## DESCRIBES WONDERS OF ANCIENT PEKING

## Writer Finds Glories of Old Days Have Departed.

To one who had long heard through the dim distance the engaging echoes of Peking, a real visit to the place was like an entrance to fairyland, says a writer in the North China Herald. Here was the writer actually for the first time, within the precincts of this great city, this muster creation of Ming and Manchu.

Here was the forbidden city open now to the uncouth foreigner. In the outer quarters weeds grow wild, steel rails lie flung about and heaps of brick deface the tinted wall. Instead but in the lobby just the same. of grand chamberlains moving by or tire Buddha I find a knight of the alms bowl sitting under the Bo tree running carefully over the seams of his jacket looking for dropped stitches. Still this is the forbidden city and what can equal it?

Through the side entrance back of the Noonday gate, over the marble bridge I go, all alone. Only the shadows of the past accompany me; airy elephants accoutred for Kang-hsi to ride, silent banner men and lantern bearers, shadowy chiefs and kings from afar. The lions before the Tai-ho Tien seemed to me to be shaking with laughter. "It all a joke," they said, "all a joke." Perhaps it is. Only the echo of my footsteps sound as I climb the marble steps to the T'ai-ho Tien. Here the guard was asleep, his head hanging loosely over the rear post of his chair. All is gone, I thought: the glory of the days of Yunglu vanished into the past and the guard himself as good as dead. But what a magnificent hall, none the less. The mind that conceived it; the soul that gave it expression; the hands that fashioned it; when shall we see the like again?. To think that long grass and weeds should be allowed to graw in such a place. One can imag-ine the howlings at night of the ghosts of all palace sweepers as they behold its dishevelment.

The museum is a delight to the eye and a wonder to the inner man. Chinese through and through, patterned from nowhere unless it be an odd line caught here and there from Mongolia, Tibet or distant India. Lovers of art could spend years here. I remember one picture specially of Buddha's heaven. Up the heights it went with every expression of spiritual re-finement and color, beautiful beyond words. Who would not look straight through for such a matchless para

We lunched in the stone boat by the lake, which boat is a fair example of China's colossal "squeezes." Nev ertheless in spite of it how wonderful is the summer place. From its gay top we saw all the world as queens and emperors used to see it go by: donkeys, boys, camels, motorcars, wheelbarrows, up-to-date young Chinamen fresh from Columbia, and ancient

It had long been a matter of interest to the writer to know the nature of the pool that feeds the palace as well as the upper and lower sea. By a ticket at the gate and a walk through a shady avenue we came to its fountain head. It drops neither from the milky way nor from the star clusters above the Kwun-lin mountains of Tibet, but simply wells forth in unbounded measure from the earth.

# Mercury Vein in Japan

A rich vein of mercury ore, believed to extend for more than seven miles on the surface and to vary in width from two to six feet, has been discov ered near the village of Kita Uonome in the upper Goto Archipelago of the Department of Commerce at Washington has been informed.

Assays show the ore to be very rich containing 18 per cent of mercury, and preliminary excavations indicate that the vein increases in thickness the deeper it is followed. It should make Japan independent of the rest of the world for its supply of mercury.-Scientific American.

# For Identification

"Seen anything of my wife around your place?" asked Lop Lazzenberry of Slippery Slap, who was in the cour ty seat on a shopping expedition.
"D'know," replied the citizen ad-

"What sorter looking lady

Well. I'll p'tu!-tell you: She's got tollable long hair and right cold feet."

# The Deadly Dilemma

Browne (in the middle of a tall hooting story)—Hardly had I taken alm at the lion on my right when neard a rustle in the jungle grass, and perceiving an enormous tiger approaching on my left, I now found myself on the horns of a dilemma." Interested Boy—Oh, and which did you shoot first, the lion, the tiger, or the dilemma?

### Early Morning Interview Not on Daily Schedule

C. C. Hamlin of Colorado Springs, newly named Republican national committeeman from the Pikes Peak state, was a visitor in Washington soon after this political honor came to him, and was guest at luncheon at the White House. Mr. Hamlin never leaves Washington without a good story attaching to his visit. This time the story has to do with a very early appointment—an 8 o'clock appointment, to be exact. The man the new national committeeman was to see arrived at the hotel at five minutes of eight and called Mr. Hamlin on the phone. The latter was just tumbling out of bed. In five minutes, nevertheless, he was in the lobby, unshaved,

The two men were together for an hour and a half, and then, as the caller ras leaving, he said:

"Well, Clarence, what are you going "Me?" said Hamlin; "why, I am go-

ing back to the room and get up."-Washington Star.

### Europeans Turning From Billiards to Golf Links

Billiards, first played so long ago that even historians have been baffled in their efforts to trace its origin, is losing popularity in Europe, according to various authorities, who attribute this to the general increase of interest

There are no positive records just where and when the game of billiards began, but some historians report that during the rambles of Anacharsis, the Scythian philosopher, through Greece and other countries in quest of knowledge, he witnessed a "game analogous to billiards," and he liked it very

Catkire More, king of Ireland in the econd century, is known to have left behind him 55 billiard balls of brass. with pools and cues of the same material. Billiards became popular in France during the reign of Louis XIV, whose physician recommended this form of exercise.

## TABLETS OF TRUTH

If a woman has kleptomania takes about everything for it.

It's surprising how easy it is to get omething you don't want

Trust your secret to another and it will be returned badly soiled.

The figure sometimes has a great deal to do with making a thing bad

Good taste springs more from judgment than from intellect.

Jealousy may be born with love but it does not always die with it.

whip can do a great deal.

In the husband wisdom, in the wife gentleness.

He is sufficiently learned who knows how to do well and has power enough to refrain from evil.

# Wasted Words

Johnson missed his train the other vening, so he went to have his bair cut. When he entered the barber's he was in a quarrelsome frame of mind.
"Cut 'tt without conversation," he growled, as he took his place in the chair. "Don't want any restorer, invigorator, eradicator, lotion, potion or anything else. I've read all about the Near East troubles, and don't interest myself in boxing, racing or football. As regards the weather-

Here a customer nudged Johnson's

"You'll have to write it down on his slate, mister," he said, "if you want to tell him anything. He's deaf and dumb."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

# A Fool and His Hair

"It doesn't take me two minutes in the morning to do my hair," said Spar-rowby. "So I should imagine," retorted Reno. "Isn't there a proverb, 'A "Marrying isn't in my line. I dislike the idea of wives about a house; they accumulate dust."—"The Square Egg," by H. H. Munro.

# Italian Invention

Italians have invented a water-cooled engine of the radial type that is operated by heavy fuel and weighs less than two pounds for each horsepower

### Illustrated Proverb North-Dobbs has divorced that rich

vidow lie married.

West—A fool and his money part ed eh?-New York San.

# Elon College Commencement.

Class Day Exercises-Essays and Orations-Members of Graduating

resentation of Alamance Building by W. E. Sharpe.

Elon College, May 26 - The outstanding feature of the Monday session of the Elon commencement was the alumni oration by Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Educational Superintendent of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago.

Dr. Smith is a member of the class of '17. His address occurred at the night program. He is well known at the college among the students, having visited the colcollege and spoke here at a recent session of the General Conventionl and his address was well eceived.

The class day program, which occurred at the morning hour, consisted of the welcome address by Wm. T. Scott, the class history by Mary Graham Lawrence, the class poem by Sion H. Lynam, the last will and testament by Alice Barrett, the class prophecy by Mrs. C. M. Cannon, the delivery of trophies by Nannie Ald-

The graduating class has forty nembers all of whom participated in the exercises this morning. Wm. T. Scott, Greensboro, is from their Alma Mater. president of the graduating class,

New Hill, treasurer. The class prophecy, the last will and testament, and the demorning's program were of a more as a donation to the college this serious nature. Mr. Scott in his \$100,000.00 administration build-ing. ence feel that their presence was appreciated, and the delivery of senior mantle to the juniors classmen of the duties and obligations ahead of them in their college course.

At 5:30 p. m. the society repregave orations and essays. The college band furnished music for the occasion, and also gave a concert on the campus at 6:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

The first speaker of the society representatives was S. H. Abell, Clio Literary Society, who used as his subject "Pushing Back Horizons." Following were Mary Cursed be the man who devours the Williams, Psykaleon, "Nawidow's houses and for a show makes long prayers.

Lee Williams, Psykaleon, "Nature, The Riddler;" Kate Vance Strader, Psiphelian, "One Little Civil W. Psykaleon, "One Little Civil W. Psykaleon, "Nature Civil W. Psykaleon, " City;" W. B. Terrell, Philologian, "America's Unfinished Task;" R. W. Utley, Philologian, "The Duty

C. Elder, Clio, "Social Unrest."
The members from each society spoke in competition for their and spent two days with him. society medals and pins, the win- Before the agent left, the farmer ners to be announced tomorrow at pointed to a terraced field and

the society reunions. Victorial Adams, New Britain, his confidence in the help of his Coun., Nannie Addridge, Union Ridge, Lucy Austin, Taylorsville, Jos, T. Banks, Gomez, Texas, J. Dan Barber, Elon College, J. R. Barker, Burlington, Alice Bar-rett, Ponce, P. R., Marjorie Bur-ton, Brown Summit, Mrs. C. M. Cannon, Elon College, Della Lee Cotten, Greensbore, Essie Mae Cotten, Greensboro, G. C. Crutchfield, Kernersville, Freda Dim-mick, Sanford, R. H. Gunn, Brown

G. C. Mann, Grimesland, Henry W. May, Maryland, J. Mark Mc-Adams, Elon College, Madge Moffitt, Ramseur, Ora Belle Pace, Youngsville, Malcolm Lacy Patrick, New Hill, P. D. Rudd, Brown Summit, Wm. F. Scott, Grensboro, Myrtle Summers, Altamahaw, Mary Hall Stryker, Berkley, Va , Nellie Weber, Morganton, J. C. Whitesell, Elon College, and W. W. Woody, Siler City.

Elon College, May 27.—The climax of the Elon College commencement season occurred this morning when thirty-nine academic degrees, and forty-one cer-tificates and diplomas in the special departments of the college, were conferred. At these exercises Dr. Walter S. Athearn, Dean of the Boston University School of Religion, gave the literary ad-dress. Dr. Athearn was intro-duced by President W. A. Harper.

Six members of the senior class spoke preceding the literary address. They gave orations and essays, which were de ivered in competition for the Moffitt Essay ist Medal given by Col. S., L. Adams of South Boston, Va. The essays delivered were: Mary Graham Lawrence, Elon College, "Music a Special Asset:" Jennie Gunter, Sanford, "North Carolina Indiaus;" Mrs. C. M. Cannon, Elon College, "A New Star in the East." The orations were: W. T. Scott, Greensboro, "The Prominence of the Master;" S. M. ridge, and the delivery and acceptance of the mantle by G. C. Bells;" and J. Dan Barber, Elon College, "Brother and the Pale Face.

Bibles were presented to each of the seniors as a graduation gift

In the afternoon the Alamance J. R. Barker, Burlington, vice-president, Louise Homewood, Gra-to the College, W. E. Sharpe of ham, secretary, and M. L. Patrick, Burlington making the speech of presentation, and Dr. E. L. Moffitt, former president of the college and a member of the board of livery of trophies were humorous truestees, received it on behalf of features and furnished amuse- the board of trustees, expressing ment for the audience and class sincere thanks to the people of members. The other items of the Alamance county for having given

ing.
The night session of the commencement was given over to the musical feature, the Choral Sobrought a realization to the under- ciety celebration under the auspices of the Music Department of the college. Professor Walter Greenwood, head of the voice department, was the conductor for sentatives, representing the four this occasion. Fifty-four persons literary societies of the college participated in the program, which participated in the program, which proved to be a great success.

(Next week will be published concluding of commencement exercises. - Editor.)

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# Why Mr. N. Windsor (R. I.) Put Up with Rats for Years

book suitable for a man—er—about to get married."

"Yes, sir," the clerk answered. "Here, Mr. Buford, show this gentle-"Years ago I got some rat poison, which nearly killed our fine watch dog. We put up with rats until a friend told me about Rat-Snap. It surely kills rats, though house pets won't touch it." Rats dry up and leave no smell, Prices, 35c, 65c, 21.25. Sold and guaranteed by

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# "The Chinese Mark Twain"

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In His Lecture

"China and the Future Peace of the Pacific"

SECOND NIGHT

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# CHAUTAUQUA **GRAHAM, JUNE 10th**

### **BILL BOOSTER SAYS**

HERE GOES A GUY WITH FISH HOOKS IN HIS POCKETS HE'S GOT LOTS OF MONEY, BUT HE WOULDN'T GIVE A NICKEL TO KEEP HIS GRANDMOTHER OUT OF THE POORHOUSE! FOLKS RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY PASS HIM BY! AND IF HE EVER NEEDS ANY



Heart as a Pump your heart overy hour," says Doctor Henderson, lecturing at Harvard Med-

This is a terrific amount of work for a delicate pump. It is obvious that life can be prolonged and health improved by getting plenty of sleep and lying down for 20 minutes or so in mid-day and early evening." When standing, our hearts pump blood the ing, strain is taken off the pump, blood flows like water through horizonta pipes.-New Orleans States.

# The Very Thing

The man entered the store and looked around with a rather puzzled "Is there something you wish?"

"Well-er-yes," the man replied. "I am—that is, I would like to get a

man some of our large-size pocket-books!"

# Mean Thing

Madge—Jack has just inherited million from his uncle. And to thin that only six months ago I refused

Muriel-Jack is certainly a bear luck .- San Francisco Chronicle.

Many Hoge Killed

A total of 48,000,000 hogs were slaughtered in the United States dur-ing the fiscal year ending June 80. This breaks all former records by more than 4,000,000.

### A Give-Away

"Have a cigar on me," Cunningham emarked, holding out a cigar.
"Don't care if I do," Burris accept-

"What's the occasion; are you running for office?" "No, not that," Cunningham denied.
"I have a new baby at my house."

"You don't say! Congratulations!"
Barris exclaimed. Then, he paused to light his cigar. After a few puffs, he observed. "About the fourth child, I should say !"

# Kept Them Awake

"Ain't got no Shakespearean actors now like what we had in the old days," declared Hank Hayfoot, a prominen member of the grocery lyceum,

"This is the repressed school," re-torted the city fellow who happened to be present, "You're thinking about the old-style robust school. All those fellows could do was to rant around and bellow." "Well, they kept us awake, any-

Yes, by All Means The Chap-You're getting prettier every day, Miss Daisy. The Damsel-Now, Mr. Nottingham, you're really putting it on a little too

The Chap-Well, let's say every oth-

# Empty

"Mamma, I've got a stomach-"That's because your stomach's empty. You'd feel better if you had

something in it. You have been with-out your lunch." That afternoon the pastor called and in conversation complained of a severe headache.

"That's because it's empty," said S. C. SPOON, Jr., M. D. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

# A Good Sign

"Good day, Mrs. Brown, How is your husband this morning?" asked one countrywoman of another whos husband was ill,
"Well, I think he's a bit better,"

was the reply. "He sat up for an hour yesterday, and had a little appetite. He ate a couple of chops, veal and 'am pie, two helpings of apple pudding and a snack think by tomorrow he'll be able to swallow something substantial."

### How It Started "At any rate, Mrs. Murphy, no one

can say I'm two-faced." "Faith, no, Mrs. Jones. Sure, an' if yer were, you'd leave that 'un at 'ome,"-Melbourne Punch.

# Cleanly Spoken

The boy was home at last. He had tried his luck out West in the mines for five years, with little success. And now he was broke.

"John," cried his old mother, seizing both his hands in greeting, "you have hardly changed at all."

"I know, mother," he answered, in Granom. - North Carolina and Carolina a

tremulous tones, "but there ain't no laundries out there."—Swamp Angel. OFFICE IN PARIS RUILDING

Land of Giants and Pygmies. Ruanda, in Africa, is the land of the Wambutti pygmles and the Watuss glants, the latter the most aristocratiof all negro tribes, and one of the last to retain a sultan, who holds absolute sway over the lives, property and lands of his subjects.

A medium-sized Watussi man stands 5 feet 11 inches in his stockingless feet, says the Detroit News. Seven feet is not an extreme height. These forest glants are well proportioned and athletic. Another explorer reports a jump measured of eight feet five inches.

Though he had no accurate timing devices the same observer expresses the opinion that the Watussi men can overtake trained athletes of the West-ern world in both sprint and distance

The Easy Chinese Language. Chinese in its spoken form is a simpler language than even English. There are none of the terrors of conjugation, declension or the inflections that mark European languages. West-ern children born in China with equal opportunities of hearing Chinese and English spoken in the home learn Chinese first because it is easier. In a year of earnest study a good foundation can be laid. Knowledge of the new Chinese alphabet enables the beginner to use the characters without the aid of oral instruction. It is thus possible for the student to carry on his own study after a start has been made with an instructor. -Columbia Alumni News.

Language Proves Age of Indians. It is said that in North and South America no less than 120 or 180 absolutely distinct languages exist. As the growth of language is very slow, it is thought that the fact of the existence of so great a variety of speech on the western continents proves that the native red men have inhabited them for many thousands of years. Another proof of the antiquity of the American Indians, according to some authorities, is the fact that they represent a distinct human type, and the formation of such a type requires thousands of years.

## Had a Right to Kick.

A tailor took his wife to the thea-ter and before the curtain rose proceeded to glance around the

"Well," asked his wife, "how many people do you see whom you know?" Whereupon he took a more deliberate census and reported: "I count fourteen suits I am owed for and six overcoats. All of them have better eats than we have."

# Eyeglasses in China

Natives of China are beginning to inderstand the value of eyeglass optical goods sold in Hongkong last year having a value of \$100,000 and the greater part of these were imported from America.

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