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**Chinese Girls Balk at Ancient Marriage Code**  
Shanghai.—All girls of China have  
absorbed the American notion that  
love is the real basis for marriage. The  
notion is so common in America now  
that it is taken for granted, but Chi-  
nese girls defy all the traditions of  
3,000 years when they voice such sen-  
timents.  
But a movement has started among  
all of the girl students in Chinese gov-  
ernment universities which has this

# JANE'S PA AND CUPID GOT BUSY

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD  
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"Now, pa—" but Jane got no further.  
"Now, Jane! I mean what I say. Time you stopped gadding with every Tom, Dick and Harry and settled down. As for this last young man you've annexed—young what-his-name—just cross him off your list!"

"That red-headed, pug-nosed, jawed, high-and-mighty individual you were strolling down Main street with this afternoon. Looks like an ex-prizefighter, and—"

"Oh," broke in Jane hurriedly, "you mean Peter Brown. Don't—don't you like him?"

"Like him? Like him? Does he look as if I'd like him. Just forget him." Jane nodded slowly. "I understand, pa, but I've promised Peter he could take me to the dance at the Armory. How could I know," she went on bitterly, "that you'd be seized so suddenly with a violent prejudice against the first man I ever thought I cared enough for to marry?"

Her father seemed about to speak, then apparently thought better of it and waited a moment. Then, "All right," he said mildly, "but the dance must end it. Surely there is some one among your old friends good enough for you without throwing yourself away on the first stranger that hits your eye. Particularly such a red-headed—"

But Jane, with one reproachful look, and fled from the room.

Ever since the death of his wife, Jane's father had found his daughter a great problem. Constitutionally a reserved, unobtrusive man, the chain of contacts she established for him with outsiders kept him continually harassed. He had run the gauntlet of housekeepers and nursemaids, school teachers and playmates, only to be brought up against a more formidable array, as Jane grew into womanhood, of Jane's young men.

Much as Jane managed her father, she managed her suitors, winding them around her little finger with a gentleness which they accepted with a meekness that, could they but have known it, reacted to their advantage.

The very fact that Peter Brown, the new young lawyer in town, did not appear to be one to yield to anybody, much less a slip of a girl, was his peculiar charm for Jane. She had met him on several occasions, largely of her own contriving, until Peter had shown unmistakable signs of falling in love with her when, having succeeded in what she had tried to do, Jane coyly warded off his actual declaration with feminine inconsistency.

Now her father had thrown an unexpected wrench into the machinery, and for once Jane feared she could not wind him around her finger with customary dexterity.

So matters stood on the night of the Armory ball. In spite of her troubled heart, Jane looked her loveliest, and Peter, as he held her slender silken-clad form in his arms during the first fox trot, resolved that he would say all that was on his mind immediately while Jane could not conveniently escape.

"Listen," he whispered, as they swung down the hall, "I have something I must tell you. I love you. Love you frightfully, Jane darling. Will you marry me?"

Jane lifted startled eyes. "Peter!" she breathed, and tried not to give away to those around her that her partner was actually proposing to her then and there. Suddenly she remembered, "I am afraid—you see, my father—"

"Don't fancy me?" said Peter calmly. "Well—I hate to have to do it this way. But, under the circumstances, you must. Marry me first and tell him afterwards."

Jane gasped. No one had ever said "must" in just that tone before, and it sent through her a delicious shiver. "When?" she asked meekly.

Peter considered. "One week from today," he said finally. "That will give me time to get the license, arrange my business for an absence, and engage passage on the Bermudian. One week from today!"

Jane, for all the romance of it, had her secret misgivings in the days that followed. It came hard to deceive her father, of whose ultimate relenting she had doubts. Also, deep within her, she could not quite sanction Peter's demand that she do such a thing. It did not tally with her idea of him.

However, she loved him, she had given her word, and she would abide by it.

Arrived the wedding day, and Jane, who had surreptitiously packed her trunk, stole away for the ceremony which was to make her Peter's.

"I pronounce you man and wife!" Jane heard the words in a daze. She could scarcely credit that so swiftly she had become Mrs. Peter Brown. Then she felt Peter draw her to him, tenderly and presently she found herself on the way to her father, and the moment she had dreaded more than she had admitted had come.

They found him sitting by the fire, his gaze fixed on the smouldering em-

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# All Peoples of Earth Know and Value Cheese

History reveals that the use of cheese is indeed very old. The people of Greece knew this dairy product as early as 1000 to 450 B. C.

It was an important commodity in Roman commerce at a very early date and mention is made of cheese in Roman records from 750 B. C. to 475 A. D., according to the California Cultivator. As the Romans conquered the rest of Europe and carried their influence into these sections the knowledge of the value and use of cheese was spread.

The people living in that part of Europe now known as Germany were using cheese in considerable amounts as early as the Eighth century. England undoubtedly learned of cheese from the Romans, and the Normans, who were the powerful people of this period, were large consumers of cheese.

During the Dark ages cheese was made mostly by the inmates of the monasteries. These people were very influential in popularizing cheese, as they taught others how to make it. By the Tenth century cheese was an important item of European commerce and during the Fifteenth century exclusive cheese markets were established in Switzerland. Some of these same markets are in existence today and are operated in the same way, practically, as they were in their beginning. One brand of Swiss cheese has been made in one locality and under the same conditions for more than ten centuries.

**United States Language**  
So far as we are able to learn, no early congress ever voted on the language to be used in this country. However, Brander Matthews says that not long after we had proclaimed our independence an ultra-patriotic member of the Continental congress moved that we renounce the English tongue and devise a new language of our own which we would not have to share with the enemy. Roger Sherman, a member of the congress from Connecticut and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, moved as an amendment that we retain English and compel the British to use another. This method, thought Sherman, would be much simpler. The new language notion was never heard of any more in congress.

**Irrepressible Youth**  
The charming young actress, Miss Phyllis Lytton, is an ardent church worker, which lends point to the following story.

A young lady was once busy decorating the church she attends for a harvest thanksgiving service.

Presently there entered the vicar. "I really must congratulate you, my dear Miss Jones," he said. "You have all the fruits, flowers and vegetables well represented in your decorations. I think there is hardly an omission, is there?"

The helper's face beamed. But a pert choir boy, unable to resist the temptation, spoiled it all by remarking, loudly enough for all to hear: "Yes, we have no bananas."

**Father of Drama**  
Aeschylus, the Greek who was "the father of the drama," was a soldier during the Persian invasion, and took part in the battle of Marathon, and later in the historic conflict with the Persians at Salamis. These tremendous events inspired him to seek literary expression in what were the first genuine dramas ever written by man. More than three score plays came from his brain and hand, but of these only a half-dozen have been preserved. Of these the greatest are "Prometheus," which is considered by some to be the equal of the productions of Shakespeare's genius; the "Persians," a patriotic and military drama, and "Agamemnon," which still ranks among the world's dramatic masterpieces.

**Late Withdrawal**  
During the course of a trial a small but aggressive lawyer hurled many opprobrious epithets at counsel on the other side.

And many times counsel started at him with right arm drawn back.

But he always escaped punishment, for the insult by bowling: "I withdraw it."

Finally, however, he was too slow, the impending blow landed and the gentleman landed and kissed the carpet. The attorney with the good right arm was then called to account.

"You should not have struck that blow," declared the judge sternly. "I know it, your honor, I withdraw it."

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**Derivation of Word "Paregoric"**  
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**Brains Needed for Foresight.**  
Any simpleton can tell which way the wind is blowing today, but it takes a man of brains, special insight and experience to tell you how it will blow tomorrow.—David Lloyd George.

**Thought for the Day.**  
The man who can't do a good turn without intending to make it pay is as contemptible as the man who can't receive a favor without suspecting a wrong motive.

**Reproof Not to Be Avoided.**  
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