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The Chinese and The Public Domain.

The Chinese Question is just at present the all-absorbing topic of public and political discussion, and a bill prohibiting the immigration into this country of Chinese person, has been passed by congress, and is now before the President, who will probably sign it now that official information of the rejection by the Chinese government of the treaty recently proposed, has been received.

Quite a flutter of excitement was created a few days ago by the announcement in the public prints that Assistant Commissioner Anderson, of the General Land Office, had rendered a decision to the effect that a Chinaman who in 1887 declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States could legally initiate a homestead entry.

It is quite certain, however, that whatever may have been the foundation upon which the rumor was based, and whatever may have been the opinion of the Assistant Commissioner upon the subject at the time of the publication, no such decision was promulgated, and that officer is now firmly of the opinion that unless a Chinaman can conclusively show that he had declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States prior to the amendment of the Naturalization Laws in 1875, he can never become qualified to make an entry of land under any of the laws where citizenship is a pre-requisite.

It appears that the district land officers in one of the Territories permitted three Chinamen, who had filed their declarations of citizenship in 1883, to make a mineral land entry, and the case came before the Assistant Commissioner for consideration. His judgment was emphatically recorded against the legality of such an entry, and an order of cancellation was made at once; no holding for cancellation with privilege of appeal, was made, but the entry was canceled outright, without a word in the decision about the right of appeal, on the ground that only citizens of the United States, and those who had legally declared their intentions to become such, can make entry for mineral lands, and that as the Revised Statutes as amended by the act of 1875 excluded Mongolians from the privilege of becoming citizens, the entry was illegal and utterly void.

Very few Chinamen have ever become citizens of the United States. I am informed that out of the thousands that have come here only sixteen were ever naturalized. If this be true, and no change occurs in our naturalization laws, the public domain will not be absorbed to any great extent by Chinamen unless those sixteen prove unusually prolific in offspring.

HENRY N. COPP.

All housekeepers should know that sugar boiled with an acid, if it be but three minutes, will be converted into glucose, which is the form of sugar found in sweet apples. One pound of sugar has as much sweetening power as two and one quarter pounds of glucose. In other words, one pound of sugar stirred into the fruit after it is cooked, and while it is yet warm, will make the fruit as sweet as two and quarter pounds added while the fruit is boiling.

An exchange says, truthfully, that the great question for most of us should be, not how we can do great things but how we can do the common and homely duties of life more faithfully, remembering that, after all, life is made up chiefly of commonplaces. There lived once in a Western village a woman who was anxious that her only son should achieve some great success in life himself above "the common run of men," as she said.

When she reflected that even the presidency of the United States is within the reach of the poorest and humblest boy, she did not wish her son to fall far below that exalted station of life.

Long after the son was a man, acquaintance met the ambitious old lady, then visiting in a distant state, and asked her about her son's success in life.

"Well," she said, cheerily, "he ain't the president of the United States yet; he ain't a senator, nor yet a congressman, nor governor, nor mayor; but I tell you he's the very best blacksmith there is in our part of the country. Indeed he is!"

To do his duty well and faithfully as a blacksmith is to lift himself to as high a plane of life as he could reach in a much more exalted position. Youth's Companion.

A few days ago a nicely dressed young man rushed into the New York Central depot, when the gentleman at the entrance said:

"Show your ticket, please."

"I haven't any."

"You can't go in there," said the officer.

"But I'm in a hurry to see my mother-in-law," said the young man in an excited tone.

"Go on quick young man; go in quick!" And turning to a bystander, the officer said: "They aren't often so anxious to see their mother-in-law."

A country negro got drunk last night and the police got him. As is always done, the prisoner was searched before being turned into the cell.

It didn't make any difference until the station-house keeper to the left hand vest pocket.

"They ain't nothin' there, boss," said the darkey quickly.

"Well, take your hand out of the way."

"Boss, please sir, don't take dat."

"Take your hands away."

"Boss, fur de Lord's sake."

"Well, what it?"

"Hit's my rabbit foot, boss. Please sir."

He kept his rabbit foot.

A story was told some years ago, in which the red bandana figured, that may now bear telling again. The narrator said:

"Senator Thurman, of Ohio, uses a red bandana and blows the loudest noise in America. Some year ago, while Thurman was on the floor addressing the senate, a senator from Nevada who had formerly been a brakeman on a railway, fell asleep in his seat. As Thurman widened on his subject he suddenly drew the red bandana, placed it to his nose, and give a terrible snort, whereupon the sleeping Nevadan sprang to his feet, caught his desk, and began to whirl it around at a lively rate to the great amusement of all present. The senator afterwards explained that he was pleasantly engaged in dreaming that he was at his post on the car platform, and when he heard Thurman blow he imagined it was a whistle for down prairie, and seeing the red bandana he thought it a signal of distress."

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