

AN INSCRIPTION ON A FAN.

(Original.)

My friend Charley keeps in a glass case set up on brackets against a wall in his smoking room at home a paper and bamboo fan. There is nothing about it to indicate that it is of special value. Indeed, 10 or 15 cents would be a good price for it. It is spread out to show some Chinese characters daubed across its face. It occurred to me that this inscription might have something to do with the care taken in the fan's preservation, and one evening after dinner while in the room where it was I asked Charley if it were not so.

"I should think so," he said, knocking the ashes off his cigar. "It's all in the inscription."

"Well, out with it." I knew by his expression there was a story coming.

"You remember some years ago," he began, "I was obliged to go to China on business. I needed only to visit Peking, Nankin and a few other points. In going from Nankin to Khatiefong I met with an adventure. I was on horseback and well armed. Hearing a commotion on the road before me, I spurred on and found a mandarin being robbed by a couple of bandits, who were trying to kill him before taking his money. His position was very plain to me, and, dashing among them, I fired at both of the assailants in rapid succession, purposely missing them, since I didn't care to kill any one and probably be delayed by doing so. The robbers ran away, and the mandarin's servants slunk back to him. He was the most grateful man you ever saw. Since we couldn't speak the same language, he could only thank me with his eyes, which told his feelings plain enough. He picked up that fan, which during the melee had fallen in the road, shook the dust off it and, taking a writing stick, wrote that inscription across its face, handing the fan to me. 'I supposed that he had written his thanks.'"

"Glad to have your autograph," I said, though I knew he didn't understand me, and we went on together in silence till we reached the next village, where we parted with many farewells which neither understood. Then I went on alone.

"I heard a great deal about the rising wrath in China against the 'foreign devils,' but didn't suspect it was a premonition of the celebrated Boxer movement then about to break out. Reaching a mission station in a small town, I concluded to remain with the family of Mr. Flisk, its manager, for a few days. On the afternoon of my arrival his daughter Evelyn, a girl of twenty, saw me using the fan. She could read the inscription, of course, and said to me:

"Take care of that fan. Don't lose it as you value your life."

"I asked her why, but at the moment she was called away, and I did not see her for some time. I don't remember whether when I did see her I had forgotten the matter or had no opportunity to ask again. At any rate, it

was very soon after that we heard shrieks up the street. Every one present turned white, knowing that a mob was murdering the Christian converts. The noise came rapidly our way, and Mr. Flisk, his family and servants gathered in the living room in consternation. I got out all my weapons, but Mr. Flisk shook his head. Nevertheless I thought that I might as well die defending my countrymen, especially as it would be pleasanter than dying without action.

"Nearer came the yells and shrieks till suddenly we saw through the window a gang of cutthroats coming, doubtless, to the station. At that moment Evelyn, who had been out, rushed in looking like a ghost.

"The fan! The fan!" she cried. "Where is it?"

"What fan?"

"The one you had yesterday." "I remembered that it was in my room and from Evelyn's eagerness about it knew that it must be of importance, so I ran there, snatched it from a table and ran back again into the living room. Evelyn pushed me to the door, crying:

"Open it! Hold it up!"

"I did as she directed just in time to face the ugliest gang of fanatics I ever saw or expect to see. Their leader, an immense man, was about to dash in, with an ax raised above his head, when he caught sight of the letters on the fan. He stopped, lowering his ax, while those behind him seemed to be paralyzed by the inscription. Then the leader, calling for a writing stick, wrote something over our door, and the mob rushed on, yells and shrieks following in its wake.

"They had no sooner started away than, the strain on Evelyn having been relaxed, she fainted, and I caught her in my arms. Laying her on a couch, I went out to look at what the Chinaman had written on the door. The characters were the same as those on the fan. When Evelyn revived she told me their meaning. 'Respect this man and those with him.'"

"The signature was that of a mandarin, Chang Lang, very influential with the Chinese people, since he had been opposed to foreigners.

"We remained safe under the protection of the fan till we could get away. Mr. Flisk brought his family back to America, and I came with them." "Knowing," I said, "that Mrs. Charney's first name is Evelyn, I take it that the fan covers a romance as well as having saved your lives?"

"In that you are right, but if it hadn't been for the fan we should not have lived for the romance."

ELLSWORTH EMERSON.

LAUNDRY LINES.

Stockings and socks should be turned wrong-side out before they are put into the tub.

Do not waste time and strength ironing knit underwear. If folded down smoothly when taken from the line, these garments will need no ironing.

An ordinary telegraph wire makes a better line to hang clothes on to dry than the hempen one generally used. The wire does not sag, rot or break. It is easily made clean.

Soap should never be used when washing silk stockings. Add four tablespoonfuls of bran to a quart of water used for this purpose, rinse in several clear waters, pressing the water out, and dry in the sun.

In sorting clothes to send to the laundry look carefully over each article, taking care to remove every pin, which may seriously injure the laundress, and seeing that no studs, shields or cuff buttons are left in the blouses and shirts.

To Make Veil Rolls.

Veil rolls for keeping the veils in good condition are made of mauling tubes one inch in diameter and seventeen inches long. Cover these with wadding, sprinkled plentifully with sachet powder between it. Cut the wadding just wide enough to cover by overcasting. Take five-eighths of a yard of five inch ribbon, cover the roll with this and draw the ends of the ribbon close to the ends of the roll and sew tightly. Fringe the ends of the ribbon. Take one and a half yards of one inch ribbon to trim the roll. Sew a piece the length of the roll over the seam, fastening it only at the ends. Cut the remaining ribbon in half and tie closely around each end to the tube in a pretty bow.

Mending Cracked Dishes.

If the dish is only cracked, it may be preserved from falling to pieces by pointing the crack on the underside with white paint. Cut a piece of tape the length of the crack, cover one side with paint and lay it over the fracture. Press the tape down till perfectly smooth. Set the dish aside for two or three weeks, when the crack will be perfectly firm.

To Make a Man Selfish.

There is no better way to make a selfish, spoiled husband out of a perfectly good man than by always being unselfish and doing a thousand and one things for him that he has always been accustomed to do for himself. It is a recognized truth that we all care more for the person who is dependent upon us than for the one we depend upon.—Anon.

Columbus had just landed. Meeting a great Indian Chief with a pack on under his arm, he asked him what it was. "Great Medicine, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea" said the Indian. Price 25 cents, Tea or Tablets.

MAKE THE FEET FLAT.

A Chiroprapist Says Injury Is Often Done by Low Heels.

"This talk about high heels breaking the arch of the foot is all nonsense," said a chiroprapist who made a specialty of the "broken arch" difficulty. "It is the spring heel and very low heel that cause the trouble. Mothers should never be guilty of putting spring heel shoes on their children, for it means a flat and ugly foot in later years. Just as soon as a child can toddle around it should be provided with a soft, pliable shoe which has the thickest bit of a heel. This tends to throw the weight of the body forward on the ball of the foot, where it is most easily supported, and relieves the strain on the arch.

"You have often seen small children who have just learned to walk run over the heels of their shoes, haven't you? It is not because they are unsteady on their feet, which is the popular opinion, but because their weight is resting on the arch or where the bone of the lower leg meets the bone of the foot. The flat foot may begin at this very time, so great care should be taken as to just what shoes the little toddlers wear. In some of the European countries little ones wear one-quarter inch heels on their shoes, but American mothers seem to think that spring heels are smarter and more healthful.

"For adults the moderately high Cuban heel is the most comfortable and sensible for ordinary wear. The flat heels and the common sense heel should both be tabooed. Even the French heel is not particularly injurious if it is only worn occasionally and when the woman will not walk much, but of course it is ridiculous for a walking boot. But, whatever you do, avoid the low heel."—New York Press.

ARTISTIC PILLOW.

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A charming pillow may be made of the heavy fish net that can be bought in the upholstery department of most large department stores.

Cut from paper a pattern of conventionalized four leaved clover about six inches across. Put this on the net and trace around the edge with a soft lead pencil. Diagonally back of it set another clover blossom of which part of two petals is hidden. Dot two flowers so grouped at equal intervals over the surface of the net.

Outline the design in duchess lace braid and fill in each petal with a darning stitch in pink rope silk. Use a darker pink for the under flower. Run the lace around the centers. Extending about an inch on the outside of each group of flowers darn in an irregular background of a still darker shade of pink. For this the stitches should go directly across the mesh of the net, not up and down.

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