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Some Fearful Moments.

During the late war between China and Japan we heard often of wonderful acts of bravery performed by the Japanese, but tales of Chinese bravery were few and far between. The following story, however, which appears to be told by an eyewitness, is enough to show that the Chinese had at least one officer who was no coward.

The deposed viceroy, Li Hung Chang, and the committee appointed by the government to investigate the reasons of defeat at the battle of Port Arthur met in the city of Peking. Among the charges was one of poor gunnery brought against Captain Le Chen Fue, who had commanded the Yen Tse Chang, one of the largest battleships that escaped from the action without great damage.

After Li Hung Chang had read the charges in full the accused captain rose and requested that a dozen shells be brought from his vessel. This was done, and the shells were set in a row before the committee. Le Chen Fue then stepped forward, and drawing his sword, said: "Can you wonder that we were defeated when our shells were like these?"

As he spoke and before any one could stop him he raised his sword and brought it down on the shell in front of him. The shell was split in two, and sawdust and red brick dust flew all about.

Then in rapid succession he struck shell after shell. Nobody moved, we were so surprised and frightened. I remember thinking that if the last one proved a good one there would be none of us left to tell the tale; but, lo, that was like all the others—a sham.

As he finished Le Chen Fue laid his sword at the feet of Li Hung Chang, and as soon as that statesman could speak he dismissed the charges.

A Valuable Dog.

Some tribes of American Indians are said to be highly expert at feats of jugglery. Other tribes seem to be almost unacquainted with such tricks, if we are to credit a story said to have been told by a military officer at Fort Sill and reported by the Buffalo Express.

Professor McAlister, the magician, once visited a camp of River Crows on the Yellowstone, and after extracting various packs of cards and other articles from the ears, neck, noses and garments of the astonished Indians was invited to a big feast of roast dog and other delicacies.

Chief Two Belly was so impressed by the great medicine powers of the professor that he took him to his wigwam, introduced him to his daughter, Miss Wicista-Neeta (meaning wildcat) and offered her to him for a wife at the low price of two ponies.

The feast and daughter were both declined, but as McAlister was

leaving the tepee he spied a lean, yellow cur. He asked Chief Two Belly how much he would take for the dog, at the same time stroking the brute down the back and each time taking a handful of money from the end of his tail.

"Him very valuable dog," said McAlister, picking a coin out of the dog's eye and another out of his nose. "Two ponies for him, chief."

The Indians, with eyes as big as saucers, stood in awe and astonishment and shook their heads. After McAlister had gone they carried the poor dog down to the riverside and cut him open, but the goose had no golden egg, and they went slowly back to camp as completely dumbfounded and as solemn as human beings can possibly be.

A Dog's Devotion.

San Francisco, July 27.—The doleful whining of a dog near the Scandinvan in Laurel Hill cemetery, attracted the attention of Mrs. S. C. Oyer yesterday afternoon. She took the path leading to a clump of bushes, when a small fox terrier ran toward her. She tried to pet the dog, but the animal kept out of reach. Not seeing anything, she returned away, but the dog followed her, finally pulling at her skirts. She turned once more, and the dog, a pace or two a head, led the way into the brush. A few steps farther and she was startled to see the body of a man. She leaned over and saw that he was dead. The dog cuddled down and licked the face of the corpse.

Mrs. Oyer at once left the place and notified the superintendent of the cemetery, who in turn notified the morgue. When the wagon reached the spot the dog was still by the side of his late master. Deputy O'Brien and Messenger McGinnes took the reclver and started to lift the body. The dog jumped at them and had to be driven away. When the body was placed on the reclver the dog and had to be taken out. The dog followed the wagon some distance but was finally lost.

There were no papers or anything on the body that would identification. The deceased was a man apparently 60 years old with a short chin beared and gray hair.

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