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ing Left Their Homes.

nese women? They spend their time,

ing and reading novels, says Mrs. Gil-

us to read, and yet the Chinese women

most of them get drunk on hot wine. A

spectability never goes out of her house

without a special invitation, and many

of them grow old and die without ever

door. No thought from the outside

world can get to them. As I said, they

read, gossip, cultivate their long, yel-

low, claw-like finger nails, paint their

I tell you I was a great show to them.

They have no earpets in their houses

it is cold the women sit up in fur-lined

garments from morning until night

with their tiny feet on a foot stove and

man other than their fathers, or as

least that is what the Chinese say

themselves. You know the general

idea prevails that a Chinese girl never

sees the face of her betrothed or he hers

until they are married, but I have good

reason to believe that boy and girl hu

man nature is the same in China as i'

is here, and I think that such things, as

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sober condition is that in use at Waver-

When oil was first struck there among

the first people to arrive were the se-

of police hit upon a happy idea and pro-

eeded to put it into execution with the

help of a number of men about the

In a large vacant lot back of one of

the supply houses there was a huge

iron gas tank lying, and in one end of

to admit of a good-sized man being put

In. A drunk was secured, and the chief

him a free dose of a new jag cure. The

fellow was compelled to go along, and

top of the gas tank, and once in there

the tank was rolled around all over the

get out until the crowd had got tired

of the sport and let him out of their

When the tank is started rolling a

number of the gang, with stones, pieces

and as fast as possible tap the tank

gently with the weapon, and this, of

makes a terrible noise. The sound of

the noise from the outside is ear-split-

them has ever been known to get too

much on board since, and some have

even quit drinking altogether .- Syra-

Devotion of a Toad.

the facts in the case and know them

which he has kept about his place for

several years. The toad follows him

about his farm and though toads gener-

ally do their traveling at night-time.

this toad is active at nearly all bours in

Washington. The toad was carefully

boxed up and taken in the cars. In less

than two weeks afterward the toad sur-

prised its former owner by appearing

on the farm at Herndon, having trav-

eled all the way back. To do this it had

either to swim the Potomac or cross

over the aqueduct or long bridge. 17

any one doubts the story, we can show

him the toad. Its toe nails were com-

pletely worn off by the long distance

traveled, over ten miles."-Washington

"I live at Herndon, Va., and know of

cuse Btandard.

the day, as well.

city whom he had put on.

unheard of in the Celestial empire.

secret meetings between lovers are no

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How can we expect much of the Chi-

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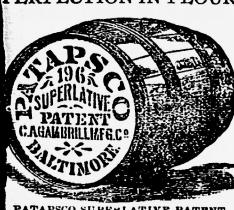
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tois, race pronunciations nd the Chinese alphabet knew well-to fifty nations e could speak their tongue; and yet ally his learning failed him nd his thought and speech were "off." no language gifts availed him ith the dialect of golf!

ANSWERING TO ROLL CALL'I

the fight with Lee;

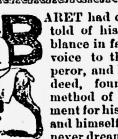
the flot with Lee;

That one followed Sherman as he galloped Each crimson stripe the emblem of blood by heroes shed; to the sea;
But they're marchin' on together just as friendly as can be,
And they'll answer to the roll call in the for they'll answer to the roll call in the

They'll raily to the fight, In the stormy day and night, In bonds that no cruel fate shall sever; While the storm-winds waft on high Their ringing battle cry:

This one fought with Jackson and faced The brave old flag above them is rippling

They'll rally to the fight Shall go ringing to the sky:



ARET had oft been told of his resem- solute obedience to my orders will blance in face and hang your life and my happiness. For three was near its stroke, when s voice to the Em- the first hour or two there may be inperor, and had, in- terruptions. Some one may knock or challenges of the sentinels rang back deed, found it a ask admittance. To all alike you are and forth. Heavy footsteps and the method of amuse- to refuse an entrance, using such words ment for his friends as I shall tell you. After 12 or 1 you and himself, but he are not likely to be disturbed, and you never dreamed that may even sleep on my bed in the room

have been that the story could have shut in their own apartments, gossip- reached the palace.

bert Reid, who has been a missionary thodical, was surprised from his usual what I say to you," said the Emperor, been disturbed, as he heard the serin China five years. The gentlemen composure at a summons from the rising, and his eyes flashed angrily. who prepare our course in Chinese lit-Emperor; and when he presented himerature say they've found only one Chi- self a conversation took place which nese novel, a historical romance, fit for will not be found mentioned in the as it had risen, gave him his hand to he was not to be disturbed before State annals or even hinted at on the kiss before he entered his bedroom. The Emperor was seated at a table, their servants, smoke water pipes, and

Chinese woman of any position or re- haired soldier as he entered. "I am going to honor you with my searchingly. Apparently satisfied at | see him; or, at any rate, find out if he confidence in a certain manner," he began, abruptly, "and as my first command, I require absolute obedience." having set foot outside of their front As the older man bowed, placing in the inner room, and called to the

culiarly like mine."

possible that the Emporor could hold sleep." him responsible for such a thing? The door closed softly behind the bed or not. To tell you the entire man for the crime of petty larceny. Stories of Baret's indiscreet mimicry servant, and the Emperor turned to truth, a report has been sent to the foreign things and are especially fond | Stories of Baret's indiscreet mimtery servant, and the Emperor turned to truth, a repor recurred to him, and he feared he the young soldier, who stood near him minister that a wounded man, who would be found lacking in discipline. in respectful silence. He could only stammer incoherently:

"Enough, enough!" said the Emperor, impatiently, waving his hand. 'You need not answer, as I know that it is the truth. For certain rea- this room: 'That will do for to-night, sons, with which you have nothing to Laurent." do, I require some one to impersonate

"As a lion, sire."

"And loyal---" "As death, sire."

"And can be silent--" "As the grave, sire." "He will do. Nothing further must

be known of the affair. Nothing more haps." must be investigated. If he or anyone makes but the slightest move in he disappeared through the secret that direction he will sign his death | panel.

"Might I ask, sire---' "Not one word!" broke in the Emperor haughtily. "I have given you your orders. You can give me 'Yes' or 'No' to a question. Can you answer for his willingness to serve me in this

"With his life, sire. But---" "That will do," said the Emperor, rising. "You will bring him yourself this evening to the little wicket at the end of the garden. No other soul in the world will know of this, remember, but myself-the young man-and you.

I bid you good day, Colonel." If the Colonel pondered over the matter on the way to his quarters, there was nothing to indicate even a touch of surprise in his manner when he delivered the message to the young soldier, and the latter would have died rather than question him further. With military promptness they reached the palace that night and the heavy gate in the western wall swung softly open the instant of their ap-

The Colonel delivered the young man over to the charge of an unseen watcher on the other side and departed. And Baret heard the gate again closed and locked; then, in the heavy darkness, his hand was grasped by another, and he felt that he was gently but firmly drawn forward, though not a word was spoken by his unknown

Closely skirting the courtyard they reached a couple of stone steps, over which Baret nearly stumbled, and would have fallen but for the firm grasp of the stranger's hand. A massive unguarded door swung softly in- ing the stroke. ward, giving entrance to a stone passage, narrow and damp, where a tiny of the ante-room where Laurent slept. lantern on the floor only made the It was repeated again and again.

surrounding darkness more visible. A narrow stair led to a small hall, and, pressing a spring to the left, his whom no one would dare deny, should guide drew him into a brilliantly demand an audience? lighted room. The sudden glare so dazzled the young soldier that he did Laurent, at last aroused from sleep. not at first perceive his companion, who, putting aside his cloak, had seated himself in a deeply cushioned chair near the fire.

"Sire!" he stammered. "Your pardon. I-I did not know I-the honor-

the toad to a friend who resides in your fidelity, your obedience and silence?" "To the last drop of my blood, he rises."

smiling. "They may all be needed. him from a heavy sleep—to hear vanity had almost received a check. In an hour I shall leave this room to | what?" main here till I return." Baret waited.

would willingly have settled himself In the deep chair beside the dying in Many Towns of Europe It is Extensivefire, had not a thought suddenly aroused him.

arrested him. Halt, Baret! The

One! two! chimed as he walked, and

clanging of sabres sounded from the

morning. He has had some bac

The newcomer walked about impa-

"But the Emperor said-besides,

ny lord, no one has passed here since

It is the time of waiting that the

and nerves grow firm as steel, and his

Thoughts of the possible fate of the

quickness. He did not hear the

voices for a few moments, and as the

voice made him long to try it, he re-

hand was laid upon the latch of the

Quickly passing through the cur

the bed, as, finding the door fastened.

a low knock was heard. Twice, thrice,

"Thank heaven! You heard him,

"Disturb me again at your peril

Then, raising his eyes, Baret saw

with the relief from a terrible fear.

nock Emperor, interrupting him.

my lord? He was very tired."

omething had happened——'

not to be disturbed."

tiently. In a few minutes he re-

"At 11 o'clock, my lord."

courtyard, coming nearer-nearer.

as a sleeping potion."

or three hours?

speculations.

peror, whose anger cooled as suddenly lord. He gave particular orders that

him?"

"And before I go, I wish ago in the outskirts of the city."

The young man hoped his voice did he gave me the order. But if you

"I am not to be disturbed again to- treated to the lower hall, apparently

In the stormy day and night,
In bonds that no cruel fate shall sever;
While their far-famed battle cry "Our country—our country forever!"

"That is all, except that on your ab-

"I understand, sire. I am to per-

"You understand nothing, sir, but

Baret bowed in silence, and the Em-

the Emperor gazed at him piercingly,

When the servant came he was back

stay. You may return first with a

"The supper is for you, Baret," he

you to speak to Laurent, that I may

determine your coolness. When he

brings the dishes, say from within peated sturdily:

not sound so oddly in the ears of the think it at all possible-

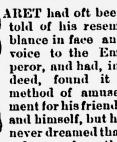
bedroom before he rang the bell.

so changed that Baret stared at the quietly."

32pate---'

whispered.

THE EMPEROR'S ABSENCE.



there might be any danger from the yonder, if you wish." mimicry. Even when some of the He smiled at the soldier's look of men laughed, and then suddenly pal- dismay at the idea of sleeping on the ing, cried "Hush!" as a sound of bed of his monarch. footsteps drew near, he had not "Your voice in answering all inthought that this resemblance, for quiries," he continued, "must be abwhich he was not to blame, could solutely calm and undisturbed. Not forehead of the man who had faced cause him any trouble. And the last thing he feared would tation. I am never agitated."

Even Colonel Carolet, grave and me-

and merely glanced at the white- disguise in amazement; and in turn

his hand on his heart, the Emperor man from there. continued: faces, lips and eyebrows and dress me somewhat, but whose voice is pe- orders to that effect instantly. And- firmly:

they spend their days. They are jeal-Colonel Carolet gasped. Was it light supper; I may need it before I you safe from all blame, but we must ous of one another, jealous of attention, and envious of anybody who has fine clothes. They are now getting to wear crazy over American music boxes. At one place I visited they had an organ

"Why, your Majesty, I-he-"

me in an adventure in which there may be some danger. I have heard of this Emperor as is did in his own when he young man, and I saw him yesterday repeated the words, with an almost soldier fears. The hour for action for the purpose of judging as to his fitness for the service that I need. If | awl sometimes heard in the tones of ard, and the brave Baret felt muscles vou can assure me that he is prave--

avoluntary imitation of the slight steadies the nerves even of the cowthe ruler of the Empire. The servant's steps echoed on the brain clear and vigilant. marble floor and died away into silence before the Emperor fastened the door Emperor, and the only too sure fate of behind him. Then, taking a soft hat himself if the report was true, darted

and drawing his cloak about him, he through his mind with wonderful "I shall be at home at three-per-

And, placing his finger to his lips,

To be an Emperor, even for a few hours, was not such a bad thing, thought Baret, as he looked about him. The many luxuries—massive hangings, richly embroidered with the imperial emblem, the curious tapestries on he allowed it to be repeated before he every side, the furniture and fine cabi-

nets—all deeply impressed him.
"By my faith, I have a better night efore me than the Emperor, I am sure. There is small chance of a single sound reaching to this room beore morning."

So thinking, he stretched his long arms about his head and walked slowy round the room. The voice of Laurent was suddenly

ieard. "Your pardon, sire. I had forgoten to restore the fire." With only a second's pause, Baret

eplied slowly, calmly: "Good, Laurent; but it will last yet awhile, and I shall retire soon.' Again silence; and with a peculiar sense of still having the eagle eye of the Emperor upon him, Baret paced in patience till they heard the steps we've got to work for it.

Suddenly remembering the supper again closed the outer door. that had been ordered for him, he sat down to the repast. He had heard that the Sovereign fared on plainer food than any other man in the coun- cloak. try; and, although that was an exaggeration, he found himself wishing that his meal had not been quite so

Hark! Twelve booming strokes sounded from the Cathedral tower. So loudly they fell on the heavy silence instant before he realized the nature of the peculiar crooning whirr preced-There was a noise at the outer door

"Suppose some one should insist on admittance? Suppose the Empress,

Baret stood near the door as he heard talking to the newcomer.

"A thousand pardons, my lord. To see the Emperor to-night, since he has have to walk over my body.

Then the Emperor motioned the surgery, Baret. I have met with an accident." His eyes twinkled. "There not keep my appointment with you.'

When the wounded arm was bandaged the Emperor himself conducted the soldier to the wicket, and Baret found the faint gleams of dawn casting a dim light through the streets. He had been well rewarded. Th

neavy purse of gold in his coat forbad the belief that it was all a dream. Yes not for ten times the amount would he be willing to pass another such nigh he had awaited in silence and suspense the result of the dispute outside the doot of the Emperor's room.

Perhaps it was as well that he never ordered me to admit no one, you would knew how the Emperor had spent his leave of absence. That at midnight, "Tut-tut! What nonsense!" said in an unoccupied house in the isolated the other, with vexation in his tones. part of the city, two men had fought

thought of sonding you in my place, walked softly about the room, forget-but prefer to go myself. You will re-ting that the thick carpet and tapes-perial Chasseurs in Africa. Colonel it is said, presented to him by Natries dulled every sound and would Carolet thought he knew why, but poleon III., the Emperor Frederick,

HURSE FLESH FOR FOOD.

In a report to the State Department, What if a snore should disturb Mr. DuBois, United States Consul Laurent, sleeping in the outer room! General at St. Call, Switzerland, makes "What could be do to banish sleep? some interesting disclosures regarding Had the hours of night ever been so the general use of horse flesh as au long? He tried to read a book of old article of food in Europe. He says romances, but they bade fair to serve the Swiss press is giving considerable attention to the following statement:

Again he paced back and forward, "An American horse-meat company longing for the time of his release. has been organized in Kearny, N. Y. Where had the Emperor gone? What whose object is to prepare horse meat urgent duty required his presence for the European market in the form away from the palace at this time of of sugar-cured horse ribs and salted night and which would only allow of horse flesh. This meat will be sent in his return—perhaps at the end of two boxes marked distinctly 'horse meat' and each shipment is to be carefully What case required such scorecy as inspected and accompanied by a certificate that it is pure horse meat and in a wholesome condition." A sudden quiver of his nerves

Mr. Dubois comments on this state ment as follows: Emperor asked thy service, not thy "I cannot find any town by the name of Kearny in the State of New York and the item looks like one of the kind that the European journals, jealous of voice was heard in the distance. The

American trade, take pleasure in cir-

"But whether there is truth in this report or not, there is certainly a demand for good, wholesome horse meat in some of the markets of Europe. In many towns are to be found wellstocked markets where nothing but horse meat is sold-fresh, salted, smoked, and in sausage form. The prices range from five to eight cents per pound, according to cut, and a large amount of this meat is purchased by the poorer classes. The horses used are old ones or those killed by accident. The people who buy this meat claim that they prefer it to the tough cow meat that is sold for from eight to twelve cents a pound. It is sweeter, more tender, and quite as wholesome, according to their statements. The shops where horse meat is sold always have a 'horse-meat market' sign conspicuously displayed, so that no deception is possible. If the purchaser buys horse meat and eats it, he does so knowingly. In this respect the municipal inspection is very thor-

Judge Credits a Bribe on the Fine. A few lawyers were sitting in one o the city restaurants a few days ago "I have heard of a young man in night for anything, Laurent. You to consult with his companions. Hast- cating lunch and discussing different your regiment who is said to resemble understand? For anything! Give ily returning, he said, quickly and subjects, when one of them told the

> office of a former justice of the peace. know if the Emperor is asleep in his had or not. To tall you the entire his client was a pretty strong one, and he decided to beard the lion in his den. As he entered the room he told the justice of the case, the name of Laurent's voice trembled, and it his client, and added he did not think was with an apparent effort that he

the same time he slipped a \$20 gold piece in the hand of the justice, and gave him a knowing wink. The court said nothing, but, pulling open the cash drawer, slipped the money in. The dence had all been introduced there appeared to be no question of the guilt of the defendant. But his counsel was confident, thinking the gold piece had done the work. The court then

will be committed to the county jail until the remainder is paid into this

Nothing more was said, and the ius tice settled back in his chair, satisfied that the laws of the State had been upheld and a dishonest attorney had been left in the lurch.—Sioux City

"The longer I live the more firmly am convinced," said Mr. Gozzletill doomsday and rise and bow and scrape at every one of 'em that came the true Emperor standing in the door- along and ask 'em all in, but never way just as he had seen him last with one of 'em would stop. They might his finger to his lips.

Baret sprang to his feet, but a gesactual collaring would bring 'em in. "Men have made fortunes, to be

was a moment when I feared I could be rich we must work for it. And work early and late; all the time. Plug at it, and keep plugging at it.

jewels which he wished to bequeath to certain heirs. A casual examination through the doctor's effects did not reveal their presence, and it was supposed that they had been disposed of some time prior to his death. The other day, however, they came to light. The lawyers of the estate were making a careful inventory of the con-"There, there, my friend," said the "I had vowed to see him before he a duel to the death, with only the tents of the dentist's late residence in Emperor kindly. "You are to do me slept, but have it your own way now. light of two poor candles to guide the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, "Some time since he decided to give the honor to-night. I can depend on he toad to a friend who resides in your fidelity, your obedience and lence to the Emperor. I shall be here The poorly dressed man, who was safe, they came upon a secret drawer on the contract of their aim. when, on opening an old document at daybreak. I must see him before the only one to leave the house, on quite unexpectedly. In the drawer tered the wicket gate of the palace two was an enormous collection of precious "Unhappy monarch! If he had hours later, having made a long detour stones, including two magnificent sets "That will do," said the Emperor, been here, my lord would have roused to avoid the patrol. For once his of diamonds, besides a quantity of remarkably large and pure unset dia-Two days after the incident narrated monds, rubies, emeralds and other be gone for two hours or more. I had The soldier lowered the lights and above Colonel Carolet received a paper precious stones, together with a proATTORNEYS AT LAW.

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Baret knew more. In fact, he knew the Empress Frederick and other not betray his footsteps. After a few moments' silence:
One! sounded from the tower, and too much to be kept so near the crowned heads. The value of the "Is that all, sire?" he asked blankly. Baret's eyes were so heavy that he throne.—Illustrated Bits.

Again the calls, and a large door swung open, letting in a tumult of voices that echoed along the high cor-Had anything happened to the Emperor? Heaven forbid! But if this The big drops of fear stood on the a tone, not a syllable must be tray agi- death a score of times unmoved. He crept to and listened breathlessly at the door leading to the room where the faithful Laurent slept. Laurent's sleep had evidently again vant's voice and that of another. "I cannot wake the Emperor, m

culating.

When he reappeared his dress was nights lately, and is now sleeping "But, my man," insisted the other, "you do not understand! We must ough; a butcher licensed to sell beef, if found selling horse meat, would be last, he motioned to Baret to enter the is in bed and safe. When did you see severely and promptly punished."

> following story: This occurred some years ago in the "My good Laurent, we will hold bore a marked resemblance to the Emperor, was seen about half an hour

> > there was any evidence to convict. At

summed up the case, and, to the astonishment of the defendant's counsel, guilty as charged in the information. and fines him \$100, of which amount dread of a tone of agitation in his \$20 has been paid. The defendant treated further into the room, until a

tained recess, he threw hunself upon

Journal. called out, in a drowsy tone of annoy-The Quest of Fortune. "What is the trouble? I said I was ton, "that a man who wants a fortune has got to do something besides wish Laurent's voice was trembling still for it. Fortunes, large and small, are shy, very shy. In one form and another they are passing by all the time. "I ask your pardon, sire," he called again. "There has been-we feared but they won't stop for the mere asking, however polite and graceful and earnest the invitation may be. We Laurent," said the drowsy tone of the might sit out on the veranda from now

ture cautioned silence, and both waited The fact is that if we want a fortune die away in the distance, and Laurent sure, without working. Oil may spout up out the ground one owns and cover young man into the large room, and him with riches. Another man may said in a low tone, as he removed his find iron ore in his land, and so on. But such cases are so few in number "I hope you have some knowledge of that they don't count, the chances of our getting rich in that way are really not worth considering. If we would

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