

**Catholic Chinese Medicine.**  
The medicines of Caucasian civilization are derived from many a curious origin, but if you want to find funny things utilized as remedies for disease you will discover them in the Chinese pharmacopœia.

Medical science in that country has been somewhat impeded by the respect which the Chinese pay to a dead body. Worshipping their ancestors as much as their physicians would never think of cutting up a corpse. Consequently they know nothing of anatomy. Such knowledge as they pretend to possess is derived, according to their own account, from a man born some centuries ago, who had the misfortune to be of a transparent consistency, physically speaking, as if he were made of glass so that it was possible to see just how things went on in his insides.

From observation of this extraordinary freak it was discovered that certain channels ran to each part and extremity of a human being, and that by these channels it was possible to convey any remedy that might be necessary to any organ or member requiring treatment internally. Ever since then celestial doctors have been able to tell just what sort of pills or decoctions were intended for the cure of this or that disorder. The glass man doubtless suffered from the experiments tried upon him by science, but medical knowledge was benefited inexpressibly.

Probably the Chinese pharmacopœia is more elaborate than that possessed by any other people. Physicians in the Flower Kingdom mix up together such extraordinary things for remedial purposes as we should never dream of. One of their cures for liver complaint is obtained by administering the fossil teeth of various animals which are known to them as "dragons' teeth." Antelopes' horns, powdered, they believe to be excellent for rheumatism, and glue from the hides of asses is supposed to be an admirable tonic and diuretic. The shell of a certain fresh water turtle made into jelly is a sure thing for "misery in the joints." A decoction from the hedgehog's hide is excellent for skin diseases, and tigers' bones mixed with hartshorn and terrapin's shell in the shape of a jelly is a first rate tonic in cases of diseases of the bones and of ague.—Washington Star.

**Where the Ass Amuses a Crowd.**

The common people of Cairo resort to the exhibitions of mountebanks who teach camels, asses and dogs to dance. The dancing of the ass is diverting enough. After he has frisked and capered sufficiently his master tells him that the sultan means to build a great palace, and will have to employ all the asses in carrying mortar, stones and other materials. Upon this the ass falls down with his feet upward, closing his eyes and extending his chest as if he were dead.

The owner loudly bewails his loss, and appeals to the bystanders for alms to make it good. Then, having collected as much as possible, he announces that the ass is not really dead, but being sensible of his master's necessity has played a trick to secure provender.

He commands the ass to rise, but the brute remains motionless in spite of all the blows he can give him. At last he proclaims that by virtue of an edict of the sultan all the handsome ladies are bound to ride out the next day upon the comeliest asses they can find in order to see a triumphal show, and that the ladies are to entertain their beasts with oats and Nile water. These words are no sooner pronounced than the ass rises up, prances and leaps for joy.

The master then declares that the ass has been pitched upon by the warden of his street to carry his deformed and ugly wife, upon which the ass lowers his ears and limps with one leg as if lame.

The showman, after remarking that his donkey is a great admirer of handsome women, commands him to single out the prettiest one in the company, and the well trained beast completes the show by going about among the people, and finally touching one of the prettiest of the women with his head, to the great amusement of the crowd.—Youth's Companion.

**Slighted.**  
It is hard for us, whether we are old or young, to see our best efforts pass unappreciated; and what older people feel younger people say.

Little Mary, who is only 4 years old, had a new hat given to her, of which she was very proud. On the following Sunday she wore it to church, but her pleasure in the event was greatly lessened by the fact that a certain lad on whom her childish affections were fixed then appeared not to notice her splendid adornment.

Monday morning she saw him going by the house driving a cow, and at once she clambered upon the fence.

"Oh, Ed," she called, "that was me to church yesterday, with a new hat on!"—Youth's Companion.

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If the members of the various branches of the C. M. B. A. and of the several Catholic societies, will send to the JOURNAL any items of interest, list of officers elected, etc., they will be cheerfully published.

There will be a grand concert and entertainment at Central hall the evening of January 13th, under the auspices of Branch 81. Tickets can be obtained of C. M. Bayer, F. J. Heilmann, J. H. and Leo Schlitzer, John Mattle, and L. Ernst & Son.

The members of Rochester Council, No. 207, C. B. L., are to be congratulated on the selection of J. P. Henry as president. He is energetic, enthusiastic and pushing. Under his leadership we prophesy the Legion will keep up its march of progress.

The annual inspection and drill of the Knights of St. Eustace will be held in Central hall the evening of January 1st. Colonel H. N. Schlick and staff will conduct the inspection. The society is composed of young men who take an active interest in their organization, consequently the society is in a very prosperous condition.

At the meeting of Corpus Christi Branch 139, Wednesday evening, Thos. H. Donovan, of the CATHOLIC JOURNAL, and Mr. Shaw were initiated. The latter was elected treasurer. District Deputy Mead paid the Branch an official visit. Meetings will hereafter be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Several prominent C. M. B. A. officials will be present at the next meeting of the Branch. It is hoped all the members will be on hand to welcome them.

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We propose closing out, on the following basis, the many articles of the Japanese, Chinese and East Indian Fancy Holiday Goods purchased at Auction in New York last week.

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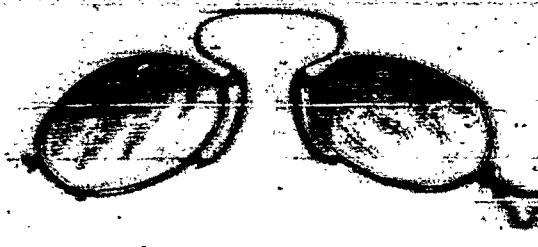
In order not to have any left over. This offer we make after mature deliberation, believing it to be better to sell thus than stand breakage and other damages consequent upon carrying over Holiday Goods. We have made extended preparations to take care of the immense concourse of people now tending from all directions to our great exhibit, and now more than ever on account of this offer.

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