

## Wedded to a Red Flower Vase

A Matrimonial Idea of the Chinese Which Might Solve a Good Many Difficulties for Our Own Civilization

In China, whose civilization was old before ours began, and which is therefore correspondingly advanced in many particulars, they have solved one phase of the matrimonial problem.

According to a recent newspaper dispatch, a young Chinese lady, belonging to one of the most aristocratic families, has just been married to a red flower vase—the vase being a substitute for the young man to whom she was betrothed, and who died just before the wedding. The prospective bride wished to enjoy the dignities and freedom that belonged to a matron, and that she denied to a maid, but her heart was in the grave with her dead lover, and she couldn't bear to think of marrying another man, so the red flower vase was substituted for the bridegroom and the marriage celebrated with all due pomp and ceremony.

For many years America has been sending money and missionaries without stint to convert what we call, in our fatuous folly the "heathen Chinese." It is now China's turn to make a courteous missionary retort and put us under eternal obligation by introducing in America the pleasing custom of marrying a woman to an inanimate object when no animate object applies for the job.

In this country there are not enough men to go around, even if all would wed, and every year piles up the deficit in the matrimonial bureau. What should be done about the surplus woman problem has been a question that seemed unanswerable until the acute Chinese came along with a suggestion so simple and so direct that it leaves us wondering we didn't guess the answer to the conundrum long ago. Just popularize the idea of marrying a flower vase, and you have done away, once and for all, with old maids, girls bachelors, and all the disadvantages of spinsterhood.

A far greater number of women marry just for the sake of being married than we ever suspect. They are not lovers at heart. They are irresistibly drawn to particular men. Their instincts are for celibacy, and left to themselves they would far rather be free than burdened with the cares and responsibilities of husbands and children.

But they want to write "Mrs." instead of "Miss" before their names. They want the status of the married woman. Above all, they want the liberty of the married woman, for we cling to the absurd tradition that a single woman, though she be 90, is still a debutante, and that she must be chaperoned, and that it is indecate for her to hear or speak of any topic that isn't dressed up in white muslin and girdled with a blue sash.

Also, that the single woman must, perforce, live with her friends or her family, no matter how much she would like to set up an establishment of her own.

To this large set of single women, rich old maids, and business women earning good salaries, a red flower-vase husband would fill a matrimonial ideal, and they would espouse it with an enthusiasm that no mere man ever evokes.

In reality, the red flower-vase husband is not as startling an innovation as it seems. Many a woman has discovered, to her sorrow, that she has married a whisky bottle instead of a man, and she would be glad enough to trade him off for a red flower vase if she could.

There are men so full of vanity and conceit and self-importance that their wives had just as well have united themselves to a balloon or any other sort of gas bag. There are husbands who are so silent in their own homes that a store dummy could be substituted for them without their wives ever finding out the difference, and there are other women who believed that they were marrying tender Romeos who ascertained after marriage that they tied up with surly bears that growl whenever you speak to them.

There are husbands in plenty who are so sour and tart that their wives would find a vinegar jug a sweet companion besides them. There are other men so immersed in their business and professions that their wives would have had just as much sympathy and companionship if they had married a lodger, or a law book, which they could have shut up when it made them tired.

Also, there are men who wouldn't find marrying a red flower vase instead of a wife such a bad idea, for there are men who have found out after marriage that instead of a living, loving human woman they have led nothing but a fashion plate to the altar. There are other men who have ascertained to their sorrow that never run down and that they can't shut off, and still other men are married to weeping women who are nothing but hydrants, with the tap always turned on.

Of course, there are some disadvantages in having a flower-vase spouse. As a husband he might get broke, or get full, like a human husband. As a wife she would never be anything but a parlor ornament; but the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, and the Chinese plan is earnestly recommended to those ecologists who are disturbed over

our diminishing matrimonial rate.

As a happy expedient for the superfluous woman, and the old bachelor who would like to be free though married, the red flower-vase substitute for a husband or wife takes the wedding cake.

## Nearing Completion

**NEW ENTERPRISE FOR PROSPEROUS JONES COUNTY TOWN—THEY LOVE THE COWS AND CHICKENS.**

Pollockville, Nov. 17.—Our people must set up and watch "Polly" grow. The girls and boys are having quite a little recreation; have turned the New Mill into a rink, and the noise indicates much pleasure.

Mr. Agnes Chadwick's happy family have become normal again physically, and she smiles more profusely. The heavy rain Saturday night, and Sunday has put a stop to business for sometime. The City Beautiful Club, and all its branches have departed this life. Peace, to its ashes, but not so to the stock that use the streets, and sidewalks, for a pasture day, and night.

The cow bells furnish music to sleep by, were it possible to sleep. If we could move the stables, hog pens, and a few other disagreeable buildings and get rid of the stock, our little town could be pleasant to look upon, now that the tall weeds have fallen victim to the frost.

Mr. Hood looks more boyish than ever since he became the proud father of a nice little girl. Rev. Gibbs failed, through illness, to fill his pulpit Sunday 15th. May his recovery be speedy.

Mr. J. H. Bell's gin keeps humming along, days and part of the night. Hope he will have a crop sufficient to keep him busy for the next six months, but oh, that whistle, if it would only get a bad cold or bust or something, the ginning would be more appreciated.

Mr. C. B. Foy is quite a frequent visitor of late. The Oil Mill of which he is a large stockholder being the attraction. Mr. C. E. Foy also visits us frequently in the interest of the mill, and his ideal farm just across Mill Creek.

Our school is progressing and prospering under the usual management, Prof. White and a fine Corps of Lady teachers, but the chair of music is vacant. Much to the sorrow of her devoted pupils, Mrs. Hughes is devoting her entire time to her husband. We hope, soon to see him back attending his patients, and Miss Annie to her music class.

## WEEK END PARTY AT ORIENTAL

Misses Rosa and Sadie Spruill Entertained Number of Young People.

Oriental, Nov. 17.—On Friday Misses Rosa and Sadie Spruill gave an enjoyable week-end house party at "Elmwood" their beautiful country home. The ideal fall days lent a helping hand on this occasion, that made kodaking, outing and other outdoor sports all that could be wished for.

Those enjoying the hospitality of the Misses Spruill were: Misses Elsie Pugh, Oriental; Mabel Coffey, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; Inez Pittman, Greenville; Bess McPherson, Graham; May Adams, Holly Springs; Annie Eithin, Salisbury; Mary Powell, Dover, Del.; Messrs. Ralph Harris, Kershaw; D. W. Eastwood, Merritt; A. C. Spruill, Oriental.

## CAPTURES CRIMINAL

Deputy Sheriff L. T. Gillette Is "Human Bloodhound."

Deputy Sheriff L. T. Gillette of Maysville received two warrants several days ago from Sheriff Taylor of Lenoir county to arrest certain parties wanted by the Lenoir officials and supposed to be in Jones county or Onslow. Deputy Gillette was soon on the trail and located Charlie Wiley, colored, in Pollockville who was wanted for running away from the chain gang.

Mr. Gillette passed through the city yesterday morning enroute to Kinston where he delivered his prisoners.

## WAKE FOREST TEAM TO PLAY HERE

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November the twenty sixth, the football team of the Great Athletic Association will play the Wake Forest College team at 3:30 o'clock. The game will be played at Giant Park, and a large crowd is expected to witness the contest between these two strong teams. Both teams are making great preparations for this contest and the greatest game ever witnessed in New Bern is promised.

H. T. Patterson has gone to Beaufort for a few days business visit.

## THEY COME AND GO

D. L. Ward, left yesterday morning for a few days visit in Pamlico County.

E. A. Farrior, of Kennansville, N. C., is spending a few days in the city visiting his sister Mrs. A. D. Ward.

Col. P. M. Pearsall, left yesterday morning for a business visit to Beaufort.

Rev. J. D. Bundy, of Wilmington, N. C., passed through New Bern yesterday morning enroute to Washington, N. C., to attend the Methodist Conference.

Dr. Ernest Dunn, spent yesterday at Washington attending to professional business.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter and Rev. W. A. Cade, left yesterday for Washington, N. C., at attend the Methodist Conference.

H. L. Taylor, was a business visitor to Maysville yesterday.

Rev. C. T. Rogers, of Richlands, was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

Rev. P. Greening, of Wilmington, N. C., passed through New Bern yesterday enroute to Washington, N. C.

C. F. Ellison, left yesterday morning for a business visit to Morehead City.

R. E. Snowden, left yesterday morning for the Newport Pocosin, where he is superintending the work on the Central Highway.

W. B. Blades, left yesterday for a business visit to Beaufort.

Mr. and Mrs. George Daily, and children, left yesterday morning for Wilmington, N. C., to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. S. Griffin is spending several days visiting friends at Bayboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hines, have returned from Whiteville where they spent several days visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Blanchard, of Kinston, were in New Bern yesterday morning.

Mrs. E. G. Hargett, of Hyman was in the city yesterday morning between trains.

Miss Myrtle Pope is spending a few days visiting her brother, G. W. Pope at Pine Grove.

Miss Jessie Farrior, left yesterday morning for Raleigh where she will spend the winter.

Miss Mabelle Pipkin, left yesterday for Washington, N. C., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Madie Moore, of Oriental, is spending a few days in the city visiting her sister Mrs. Ray Brewer.

Miss Ethel Brinson, left yesterday morning for Thomasville to enter the Baptist Orphanage.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pipkin, of Washington, N. C., were in the city yesterday.

C. A. Ballenger, of Croatan, was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

C. T. Hancock returned yesterday from a few days visit to Newport.

Rev. T. F. Callaway arrived in the city yesterday afternoon to assist Rev. R. W. Thot in the revival meeting which is now in progress at the T. bernal Baptist Church.

Hon. S. M. Brinson spent yesterday at Vanceboro attending to business.

Mrs. M. W. Fodrie and Misses Helen Brown and Rachel Hancock, returned last evening from Roper where they have been visiting friends for several days.

Mrs. Ellen Stewart, of Washington, D. C., arrived in the city last evening to visit Mrs. K. A. Bell.

Mrs. L. L. Dameron has returned from a few days visit to relatives at Beaufort.

H. S. Hancock left last night for a business visit to Beaufort.

Miss Madeline Murphy, of Marshberg, is the guest of Miss Leslie Mae Huggins on Pollock street.

## COTTON TO BE SENT BY PARCEL POST.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The Postmaster General today issued an order allowing cotton to be sent by parcel post. The parcels are limited to twelve pounds.

## FLOOD

**EARLY RISERS IN WILLIAMSBURG HEAR ROAR AND EVENTS FOLLOW TOO FAST FOR POLICE.**

New York, Nov. 17.—A 36-inch water main in Brunswick avenue between Montrose and Johnson avenues, Williamsburg, burst yesterday morning. Early risers heard a roar and a rumbling sound and a building in the neighborhood trembled under the shock, and then a great column of water shot into the air, taking paving blocks and earth with it.

Lights came flashing to the windows of tenement houses. There were screams of women and children, and here and there the report of a revolver. When these people looked and saw the water spouting from a great hole in the street. A trolley car could be seen careening toward the seething fissure. Men were scrambling out of the car for their lives.

In a minute tenants were rushing from buildings on every side, some of them floundering into the water, others turning back in fear and reaching safety by way of fire escapes and back yards. All of them were scantily clad, and most of them were excited. Then a streak of flame shot from a doorway and the cry of "fire" mingled with the general confusion.

Patrolmen Rosenfeld and Hoffman of the Stagg street station were first on the scene with aid. They saw that the hole in the street went clean to the curb on one side, and that the people rushing pell mell from their homes were in danger of plunging headlong into the opening. They stood guard there and shouted directions as best they could amid all the shouting and howling.

When they saw flames shoot out of the four-story frame building at 253 Buswick avenue Hoffman jumped through them. A woman coming down from the third floor had let a lamp fall as she saw the flood outside. She turned and fled to the rear of the building. Hoffman went to the second floor and dragged Morris Goldstein from his sick bed to safety.

The firemen made short work of the fire, but it was otherwise with the flood. For an hour the 36 inch main opened into the street. The water ran down a slope to McKibbin street and made a lake there. Police reserves ordered first-floor tenants out down there. The basement of public schools 147 was filled with water, and thousands of dollars of damage was done to tobacco leaf in the plant of E. Locker & Sons, at Johnson and Buswick avenues.

Electric light and telephone wire conduits had been ripped up in the break and short circuits made dangerous work for everybody. The water department sent an emergency crew, and three crews of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit came from the Ridgewood terminal. A trolley car, the front truck of which had been lifted from the tracks by the force of the water spout, was dragged back from its dangerous position over the edge of the hole. Fourteen passengers in this car had a narrow escape.

It was several hours before quiet was restored, and all day fire engines were kept pumping water out of cellars in the flooded area. Deputy fire chief Lally took personal charge of this work. The water department men have not figured out yet just what caused the break. This main was put down years ago and a leaky sewer or a bad joint may have worked the soil out from it and caused a strain.

## AFTER MOONSHINERS.

Sheriff R. B. Lane After Law Breakers.

Sheriff R. B. Lane and Deputies E. J. Baylis and T. W. Holton left New Bern yesterday morning for a point on the Craven-Carter county line where several days ago a party of officers had a pitched battle with moonshiners. The object of the Sheriff's visit is to capture the blockaders and he is said to have information which will doubtless be of considerable aid in locating the men. The Sheriff and his posse were heavily armed and will be prepared for the "shiners in case there is any more shoot-out matches pulled off.

## INTERESTING CASE.

Being Tried in New Hanover Superior Court.

In an account of the proceedings of yesterday's session of New Hanover Superior Court carried in the Wilmington Dispatch yesterday afternoon, appeared the following paragraph which will be of interest here: "In the case of Thomas Bacon, Jr., against Munger & Bennett, involving about \$80,000, a motion was made yesterday afternoon to make Martha A. Munger a party defendant. A motion was also made by the defense for change of venue. By consent the motion was continued until next term of court."

## SEWER BEING PLACED ON SHORT STREET.

For several days the lower end of Short street has been closed up, by workmen who are doing some work on the sewer line. A larger sewer main is being put in on that end of the street.

## Woman Dead

**MRS. JANE BRADFORD KILLS HERSELF DESPITE RICH MAN'S MARRIAGE PLEA**

New York, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Jane Stacey Bradford, of a well known New England family, and once wealthy, killed herself yesterday by illuminating gas in her home, No. 352 Central Park West, at 95th street. She had leased the house with the idea of taking in roomers, and when none came she became despondent, according to her friends.

Mrs. Bradford, was a widow and 52 years old. An hour after her body was found a long distance telephone message for her came to the house from a man in Philadelphia who had several times asked her to marry him, and had been refused each time.

Much mystery was made of the identity of this man by friends and relatives of Mrs. Bradford, who gathered at her home, but it was admitted that the Philadelphia man, who is said to be worth a great deal of money, had made every effort to get Mrs. Bradford to become his wife. This story was told to Coroner Healy by Mrs. Gertrude Fischer, Mrs. Bradford's housekeeper and friend. According to the coroner's informant, the man was called "Colonel," but Frank Mugridge, of Westminster, Mass., Mrs. Bradford's brother, refused to let those at the house disclose the full name.

It was said, however, that he is elderly and has a grown daughter living in Philadelphia. He hurried to this city immediately on hearing of Mrs. Bradford's death, but he could not be seen last evening at the house.

Mrs. Bradford was born at Lynn, Mass. Her husband, James Bradford, died 20 years ago, leaving her a substantial fortune. Her friends could not estimate the amount, but said that Mrs. Bradford had been "very well off." She went to Philadelphia to live, and lost all of her money in investments.

At the end of October she came here and leased the five-story house on Central Park West.

## IN MEMORIAM.

To the Master of Kadosh, and members of New Bern Consistory No. 3. Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry, in the valley of New Bern, and the members of the Co-Ordinate Bodies, Lodge of Perfection, Chapter Rose Croix and Knights Kadosh.

The following memories herein submitted by the undersigned committee on the death of our brother William Singleton Gaskins, who departed this life on the morning of November 10th, 1914.

William Singleton Gaskins was born in Craven county, 76 years ago, and has been a resident of New Bern all his life, with the exception of short time spent in the mountain section of North Carolina in recuperation of his health, which he never fully recovered, and after a short time returned to this city and on the morning of November 10th, 1914 death laid his hand upon him. His end was peaceful and without any suffering.


In the Gorth Rite, our deceased brother was made a master Mason in St. John Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M., exalted a Royal Arch Mason, in New Bern chapter No. 46 and created a Knight Templar in St. John's Commandery No. 10 K. T. In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he was made a Perfect Master in New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6. A Knight Rose Croix in New Bern Chapter No. 5. An Inspector Inquisitor in Council of Kadosh No. 4, and a master of the Royal Secret in New Bern Consistory No. 3. 32nd degree. He was Tyler for all of the above Bodies. Brother Gaskins was also a member of Oasis Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Our Brothers wife had preceded him to the grave only a short time ago and one son and several grandchildren survive him, and we commend them to our Heavenly Father's care and condolence.

Brother Gaskins was a member of Centenary Methodist church, South, and was interested in every good work for the uplifting of humanity. He loved his church and he loved Masonry, and he had learned that the latter could not increase the sublime doctrines of religion, but like religion Masonry requires love to God and love to man, it claims no jurisdiction, and usurps no control with spiritual intercourse with heaven, but it continually directs men to that all seeing eye, which penetrates his most secret thoughts, and teaches him to tolerate no freedom and liberty, and to elevate the soul above the gross indulgence of vice, and refine his affections in the crucible of living virtue, purity and truth.

The funeral of our brother was in charge of St. Johns Lodge No. 3, with visiting brethren from Doric Lodge. Representatives from all the Masonic Bodies including the uniformed escort of Knights Templar, accompanied the remains from his late residence to the church, where the religious services were performed by Revs. McWhorter and Cade, and at the conclusion of which, the remains were escorted to Cedar Grove cemetery and there laid to rest, with Masonic honors. Sleep on, O Brother until the waking day. And ever we, who loved thy presence here Will keep for thee, through changes

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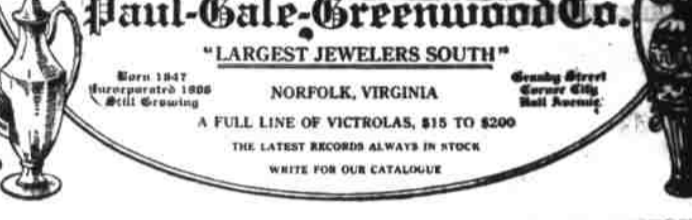


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manifold A tender memory with the years. Resolved, that the above be spread upon the Consistory minutes, a copy furnished the family and publication be made in the Journal.

Fraternally, F. M. HAHN N. E. MOHN T. A. HENRY

## COTTON TRADE SHOWS RECOVERY.

New York, Nov. 17.—Two events on the cotton exchange today showed a great recovery of the cotton trade. One was the purchase of eight thousand bales as a direct shipment to Germany. The other an estimate that this months export of 1,350,000 bales on a basis of forty dollars per bale. These shipments place Europe in our debt to the tune of \$54,000,000.

## AUTOMOBILE COULDN'T SWIM—OCCUPANTS WALK.

Last night United States Deputy Marshal C. H. Ange and Samuel Lilly arrived in the city on foot having walked from Broad Creek a distance of about five miles. Deputy Marshal Ange accompanied by Mr. Lilly was returning from a business visit to Pamlico county in the latter's automobile, and when they reached Broad Creek the water was so high that it was impossible for them to cross with the car, so they abandoned it, and made the remainder of the trip on foot.

GOLDS An up-to-date remedy for colds. That is what Peruna is. In successful use over 50 years.

Colds are caught in many ways: ill ventilated rooms; rooms that have direct draughts; crowded rooms; damp houses; stuffy school rooms; offices ill heated.

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"For several years I have been troubled with colds at each change of season. I took Peruna and have not been troubled with the slightest cold this entire season." Mr. Harry Fisher, 1232 Mather St., Baltimore, Md. "I give the children Peruna if they have a cold, and it always relieves them." Mrs. I. D. Hayes, 1237 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md. "When I feel a cold coming on I take a little Peruna, and it does me good." Mr. Charles S. Mear, 11 Water St., Centerville, Ky. "No family should ever be without Peruna, for it is an unerring cure for colds." Mrs. M. P. Jones, Burnside Springs, Ky.

## BARREL MURDER BAF-FLES N. Y. POLICE

MAN'S BODY FOUND STUFFED INTO RECEPTACLE—NO CLUE LEFT.

New York, Nov. 18.—A mystery similar to the famous East Side barrel murder some years ago, today confronted local police. They are searching for a clue to the murder of Luigi Macaulosa, aged 22, who was shot through the heart, his body stuffed into a barrel, carried to a lonely street under the Queensborough bridge and left there, to be found early today before the warmth had left the body. Macaulosa lived in that section of Manhattan's East Side, best known to the police as the home of gangsters and gunmen. He himself had served a sentence for carrying a pistol and detectives seeking to unravel the mystery of his death thought it due to a feud between rival gangs.

Two men unloaded the barrel from a truck, rolled it to the sidewalk and stood it on end. They leaped back on their truck, whipped their horses and dashed away.

A woman who had seen the actions of the men went to the barrel and looked in. She saw the body which had been stuffed into it, and hastily called the police.

## COTTON LOAN FUND IS NOW COMPLETE.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—The \$125,000,000 loan fund designed to help cotton producers whose great crop threatened to become a burden on their hands upon the outbreak of the war, today stood complete. Secretary McAdoo declared in his announcement that the loan plan had been delayed by the selfish opposition of certain textile manufacturers and local interests who have tried to defeat it. "We Believe," he added, "that the carrying out of this plan is going to be beneficial not only in helping the cotton situation and the foreign exchange situation, but also by promoting the general prosperity of the country, which now has such a happy impetus that it would be difficult to retard it."

## GIN DESTROYED BY FIRE YESTERDAY.

Kinston, Nov. 18.—B. Frank Jones, who is well known here, had the cotton gin and contents, on his farm, eight miles from the city, totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The origin of the fire is unknown. The damage, which was a total loss, amounted to \$1,000 with only \$1,000 insurance.