

Before the chant had ended a silver cup filled with orange wine was held to Sho Mai's lips, and she drank of it. When the singers had finished they all sipped in turn of the liquid remaining. Then two young men, in garments garnished with gold and armed with swords, laid the heavy, cruel-looking blades upon the bared head of the girl, who shuddered.

"Swear," said a voice from the black robe, "swear on the pirate's cross to be true as the steel to the brothers of the Kwan Dah Clan. Swear to the north, swear to the south, swear to the east and to the west. Swear."

"I swear," whispered the girl, and her voice sounded to her as though it had come from another being.

Then three men formed a triangle with Sho Mai and the two young men in the center, and as they walked she crept on her knees over the tiled floor, with the swords still resting their fearful weight on her head, into the next chamber. The swords were removed and she was commanded to look up. Before her stood a red-robed figure. Again a voice broke the death-like stillness of the chamber.

"Brother, will you swear by the sun which gives you light by day, by the moon which illuminates the heavens a night, and by the stars to be a true saint son of the kingdom of joy and plenty; to enrich only the clan of Kwan Dah; to protect only the men of the clan, and to declare eternal war against the Han Chows?"

Again she uttered that whisper distinct, but with a sound as though she were born of a sepulcher:

"I swear."
"You hear," came from him of the red robes. "Let us sing the song of the faithful," and once more the voices were lifted up in the strain of praise. The last echo had found death in the head of the candidate who bowed, and four swords rested the weight upon her head. Then the women formed a square and again she kept pace on her knees with the measured steps of the men about her. The third chamber was reached, darker than the other two, and the procession came to a halt and the of the human fence broke as the men in robes of royal yellow stepped forward. As he waved his hand the swords were removed from the head of the candidate. Then he spoke:

"Brother Toyhai, I hand to thee sword," suiting the action to the word. "This is the only emblem of the saints of the saints of joy and plenty; it all brothers conquer. In the food of the Han Chows, and I bid you to feed them well. But a single secret given to you by the four walls and under the roof of the chamber revealed, you will be the cat for a thousand such swords."

Eight men, armed with eight swords, formed a circle about the candidate, girl, who closed her eyes lest she should show weakness, and encircled her with the glittering points of their weapons. Should she move so much as a hair's breadth she should reach a point held by a stern and true hand. It seemed to her fevered as though eight fiery fingers were pointing at her in condemnation. Such was the horrible fascination that she closed her quivering eyelids and might open them again.

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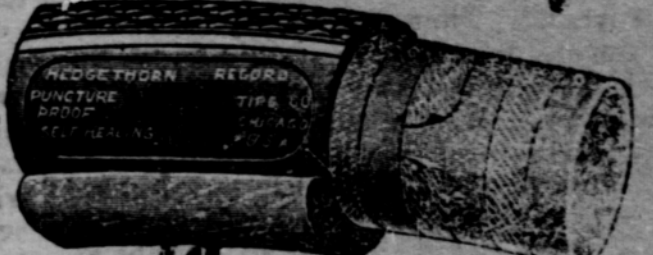
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"THE MANDARIN'S DAUGHTER,"

CONTINUED FROM THIRD PAGE.

Suddenly the chant began. It was taken up by men in the second chamber, repeated by those in the first chamber and passed along until it seemed though the stones of the floor, the reed of the roof and even the very sword themselves gave tongue to the strain. It was echoed and re-echoed; it swelled out into the open air, and came back reinforced. Even when the voices had hushed it seemed to the kneeling girl as though the spirits of the air were wafting it up to the gods. The words told her she was a hero, but the music so wild and unearthly, killed in its conception the thought of praise.

He of the yellow robes then advanced with a cup.

"Drink," he said, "and may the coward blood of the Han Chow make you stronger and more vengeful against our lawful prey!"

The liquor was one-half wine and one-half blood! Could she drink it? Involuntarily she turned her head to look behind, hoping to see the face of the Chief.

"You are looking beyond the earth. There is death behind you," came the voice from the yellow robe. "Drink!" and the dreadful cup came just a trifle nearer.

Death! and there was so much to live for—Li Khi; the competition, her parents. If she died there, no one would ever know her fate. The compressed lips parted just a trifle and the small shapely head leaned forward with an almost imperceptible movement. The cup came closer. She hesitated to think

"Death!" said a voice behind her. "Drink!" came from the robe.

The words were all that broke the tomb-like stillness of the chamber save the breathing of the girl. She would drink, then perhaps the awful ceremony would be ended.

The full, round lips kissed the cold edge of the cup. The hand which held it tilted it just a little, and the blood of the dead and the lips of the living met. The liquid stained the crimson lips with a shameless red, the stain crept into the white teeth and trickled down her throat. She shuddered and felt as if the blood of the dead had palsied her limbs. She choked, gasped and struggled for air.

Suddenly the cup was removed, a murmur went through the throng, lights blazed up, the hoods of the assemblage were thrown back and the faces of the band were revealed.

The figure in the robe of yellow advanced, and, extending his hand, lifted Sho Mai to her feet. She still held the sword which had been given her.

"Brother," said the man, "there is but one thing more for you to do. Many have lacked the necessary courage to face this last ordeal, and so have lost their lives. When I have finished no word of encouragement will be given you. You must do as you are instructed, or—"

"Death by the sword of the pirate clan," chanted the assemblage.

"You hear," continued the speaker. "Now act, and may you prove yourself worthy the name and sword of a Toyhai." Then addressing two men who stood on the opposite side of the chamber: "You know your duty."

At this the two pulled back the folds of a double curtain, which concealed an alcove in the wall which was lighted even more brightly than the chamber itself. Against the rear wall of the alcove stood a man perfectly erect. A thin band of steel held his head in position, and bands of like metal encircled his neck, waist, ankles and wrists. His hands were stretched well out and his feet were well apart. Such a look of agony upon a human face the girl had never dreamed of. The eye-balls rolled round and round in their sockets as if they had never known rest or quiet; the lips twitched and trembled, and a spot of blood on the nether lip marked the place where a tooth had penetrated

the flesh, while the hands alternately clenched themselves and unfolded.

"There is a traitorous heart, if ever one beat in the bosom of a man. He is not fit to live. My brother, do you find out his vital spot with that true and thrice-blessed blade and show how a Toyhai treats the enemies of Kwan Dah."

The mixture of the wine and blood the girl had drunk seemed to have filled her with fire, and her blood went coursing so quickly through the veins that when the speaker had finished she

could almost hear it surging to and fro. Her cheeks were aflame, and her heart beat with painful violence. She knew what was required of her. She must take a human life, but such was the wild excitement which now controlled her that she had less horror in contemplating this act than she had before in drinking the blood and wine.



THE BLADE TOUCHED THE BARED BREAST OF THE TRAITOR.

She stepped forward, with the weapon pointed toward the trembling wretch. It was within an inch of his breast. The blood surging to her brain dazed her. She wavered backward and forward, and as the condemned traitor saw her thus, as if summoning energy for a fatal stroke, he sent forth such a cry of agony as rang through the whole city. To Sho Mai it sounded like the voice of a thousand demons hailing the new murderer in the list of blood-stained souls. She staggered, and the blade in her hand, without her volition, touched the bared breast of the traitor. The steel was keen as a razor, and the touch was light blood bright red stream. Sho Mai, sparing a voice seemed to thunder in her ears. Her brain re Sho Mai, the mercy of the gods, sheer name floor unconscious!

How long she had lain thus she did not know, but when night came to her eyes she found herself alone, lying upon the tiles just as she had fallen. With a shudder she turned her head toward the spot where a corpse should have hung suspended by the bands of steel, but the curtains had been drawn, and no sound came from behind them. She would have given much to lift that drapery and learn whether she had really taken a life, but her resolution failed her, and she turned toward the second apartment.

With feeble steps she staggered toward the curtain, but as she placed her hand upon it some force which she could not trace drew it back suddenly, and she entered, wondering. There she saw seated about the apartment the members of the clan who had assisted at her initiation. She was immediately conducted to a seat before a raised dais, upon which was the man who wore the royal yellow robe and who acted as orator. An attendant brought her a glass of sweet wine, and when she had drunk she felt refreshed.

"It is considered by your brethren of the Toyhai that you have earned your robe," said the orator. "Remembering, as we do, that you are but a boy, and that you have succeeded where more than one man has failed, we are inclined to look leniently upon your weakness and invest you with the black robe of a Toyhai." Then without further formality her robe of office was conferred upon her.

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heads were bowed. "The most high grants the new Toyhai his choice, either to remain and serve the great Kwan Dah in his city or to sail under the flag of the white crescent in the ship of the First Chief, which shall presently sail."

A great hope swept through Sho Mai. Once free of this island could she not escape altogether from the sway of Kwan Dah? The thought well-nigh bereft her of speech, but gathering her courage she said at length:

"Let me sail the sea under the banner of the great Kwan Dah."

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Ruling of Judge.

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