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\$10.00 Suit, clearing price.....	\$6.00
\$12.00 Suit, clearing price.....	\$7.00
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### TOLD OF LI HUNG

STORIES AND GOSSIP ABOUT THE FAMOUS CHINESE PRINCE WHO IS COMING TO AMERICA.

HE HAS ENORMOUS WEALTH.

HIS POWER IN THE FLOWERY KINGDOM ALMOST AUTOCRATIC—HIS SCHOLARSHIP.

SOMETHING ABOUT HIS HABITS.

His Yellow Jacket and Peacock Feather—New Stories About His Stay in Japan.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—I have just received word from the Chinese legation that his excellency, Li Hung Chang, is expected here in the early fall. He will spend some months in the United States and will, it is thought, be entertained as a royal guest of the nation. Our leading statesmen who are posted as to Chinese matters are anxious that this should be the case, and it is probable that President Cleveland will assign one of the high officials of the State department to take charge of Earl Li, that a dinner will be given him at the White House, and that he will have public receptions and dinners in our different cities. He should be carried over the country in a special car, and should be treated as a king, or as the greatest of foreign princes visiting the United States. Li Hung Chang is by all odds the most powerful Chinaman living. He stands next to the emperor in influence, and as tutor to the emperor and guardian of the throne he, to a large extent, controls the government of China. As the viceroy of China he has more than \$5,000,000 people under him, and over these he has the power of life and death. He has an army almost as large as that of the United States, and the money which he usually handles amounts to many millions of dollars a year. Li Hung Chang has a railroad which is practically his own. He owns mines and other properties, and he has recently been establishing cotton factories in different parts of China. During my stay at his capital, the city of Tien Tsin, in 1894, I was told that he had many, many times a millionaire. His palaces there contain hundreds of rooms, and he has far more power than President Cleveland.

A GREAT CHINESE SCHOLAR.

Li Hung Chang has for years been practically the emperor of China as

far as foreign nations are concerned. He has dictated the Chinese foreign policy, and the impression he receives while in the United States may be worth much to Americans as to their trade with Asia. It is he who has inspired the foreign treaties of peace with Japan, and it is he who, it is now believed, is making a Russian and German alliance against the other powers of Europe. I doubt whether Li Hung Chang likes foreigners. Most Chinese do not, and Li is a pure Chinese. He believes in foreign methods, however. It is he who introduced the telegraph into China, and he has now ten thousand miles of wire connecting his office with all parts of the empire. He receives cables daily from every capital of the world, and I doubt not that the Chinese ministers of the different countries are now cabling him reports as to just what happens in the places where they are stationed. He has the foreign newspapers read and translated for him, and in his suite which he is carrying with him through Europe he has Chinamen who can speak every foreign language, and there will be nothing published about him that he will not read. Li Hung Chang understands a little English himself. He is highly cultured, and from a Chinese standpoint, he is one of the greatest scholars of the world. Our college graduates think they do well if they can stand highest in a class of 100. When Li Hung Chang graduated he stood highest at an examination in which 15,000 took part. He is a member of the famous Hanlin college, or the Imperial academy of Peking, the tests to enter which are so strict that few Chinese can pass them. Li Hung Chang is a celebrated writer. He cannot only make poetry and compose statesmanlike documents, but he can write the Chinese characters in the most artistic way, and he practices writing Chinese as an amusement a certain number of hours every day.

Li Hung Chang has now a large number of persons in his escort. He travels in great state. He has a foreign private secretary, two physicians, a number of interpreters, a half dozen scribes or special writers, and an equal number of military orderlies. In addition to this, he has a number of personal servants and other officials of different rank, all of whom are gorgeously dressed. I see among his party the name of Lo Feng-Loh as one of his secretaries of legation. This man may be called the "Dan Lambert" of the great Li Hung Chang. He has spent some years in London, and he speaks English perfectly. He is so close to Li Hung Chang that he understands almost his every thought, and if the great Chinese earl has an interview with the president, it will be Lo Feng-Loh who will act as the interpreter. I have had two interviews with Li Hung Chang during the two visits which I have made to North China, and in both cases I arranged for the audience through Mr. Lo Feng-

EARL LI HUNG CHANG AT 74.



(See Mark of Japanese Bullet Under Left Eye.)

Loh. This enabled me to get quite well acquainted with Mr. Lo, and I found him a man of broad reading and much information. At one of our meetings he talked of Huxley and Darwin, and he expressed decided opinions upon the beauties of Emerson and Carlyle. He is a tall Chinaman of about forty years of age, weighing, I judge, 200 pounds. He dresses in good taste, and like the Chinese of the better classes, wears quite imposing clothes.

HOW EARL LI DRESSES.

Li Hung Chang will be by all odds the most distinguished-looking Chinese who has ever come to the United States. He has, you know, been again decorated with the imperial yellow jacket, and upon state occasions he will wear his three-eyed peacock feather. This yellow jacket is of the finest satin. It is embroidered upon the breast and back with double dragons in a circle. The three-eyed peacock feather is the same which his excellency wore during the great banquet that he gave to Mr. John W. Foster during my stay in China.

He had on the yellow jacket and the peacock feather when we entered the palace, and kept on the latter until he sat down to the table, when it was taken off with the hat in which it was fastened. Li Hung Chang would be a striking figure in any clothing. He stands over six feet one inch in his stockings, and the boots of black broadcloth which he wears have soles of white wood about an inch thick, which make him look taller. He wears a long gown of bright yellow satin, which falls from his neck to his feet, and over this he has upon state occasions his yellow jacket. During one of my visits to him his jacket was of

seal brown velvet, fastened with buttons of gold, and at another time he had what seemed to be a long seal skin coat, with very full sleeves. He keeps his hat on while he is in the house, and his official hat looks for all the world like an inverted spittoon, the brim being turned up all around. The peacock feather is fastened by a button to the top of the hat, and it sticks far out behind. When not on dress parade Earl Li wears a fine skull cap of black silk, with a crown shaped like a hemisphere. When I saw him in 1894 this cap had a big solitaire diamond in the front of it, and a big diamond ring sparkled on one of Earl Li's long yellow fingers. He then had on trousers of rose-velvet, which were fastened around the ankles much like drawers, and I could see that these trousers were wadded and quilted in order that they might be warmer. During the interview some champagne was brought in, but Li Hung Chang took only a sip of this, and I afterward learned that he did not drink, and that he did not much believe in intoxicants. He is a great smoker, however. He uses a Chinese water pipe, a sort of long-stemmed affair with a silver bowl about as big as your fist, containing water. Into this bowl is fitted a tube, which holds the tobacco, and you draw the smoke through the water before it gets to your mouth. When Li Hung Chang smokes he does not hold the pipe in his hand. He has a servant to act as pipe bearer, and every minute or so the servant pushes the stem of the pipe into his mouth. Li Hung Chang takes one or two whiffs, and the servant thereupon takes away the pipe, while Li goes on with his talking.

AT DINNER WITH LI.

Li Hung Chang is not entirely unaccustomed to foreign ways and foreign food. At a banquet which I attended, both foreign and Chinese courses were served, and I noticed that the viceroy partook equally of both. He can use a fork as well as chopsticks, and during a chat I had with him he told me that he liked a mixture of the Chinese and European diet. He said he believed in plenty of vegetables, but rather thought that foreigners ate too much meat. At this dinner Li had two or three servants about his chair all the time. These were ready to obey his every motion. The great earl was in bad health and in keeping his dress straight, and from time to time brought around a steaming white cloth for him to mop his face during the meal. This, however, is only the Chinese custom, and it must not be understood as indicating that the great earl was in bad health, or too old to take care of himself. He is, you know, about seventy-five, but is full of vitality, and mentally and physically he is as young as many a man at fifty. He has both an English and a Chinese physician with him, and it is probable that the English physician will continue to administer the electric baths to his cheeks to which Li has been accustomed for some years.

He had some time ago paralysis of the face, and he has cured this by the use of electricity. During my stay in Tientsin he was taking these electric baths, having them administered something like an hour a day, and he often said that electricity acted upon him like a tonic and gave him new life.

BULLET NOT EXTRACTED.

Li Hung Chang's face you may still see the mark of the bullet with which he was shot by the Japanese crank during his recent stay in Japan. The ball went in just below the left eye and left a marked scar. The bullet is still in his face, and was, it is said, recently photographed by means of the X-rays. Li Hung Chang's great bravery during the shot has never been described in print. He showed wonderful nerve during the time that the doctors were probing for the bullet. He allowed them to dig around in his face, and at one time when one of the doctors had driven the probe into his bone and was tapping away at it, saying he had found the bullet, Li replied that he was mistaken and that he was digging at the bone and not at the lead. After the bullet was found the question as to whether it should be extracted was raised. Li Hung Chang's son, however, refused to allow this without the special permission of the emperor. He said that it was a question only of the life of his father he could permit it, but that in this case Li Hung Chang was the messenger from the throne. He represented the emperor, and that he could not venture to have his idea put in danger without first telegraphing to Peking. The situation was critical at this time, and to have telegraphed would have meant a delay of thirty-six hours. The doctors thought it best not to wait. They concluded to risk leaving the bullet in his cheek and the wound was sewed up. It rapidly healed, and the viceroy has now entirely recovered from its effects.

EARL LI AND GEN. FOSTER.

The above information was given me by Gen. John W. Foster, immediately after he had returned from Japan. He told me that Li Hung Chang was much worried by the shot. He thought that it might lessen his reputation in the eyes of the people of China, and as the Chinese say, that he might "lose face" with them. Said Gen. Foster: "I told the viceroy that he had a wrong idea of the character of his wound; that he should be proud of the shot, and that instead of 'losing face' he had gained face." I said that the wound had been received in the service of his country, and that in the United States we considered such things honorable. It was no use, however, he would not be comforted.

"Did he think that the attempt to take his life was intentional on the part of the Japanese?" I asked.

"No," replied Gen. Foster, "or if he did it was for only a short time. The Japanese showed such a great anxiety about it, the emperor took the matter so much to heart, and the great men of Japan came in and expressed their regrets so earnestly that Li Hung

Chang soon saw that the action was that of a fanatic, and he did not blame the Japanese government for it. After he was shot the Japanese could not do enough for him. They wanted to send him all kinds of presents. He would accept only those having no value. He took, for instance, such things as chickens and vegetables, but he would not accept works of art or anything that cost much money."

Speaking of Gen. Foster, I heard a story the other day of how he persuaded Li Hung Chang to allow him to leave China. The Chinese viceroy came very fond of Foster, and he offered various inducements to get him to stay in China and act as one of the foreign advisers of the government. Gen. Foster, however, did not want to stay in China, and he told Li Hung Chang that it was impossible for him to do so.

"But why is it impossible?" said Li. "Is it a matter of salary? If so, I think we can fix that."

Gen. Foster is a diplomat. He did not want to tell the viceroy that the real reason for his not wishing to remain in China was that he liked America better, so he thought a momentary engagement in the United States before I came out here, and which I am bound to meet."

Here Gen. Foster stopped. He knew the curiosity of Li Hung Chang's Chinese nature would not let him rest until he was told what that engagement was. He was not disappointed. In a moment the viceroy asked:

"What, general, is your imperative engagement?"

"It is with my grandson," replied Secretary Foster. "He is just seven years old. I have promised to take him out fishing on Lake Ontario this summer, and if I do not carry out my promise I will lose face with him. He will think his grandfather is not a man of truth, and I will set a bad example for him. Now, your excellency, according to the doctrines of filial piety and as a disciple of Confucius, knows the duties which a parent or grandparent sustains to his child. You must see that I cannot break my engagement."

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