

A Chinese Umbrella

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I was dining the other day with my friend Alan Bonbright. Mrs. Bonbright is the daughter of a missionary whose field was in China, and she had spent most of her girlhood there. Her husband had been to China on business, met her there and brought her home with him as his wife.

IN THE REALMS OF ROMANCE

Maiden Saved From Dire Fate by Her Faithful Lover.

(Copyright by B. S. McClure company.) That March afternoon as Zeb Taylor made his rounds of the sugar bush with paths suspended from a neck yoke to empty the brimming troughs of sap and convey them to the barrels at the fire it all came back to him so forcibly that he seemed to be working in a dream. He had known Nellie Tompkins since childhood. The two families stood close together, and the children had been Zeb and Nell to each other until he had become his father's "hired man" and she had put on long dresses.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Annie McGregoria, age fourteen, of Fort Worth, Tex., has just married her second husband. Mrs. Flora Groden of Brooklyn is a lawyer, wife and also a mother of five children, housekeeper and charitable worker.

Pert Personals.

The volatility of the sphinx when compared with John Lind continues to make people wonder.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. Bernard Shaw says he steals any good literary stuff he comes across in other authors. Seems a shame for him to spoil good things.—New York American.

The Royal Box.

Princess Eunike, aunt of King Alfonso of Spain, has a beauty shop in Paris. The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria Hungary, at the venerable age of eighty three, is reputed to be the heaviest royal smoker in Europe. He uses up twenty stogie cigars a day.

German Gleanings.

Degrees conferred by American colleges are recognized in professional life in Germany, but must not be translated. During the hearing of a beer adulteration charge in Berlin Judge Jurymen and counsel each solemnly drank two pints of the suspected liquor.

Tales of Cities.

Chicago may install a municipal efficiency bureau. Knoxville, Tenn., prohibits telephone and telegraph poles in its streets. St. Louis folk are planning a monument to Colonel Galliard of Panama canal fame.

Wireless Whispers.

Honolulu and Manila will be linked by wireless, though six thousand miles apart. Test messages of wireless telegrams sent in Peru with five kilowatt power passed the Andes mountains from 14,000 to 20,000 feet high.

Train and Track.

Cincinnati is to have an interurban trolley station to cost \$3,000,000. Railroads of the United States annually consume more than 2,700,000 gallons of water for each mile of line.

Science Siftings.

Mirrors can be backed with almost any metal in thirty seconds by a new process of electroplating in the presence of hydrogen. The latest carbon steel can be cut with a soft steel circular saw without teeth rotating at great speed. The saw actually melts the steel.

SIRES AND SONS.

Mayor Baker of Cleveland says he will not be a candidate for re-election in 1915. Charles Adee has resigned after forty years as clerk of the board of estimate of New York. He is seventy-seven. He will receive a city pension of \$2,000 yearly.

Flippant Flings.

A scientific theory that the tonsils were once gills may serve to explain why some men are still as dry as a fish.—Washington Post. A Chicago surgeon claims to have invented a device to determine whether one is hungry. As for ourselves, we were born with one.—Detroit Free Press.

Current Comment.

One vainly searches the histories of Mexico for the word "antebellum."—Columbia (S. C.) State. In spite of all the difficulties experienced in regulating railroads, Alaska wants one.—Washington Star.

Fashion Frills.

Paris says new gowns will be more décollete. Well, that's better than taking any more off the other end.—New York American. The business of selling haberdashery in this country seems to be based on the theory that a man can wear any kind of a hat.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Aviation Notes.

Russia is the first country to adopt, in addition to her land and sea flags, an aerial flag for aeroplanes. The erection of an extensive aerial station midway between Berlin and Vienna is expected to lead to regular aeroplane service between the two cities.

Town Topics.

Philadelphia will be one of the most beautiful cities in the world if some of the chronic kickers do not have their way.—Philadelphia Ledger. Patrons of the Kansas City public library can now take home rolls of paper music for their mechanical players. And it is all music—no ragtime.—Chicago News.

Winter Baseball.

These winter baseball campaigns are exceedingly exhausting on the managers' typewriters.—Chicago News. It seems the Federals are leaving the Cardinals severely alone. The Federals must be after ball players.—St. Louis Republic.

Remarkable Achievement.

He climbed a mountain steep and high That no man climbed before. He went away to do or die Where foesmen's cannon roar. He learned to fly in a machine And daily risked his life. When death he thus had often seen He went and took a wife.

Embarrassing Generosity.

"You don't feel quite sure of your wife's affection?" said the very confidential friend. "Not quite." "But she is always lavishing expensive presents on you."

"Too Old."

Eighteen today! Why, it seems to me But a little while ago When I held her, a lot, upon my knee. Ah, how the youngsters grow! And where am I if she's eighteen? For she was a child of eight When twenty summers I had seen And laughingly said I'd wait.

Slight Mistake.

The sweet young thing had heard people talk about microbes in kisses, but had never heard of them being mixed-up in greenbacks. She was at the bank, drawing money. "Are you afraid of microbes?" asked the facetious cashier, as he produced the bills.

Regrets.

Last summer on the sounding beach We walked together, hand in hand. Around us far as eye could reach Only the sea, the rocks, the sand. And when we told our tender love The world was ours by right divine. The sea beyond, the sky above, The rocks, the sand, were hers and mine.

The New Way.

"I realize," said the rugged person, "that I have no claim on you, but would you let me have a dollar until I can—" "Well, until you can what? Get a job?" "No. I will not try to deceive you. Until I can get myself listed as an income taxpayer."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Fond Parents and Active Children.

Little Walter Applewhite Took a pound of dynamite. Put it in the coffee grinder. Cook hated it so he couldn't find her. Mamma said: "Cook's gone away. Be more careful in your play." Cumping Pinkie Hinkdopper Filled her Auntie's eyes with pepper. Aunt was paralyzed, and Pinkie Called her "Auntie Winky-Blinky." Mamma said: "Oh, stop it, please! Pinkie, it will make you sneeze!" —New York Sun.

Sheer Waste.

A man who had never been duck hunting shot at a duck in the air. The duck fell dead to the ground. "Well, you got him!" exclaimed the amateur's friend. "Yes," replied the amateur, "but I might as well have saved my ammunition—the fall would have killed him."—New York Globe.

The Answer.

The debutante can dance it well To any kind of ragtime song so. But will you kindly come and tell Me why they call it tawny? —Indianapolis Star.

Life's Fitful Fever.

"Terrible times these. The books aren't fit to read, and the plays aren't fit to see." "Tough, eh?" "Yes, and as usual my wife hasn't a thing fit to wear."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

No More Footprints.

For the old days we must grieve. Statesmanship was then sublime. And a statesman tried to leave Footprints on the sands of time. Few to footprints now aspire. Surely life much savor lacks When a statesman's one desire Is to cover up his tracks. —Judge.

Lost Opportunities.

Yerkman—There's a twenty dollar reward offered for me arrest. Mugglet his wife—Gee what! An' I think I could have married a guy at Goro wus a 'round offed fuy!—Kansas City Star.