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Chinese Politics.

The Chinese have a peculiar theory that the proper duration of a dynasty should not exceed one hundred years—a term which the reigning family has already greatly overstepped. Beside this singular superstition, the Chinese have another deeply rooted idea that the line of descent has not been preserved intact by the reigning dynasty. A Court intrigue, supposed to have occurred during the reign of Yung Ching, the successor of Kang Hi, is said to have occasioned the rumor, which nowadays is widely credited. And so both superstition and national antipathy have part in the prevailing strong feeling against the Ta Tsing, dynasty, so that now it is not a little difficult to define the real position of the people with regard to their present sovereign. China is overrun with secret organizations whose real aim is the abolition of the Tartars and installation of a Chinese monarch, native or naturalized. The famous White Lily sect of the northern and central provinces, as well as the Triad Society of the Southern States, have one and the same object in view. The raison d'etre of Chinese secret organizations was originally not so much of a political as of a theosophic or Masonic character. Men formed leagues together for the purpose of practicing certain forms and modes of worship, as well as upholding certain doctrines which were at variance with the recognized creeds of China. At present these early tenets have been lost sight of, and Chinese secret societies hold only to the old formulas of initiation and craft in order to conceal their true political character. They boast numbers of members throughout the length and breadth of the Empire, and are a constant source of anxiety and worriment to the Peking authorities. The Ta-ping rebellion itself, as well as many others of less importance, was the outcome of the White Lily sect; the riots at Canton and the wide spread sedition along the Yang-tze, were due to the schemes of the Triadists. No wonder, then, that 30,000 troops are constantly employed about the capital, or that the Viceroy of Canton has to maintain his thousands of Tartar soldiers.—*Yokohama Gazette.*

Income from Land in England.

What is the landowners' share of the produce of land? The landowners' income from land is very considerable, though the development of other resources has, in a manner, tended to reduce its proportionate relation to other incomes. In 1814-15, 26 per cent of the whole taxable income was from land. In 1882-83 the proportion was only 24 per cent; and yet, whilst in 1814-15 the income from land in England was £34,000,000, in 1881-82 it was £52,000,000. Altogether, £63,000,000 is got from rent of land in the United Kingdom—at least that is the portion for which the landowners are assessed to income tax under Schedule A, subject however, to rates and all the mortgages upon their land, for who can tell how much they have borrowed? Who can tell how much landowners owe to insurance companies, to bankers and money lenders? If a fourth of the total cultivated land of the United Kingdom belongs to about twelve hundred persons, it would follow that a fourth of the £63,000,000 income would be likewise distributed, but there is a wonderful difference between acreage and value. Compare the value of an acre of land in the city of London and an acre of land in Dorsetshire or Sutherlandshire. The city of London, with only 948 acres, had in 1881-82 an estimated rental of £4,175,000, giving a proportion of £6,251 per acre. The county of Dorset, with 627,060 acres, had an estimated rental of £1,124,000, or a proportion of £1 16s per acre. Sutherland, with 1,297,000 acres, had an estimated rental of £95,000, or a proportion of one shilling and sixpence per acre. Fancy what enormous fortunes have accrued to those who inherited or purchased land useful for building purposes in our large towns, and how poor, on the other hand, is the value of moor or boggy land. It has been argued that the unearned increment from the more favored portions should belong to and be appropriated by the State. It is however, a well recognized principle of law, that the proprietor of real estate has a right to any improvement in its value from whatever cause, and certainly any limitation of such right would operate as a discouragement to the acquisition of property. The owner of property must be allowed to take his chances of any future improvement if he has to take his chance of any future deterioration.—*Leisure Hour.*

The Formal Call.

Whatever may betide, men have good cause to rejoice that they bear no part in that crowning hore of all bores known as the "formal call." That is a feminine institution. It is the invention of the sex and the sex groans under its yoke. Man smokes his tobacco in beatific peace while the wife and daughters pay tribute to the formal call. He hears the note roar prayer that parties will be out and that the matter can be dispatched with a card. He quietly notes the sigh of relief when the exhausted women return after hours of social distress. He observes the tax of dress incident to the affair, the bad temper it invokes and the hypocrisy and total absence of any equivalent in the way of pleasure for all this slavish adherence to custom and then dimly realizes the miraculous felicity of his own escape from such thraldom and it may be he takes comfort in the thought that the whole business falls totally on those who have made him pay the piper for countless other freaks and whims of fashion and caprice. The elasticity of conscience with which the gentle creatures endeavor to mitigate the infliction of the formal call by convenient lies, furnishes the masculine monster some amusing food for study, and it may be doubted whether he would budge an inch to abolish the formal call. It is diamond cut diamond, women annoying women. In such a transaction the wise man holds aloof and lets the dainty belligerents, masquerading as friends, manage the hollow and artificial show as suits themselves. It is not often that he has an opportunity of keeping out of a game in which women array their wits against one another instead of against the common tyrant—man. He is at liberty to be judiciously silent and hear the fair prattlers discuss each other in a style utterly unlike the fancy pictures of novelists and poets, and if he does not get some wholesome enlightenment he is hopelessly stupid. The formal call is an eye opener. In its inception, progress and sequel it illuminates the dull brain of man as to the infinite variety, versatility and grim elasticity of that delightful compound of puffs, powder and passion known as woman.—*Pittsburgh Telegraph.*

Fashionable Women.

Fashion kills more women than toil and sorrow. Obedience to fashion is a greater transgression of the laws of woman's nature, a greater injury to her physical and mental constitution than poverty and neglect. The slave woman at her task will live and grow old and see two or three generations of her mistresses fade and pass away. The washerwoman, with scarce a ray of hope to cheer her in her toil, will live to see her fashionable sisters die all around her. The kitchen maid is hearty and strong when her lady has to be nursed like a sick baby. It is a sad truth that fashion-jaded women are almost worthless for all the ends of human life; they have but little force of character; they have still less power of mental will, and quite as little physical energy. They live for no great purpose in life; they accomplish no worthy ends. They are only doll forms fit the hands of milliners and servants to be dressed and fed to order. Their write no books; they set no rich examples of virtues and womanly life. If they rear children, servants and nurses do all save give them birth, and when reared what are they? What do they ever amount to but weak scions of the old stock? Who ever heard of a fashionable woman's child exhibiting any virtue or power of mind for which it became eminent? Read the biographies of our great and good men and women. Not one of them had a fashionable mother. They nearly all sprang from a strong minded woman, who had about as little to do with fashion as with the changing clouds. The trite saying: "A man may say too much, even on the best of subjects," will answer here. "If I had not lifted up the stone yet had not found the jewel."—*Farmer's Daughter.*

Arctic Exploration.

It is a misapprehension to suppose that the chief purpose of Arctic exploration is to reach the North Pole. The North Pole has figured in the schemes of scientific explorers only as a desirable incident in the carrying out of their work. Geographers talk of the North Pole quest pure and simple as an unscientific and a puerile idea. What explorers are really expected to do is to advance as far as practicable into the unknown region to study its geography and make important scientific observations. Captain Nares, nine years ago, had to halt 400 miles this side of the pole. But his expedition was called a brilliant success, because he entered the great frozen sea north of this continent, explored the coast line for a distance of thirty-five degrees of longitude, and brought home a great mass of interesting scientific data. The leading geographers assert that Arctic exploration is of immense value to the world, both in its scientific and in its commercial aspects. They say that winds, tides, terrestrial magnetism, meteorological, and other important phenomena cannot be thoroughly investigated except under many different conditions of temperature and locality. Among many triumphs of Arctic research they mention the fixing of the position of the true magnetic pole by Ross, the finding of the simple means of keeping the needle pointing to the true north in high latitudes, the discovery of the commercial mineral cryolite, and of the great whaling and sealing grounds in the Spitsbergen and North Greenland Seas. They assert also, that in spite of the frightful disasters that have befallen some exploring parties, the loss of life has been small. About 3 per cent of the Arctic explorers have died in the course of their work—not a large proportion when compared with the mortality among African explorers.—*New York Sun.*

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To one planting on shares and wishing in future to grind his own cane, this offers an unusual opportunity of so doing at very small cost.
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Claims against Insurance Companies within the jurisdiction of the above Boards of Underwriters will have to be certified to by the above Agent to make them valid.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN APpointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to insure risks against fire on Stone and Brick Buildings, and on Merchandise stored therein, on the most favorable terms. For particulars apply at the office of
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Takes risks against Loss or Damage by Fire on Buildings, Merchandise, Machinery and Furniture on favorable terms. A. JAEGER,
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CAPITAL, : : : : : : $10,000,000
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F. A. SCHAEFER & CO., General Agents.

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Insurance Comp'ny
OF STETTIN.
ESTABLISHED 1845.
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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING been appointed agent of the above Company for the Hawaiian Islands is prepared to accept risks against Fire on Buildings, Furniture, Merchandise, Produce, Sugar Mills, &c., on the most favorable terms.
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H. RIEMENSCHNEIDER,
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