

MY SAILOR LOVER.

I watch and wait, My ship is late That brings my sailor lover. I watch the sails as they go by But dimly outlined 'gainst the sky. But none brings back my lover.

YARNS ABOUT THIBET.

STORIES ABOUT LIFE IN AN ALMOST UNKNOWN COUNTRY.

A Section of Middle Asia That Has Attracted Many Able Chinese Story Tellers—Some Remarkable Accounts of Strange Doings in Chinese Writings.

A curious collection of facts respecting Thibet, as represented by various Chinese authors and travelers, has been made by Mr. Woodville Rockhill, who has himself explored that mysterious country of middle Asia.

On New Year's day at the capital city, Lh'assa, there begins a season of festivity. One of the entertainments is called the "Spectacle of the Flying Spirits." The performers stretch an enormously large rope to hide all the way from the top to the bottom of Mount Potala; then they fashion grooved blocks of wood to their chests and sail down the line like so many swallows.

On the 30th of the month there is another great sport when the king of the devils is driven away. A priest is chosen to play the part of the tale lama, and a layman, selected for his wit and activity, takes the role of the demon.

These dice are very big ones, about the size of apples, but the poor fiend has no show at all in the gamble, for his die is blank on every side, while the lama's has the highest number on each of its faces.

Being beaten, the king of the devils is frightened and runs away, with all the people after him, firing guns and cannon, so that he is obliged to hide at length in a hole in the mountain, where provisions have previously been placed to feed him for a few days while he remains in concealment.

POWER OF THE PRIESTS. If any one is sick or annoyed in any way the devils are responsible, and the only sensible thing is to go and hire a priest to frighten them off.

The lamas also do a large business in fortune telling. Sometimes they ascertain the fates with barleycorns; at others they burn sheep bones for the same purpose or gaze into bowls of water.

According to one author there is a very astonishing curiosity in Thibet in the shape of a plant that flies. It resembles a dog in shape, is the color of a tortoise shell and is very tame.

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Evolution of the Saddle. The evolution from cloth coverings to the saddle were as gradual as they were natural, finally bringing us to the saddle of today, consisting of the wooden frame known as the saddle-tree, the skirts or padded underflaps, the seat (generally made of tanned pigskin), the girth or belly band, the stirrup straps, the stirrups and the crupper loop.

England exports large quantities of saddlery, the most of which is made at Walsall, in Staffordshire, or in the immediate neighborhood.

Every portion of soapstone lost in cutting is utilized in other ways. It gives the dull color to rubber goods, is used in paper to gain weight, and is also an excellent article to use in making fire-proof paints.

"You can never put too much water in milk if you always put it through the cow's mouth." This is one of many analogous aphorisms by Professor Robertson, the Canadian dairy commissioner.

The druggist is no longer a manufacturer of his compounds, and has banished mortar and pestle to be a dispenser of the products of laboratories where whirling machinery does the work.

Mme. Bartholdi.

The late Mme. Bartholdi was no ordinary person, and on her ninetieth birthday she looked so full of life and beamed so with mental vigor and heartiness that I wonder she did not live to a hundred.

In youth she was reputed the handsomest girl in Alsace. As an old woman she was more than handsome. The pure outlines remained, and the fire of the kindest, quickest and most lambent pair of eyes imaginable was never quenched so long as life remained.

One never saw a trace of self righteous harshness in the old lady. She was very indulgent toward the erring; but that grace, she said, came with the wide experience of old age.

A Paris Candle story. "Every traveler who stops at a Paris lodging house," laughed a woman the other day, "has a candle story, and here is mine: We were served with two candles every morning, which we never half used up; these would be taken out, however, and fresh ones appear in their places.

The three religions of China are Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism. The bulk of the people are Buddhists rather than Confucianists, and there are millions of infidels.

The state religion, in connection with which all these religions come in, is the worship of the emperor, who is the son of heaven and the prophet, priest and king of the people.

"Ever since I was abroad," said a well known New Yorker, "I have been pestered with all sorts of begging letters. They are mostly from the managers of English charitable institutions of various descriptions, though some are from private individuals.

"Those people are the worst and most persistent beggars in the world. Fancy an American mailing begging letters to Londoners! I suppose there must be money in it or they wouldn't do it."

The intelligent foreigner is highly amused at the indiscriminate way in which English audiences use this word, regardless of the number and sex of the performers whom they wish to applaud.

The art of longevity, all the world over, is a regular life, temperate in all things, with abundance of pure air and water, and freedom from anxiety, care and worry.

They Wash Once a Year.

The facility with which washing is done by the use of borax accounts for its popularity in the low countries and in Germany, where to many families washday comes but once a year.

The humblest German hausfrau does not feel her poverty if she has an abundance of linen, and this she will have if possible, to the exclusion of other things which we might regard almost as needful.

For these washings a week is usually taken and the event is regarded as no ordinary one. It is something of a jubilee in which the entire family takes part.

Pimples.

The old idea of 40 years ago was that facial eruptions were due to a "blood humor," for which they gave potash. Thus all the old Sarsaparillas contain potash, a most objectionable and drastic mineral, that instead of decreasing, actually creates more eruptions.

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A Severe Law.

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Tea, by the way, is one of the most notoriously adulterated articles of commerce. Not alone are the bright, shiny green teas artificially colored, but thousands of pounds of substitutes for tea leaves are used to swell the bulk of cheap teas; ash, sicc, and willow leaves being those most commonly used.

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