



MONUMENT TO CHINESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP

This granite arch, near Chefoo, China, bears the following inscription:

"DEDICATED TO AND ERECTED IN HONOR OF
THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OUR FRIENDS ACROSS THE SEA
MAY THERE BE ETERNAL PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES"

The Chinese Puzzle of 400,000,000 Mortals

"Whoever understands China socially, politically, economically, and religiously, holds the key to the world's politics for the next five centuries."—Former Secretary of State, JOHN HAY.

WITH SEVENTY THOUSAND Chinese studying and working among us; with "the Open Door" in China standing as the great, dominant American policy in the Far East; with the traditional friendship between China and the United States constantly finding new expression, it still remains true to-day that to practically all Americans China, with her four hundred millions of human beings, is a vast unknown, a mystery unfathomable. Never has so good an opportunity come to Americans to know and understand China as now, when Japan and China have been brought together at a conference table of the world's great powers in the Capital of the American Republic. Therefore THE LITERARY DIGEST has prepared a complete presentation of China, the Country, the People, their Industries, their Ideals, and their Relations with the Rest of the World.

Americans Now May Know the Whole Story of China

A HOARY HISTORY

Countless ages back, lost in the mists of antiquity, thousands of years before the Christian Era, the Chinese people began,—no one knows how. Did they spring from the soil, or migrate from ancient Turkey, or Syria, or did they actually descend from Noah, after the Flood? Their many centuries of known history is full of wonderful happenings. An outline of it is given in this special number of THE DIGEST.

THE WHITE RAIDS ON CHINA

"The story of China for the past hundred years has been largely the story of her spoliation by the white races." To all who are accustomed to think of Japan's "extension of influence" as the chiefest of China's troubles, the article describing "Europe's Encroachments on China's Sovereignty" will bring an astounding revelation.

AMERICA: FRIEND and PROTECTOR

During all the troublesome years of European and Japanese encroachments and demands on China, only one great power in the world has stood by her as her protector, and is her protector to-day, and that power is America. A splendid article tells what America has done and is doing to maintain "the Open Door" and to protect China from voracious raids of foreign powers.

SHANTUNG

The cradle of Chinese Civilization; the Holy Land of the Chinese People; the birthplace of the silk industry, an Eden of agriculture; an Aladdin's Cave of precious metals and stones; the heart that controls the internal commerce, and communications of the entire Chinese Empire; one of the richest and most densely populated provinces of the earth; self-governed for five thousand years—There are many reasons "Why They Struggle for Shantung," and the article under that title is full of surprising information, illustrated with a specially-drawn map.

JAPAN'S 21 DEMANDS

Probably not five persons in every ten thousand Americans could name even three of the famous "twenty-one demands" imposed upon China by Japan. Yet these demands have the most vital relationship to any settlement of the great "Problem of the Far East." They have been variously interpreted by the powers concerned. One of the most important articles in this week's DIGEST reveals "The Secret of the Twenty-One Demands."

CHINA'S RELIGIONS, CUSTOMS, ART

To know China it is necessary to know her religions. A clear explanation of the part which Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Ancestor Worship, and Christianity play in Chinese life is contained in a special article on the subject. "Men and Manners in China" is another colorful article, full of interesting incidents. The "Peculiar Qualities of Chinese Art" are instructively described.

UNBINDING THE WOMEN

Along with the crippling of Chinese women's feet and the custom of killing or selling girl-babies, has gone a general subordination of the whole sex. But women in China are being unbound, physically, mentally, morally, and socially. A most instructive article tells how the transformation is being wrought.

SCIENCE IN CHINA

While the people in Europe were going about dressed in the skins of wild animals and using pieces of stone tied to sticks for tools and weapons, the Chinese were a highly developed and skilful nation. They were the inventors of gunpowder, the mariner's compass, the art of printing, the making of porcelain, and the manufacture of silk. Read about their casting of metals, their electrical industries, their medicine, their curious treatment of fractures, and many other marvels and oddities.

A LANGUAGE OF PICTURES

Chinese written characters are full of expressive symbolism and piquant commentaries on social and industrial life. There is a picture character for "man" and another for "field." Both put together mean "farmer." Combine the character which means "word" with "man" and we have a man and his word, or "honesty." The symbols for "woman" and "son" together mean "good." Two of the symbols for "woman" together, mean "quarrel." Three of them together stand for "gossip." An interesting article reproduces and explains many of these story characters of the Chinese language.

An Exclusive Map, in Colors, of the Divided Republic

No such map has been published in this country before. It shows at a glance the provinces under the Peking Government, those under the Canton Government, and those which are independent or neutral. The leading article tells the whole story of the Divided Republic. Another valuable map shows the Province of Shantung, with its railways, roads, cable lines,

and grand canal, as well as the location of its iron and coal fields and other mines. Still another map shows just where the zones of commercial influence of the various European Powers in China are located. These maps are of infinite value in making plain the real situation in China. The flag of the Chinese Republic is reproduced in correct colors on the cover.

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