

CHINESE CUSTOMS AND CONTRARIETIES.

I am writing by the light of a Chinese candle, which is a curiosity in its way. It is not over six inches long, thicker than ours, and for wick has a straw wrapped with paper. The candlestick instead of being a tube in which the candle is stuck, is a stand with a sharp nail sticking up, on which the candle is skewered. On taking the candle off, I can blow up through the straw and lengthen the flame as a blowpipe would. It is like a small Argand lamp, but they lessen its value by spiking the straw tube. As the candle is a specimen of the contraries of Chinese customs and things to ours, I will mention some others. The muleteers I continually hear say "Gee" to their beasts to turn them to the left, and "Ho" or "Hoh" to turn to the right. To start them forward and to stop them, too, they are always saying "Ho!" When they meet each other on the road, they keep to the left, instead of the right as we do, and in mounting a horse, get up on the right side, instead of the left as we do. While I am writing, Mr. M— is close by me studying a book of Chinese phrases, composed by a Chinese scholar as simple sentences. The one he is at work upon now says: "When people are two young to have beards, their faces have to be scraped with a razor." The writer's Chinese teacher being requested to write his first name Edward tried to pronounce it, but after several attempts, gives it up in despair, saying, "My belly has no such sound in it," the usual Chinese way of saying, "I cannot pronounce it." Yesterday, one of our assistants was sending off a letter, and, as their envelopes have no gum attached, he deliberately scraped his teeth with his finger nail, and used the tartar he collected as so much mucilage! As these natives generally use no tooth brushes, he carries a supply with him. I learn that this is their usual way of sealing letters. Dentists are unknown among the people, and the mouths of most you meet tell the story of their destitution.—*Letter from China.*

VOLTAIRE'S LAST HOURS.—In spite of all the infidel philosophers who flocked around Voltaire in the first days of his illness, he gave signs of his wishing to return to that God whom he had so often blasphemed. He called for a priest. He afterwards made a written declaration, in which he renounced infidelity, signed by himself and two witnesses. He refused to see his infidel friends; and called upon the Lord Jesus. At one time he was discovered trying to pray. He had fallen from his bed in convulsive agonies, and lay foaming with impotent despair on the floor, exclaiming, "Will not this God, whom I have denied, save me too? Cannot infinite mercy be extended to me?" His physician, called to administer relief, retired, declaring the death of the impious man to be terrible, indeed. The Marshal of Richelieu flew from his bedside, declaring that the sight of such a death-bed was appalling. He offered the doctor half he possessed, if he would prolong his life for six months. When the doctor told him he would not live six weeks; "Then," said he, "I will go to hell, and you will go with me." Soon after he expired. Such was the horror of mind in which the archinfidel quitted the world. A terror to all who beheld him, a warning to all who are inclined to follow his steps.

FARMERS.—Adam was a farmer while yet in Paradise, and, after his fall, commanded to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. Job, the honest, upright and patient, was a farmer, and his endurance has passed into a proverb. Socrates was a farmer, and yet wedded to his calling the glory of his immortal philosophy. St. Luke was a farmer, and divides with Prometheus the honor of subjecting the ox for the use of man. Cincinnatus was a farmer, and the noblest Roman of them all. Burns was a farmer, and the Muse found him at the plow and filled his soul with poetry. Washington was a farmer, and retired from the highest earthly station to enjoy the quiet rural life and present to the world a spectacle of human greatness. To these names may be added a host of others who sought peace and repose in the cultivation of their mother earth; the enthusiastic Lafayette, and the steadfast Pickering, the scholastic Jefferson, the fiery Randolph, all found an El Dorado of consolation from life's cares in verdant lawns that surrounded their homesteads.

A REMARKABLE PHENOMENON.—A short time since the residents of Far Rockaway (L. I.) awoke from their slumbers to find that a most remarkable phenomenon had occurred during the night. Several years ago an island began to form about half a mile distant from the beach, and continued to grow until it was sufficiently large to push back the sea and preventing the breakers from reaching the main land. During the night the beach took a slide out to the sea, entirely swamping the island, and covering many valuable oyster beds. A house was carried away with the avalanche, and entirely demolished. The cause of this marvelous freak of nature is a mystery to the inhabitants of Far Rockaway, but many of them openly express their joy at once more seeing the waves of the sea break on the old beach as they formerly did. Hundreds of persons visited the place for the purpose of witnessing the wonderful change that had been wrought. This singular phenomenon may prove a blessing to the Far Rockaway people, who, for some years past, have prayed for a return of the scenes they used to witness when Rockaway beach was known as one of the best surf-bathing beaches in the country. The sea has at last come back to them, or rather, they have gone back to the sea.

OLD SPANISH TOWNS.—There are events transpiring in Chili of some interest. With the growing power and increased resources of this country, the Chilians are determined to reduce the hostile Indians, the Araucanos, who have so long maintained their independence, and in alleged connection with whom some Frenchman in Paris calls himself King of Araucania. The country was occupied by the old Conquistadores, and Pedro de Valdiva with very slender forces made himself master of it, and planted seven towns called cities. These were conquered and destroyed by the Araucanos, and now for about two centuries no Spaniard or Chilian has seen even these ruins, so closely has the district been held by the jealous Indians. The help of small steamers, which can ascend the rivers, now enables the Chilians to assail their opponents, and, as the bar of the Imperial river has been crossed, it is hoped the expedition will witness the strange sight of the abandoned cities of Imperial and Villa Rica founded in the sixteenth century, and looked upon by the Chilians as antiquities. There can now be little doubt that the independent State of Araucania, one which may be regarded as the only organized Indian State now remaining, will soon cease to exist. Mosquito never approached Araucania in organization. The result will be the continuation in an unbroken line of Chilian culture, and its approach to the Straits of Magellan.

CONGRESSIONAL NICKNAMES.—Speaking of General Logan being known as "Dirty Jack," reminds me of the curious nicknames given certain prominent members by the occupants of the Reporter's Gallery. For instance, Butler is generally spoken of as Cockey Butler, or "Old San Domingo," and his Committee is known as the "Inquisition." Then we have Pig Iron Kelley, old Civil Service Jenckes, Postal Telegraph Washburne, Old Spades and Shovels Ames, Fur Seal Dixon, Blathering Garfield, Drunken Dick Haldeman, Popp Judd, Crazy Julian, Baltimore and Ohio Swann, Little Ham Ward, and Booby Brooks. Then Twitchell is known as "Sairey Gamp," Mungen as "Fiddler Bill," Maynard as "Elijah Pegram," Townsend, of Chester County, as "Old Muddle Brain," Charley O'Neill as "Little hop o' my thumb," McCarthy as "Old Onondaga Salt Works," Dawes as "Fussy Jack," and Fernando Wood as "Bob Macaire."

IN THE SENATE,
Chandler is known as "Old Putty Face," Yates as "Drunken Dick," Tipton as the "Tipton Slasher," Harlan as "Cherokee," Harlan, and Cameron as old "Wigwag." Then we have "Honest" Jim Nye (this is satire of the first order) Sandy Stewart, "Cardinal" Casserly, Turkey Gobbler Conkling, Pecksniff Fenton, "Seedy" Hannibal, and Tim Howe. Most of these names arise from some particular measure in Congress, which the receiver thereof makes a specialty in his advocacy, or from the looks or peculiar character of the person named.—*Philadelphia Star.*

"Well, Aleck, how's brother Ike getting along?" "Oh, first rate—got a good start in the world; married a widow who has got nine children."

Why is the earth like a blackboard? Because the children of men multiply on the face of it.

A Mississippi negro worked on shares but got "nuffin," "because," said he "I worked for the seventh, and only made the fifth—crop short."

The *Japan Mail*, a paper with English sympathies published at Yokohama, declares that there is danger of war between England and China.

Host (who has just finished carving a turkey)—"Will you have a small piece of the dark meat, or a small piece of the white meat?" Hungry guest (who is addicted to the habit of plain speaking)—"Thank you; I'll take a large piece of both!"

A young man, who has tried it until he knows, tells us that if you go to call on a young lady, and she sews diligently all the evening and only says "yes" and "no," you can go away about nine or a quarter past, without breaking any of the rules of etiquette.

Died.

In this city, on the morning of the 20th inst., of inflammation of the lungs, Eliza Christiana, daughter of Henry and Eliza Woolcott, aged 3 years, 4 months and 20 days.

At Morgan City, of inflammation, on the 25th of April, Louisa Staples, late of Birmingham, England.

Mill. Star please copy.

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