The Impartial Way in Which Celestial Judges Mete Out Punishment.

A Yun-ch'-i-yu (hereditary officer) named Ch'ang-shan, a Manchu belonging to the Bordered Blue Banner. was ordered two years ago to take up his quarters at a post station called Su-wayen, for the purpose of patrolling the country against robbers. At the same time special orders were given to him to keep a watch upon the soldiers of the station, who were reported to be in the habit of oppressing the people in its neighborhood. One day when the officer in charge of the station was away at Kirin, a soldier named Sun Tien-hsiang went to a shop and tried to buy some drugs on credit. As, however, he owed money for previous purchases, the shopkeeper refused to let him have any thing without payment. He therefore became very violent, upon which the shopkeeper went to complain of him to Ch'ang-shan, who sent for him, reprimanded him and then let him go. Next day the shopkeeper came again to say that the soldier had gone back to the shop. knocked over the counter and threatened to kill the complainant and all his family. The officer again called up the soldier, who behaved in a very refractory and insubordinate manner in court. He therefore ordered him to receive a flogging of twenty blows. which were inflicted with a whip on the back of his leg.

As soon as he was released, the man went to the kitchen of the post-station, where he remained for twelve days, at the end of which he died from the injury he had received. A complaint was lodged by his brother, and a thorough inquiry was made into the case by officers specially deputed for the purpose by the Memoralists. The Memoralist finds that the officer Ch'ang-shan acted quite rightly in taking notice of the soldier's misbehavior, more especially as he had been particularly desired to see to such matters. Also, the soldier's conduct, towards the shopkeepers and in court was such as to merit a flogging, the punishment was inflicted on a proper part of his person, and the number of blows was moderate. Nevertheless the Memoralist condemns the officer to receive one hundred blows under a statute which awards that penalty for causing a man's death by flogging him improp-

As the offender in this case is a com missioned officer, his dismissal from the service will take the place of corporal punishment. He will also his hereditary post, to which another member of his family is appointed to succeed. In accordance with a further clause of the law above quoted the man by whose hand the fatal flogging was actually inflicted has been condemned to receive ninety blows, that being a penalty one degree lighter than the sentence of his superior under whose orders he acted. As he is a Manchu, the flogging will be given with the whip instead of the bamboo. - Pekin Gazette.

## ATTENTION TO DETAILS. A Few Illustrations of the Importance of Little Things.

The entire universe is composed of ngs. All substances, all matter, in whatever form or condition, is an aggregation of atoms or molecules. Absolute perfection is rarely attainable, as a defect in a single atom is likely to affect the whole combination. A bridge is no stronger than its weakest point. A machine or implement may be ever so perfect, with a single exception, and that exception may prevent the use of all the balance. How often do we find it the case that the neglect of some little moment, has turned the tide towards failure when success was in sight.

Manufacturers often become so absorbed in some vital principal, that they neglect details, little points are overlooked, and when dependence is placed on these, they fail, and the whole work is condemned as a consequence. A recent invitation to inspect the working of a new machine was a disappointment simply because the manufacturer had neglected to send a single bolt, and loss of time and disappointment to the party needing the machine was the result. An article for household use, but little liable to get out of order, but requiring a wrench to remove certain parts when it became a necessity, was thrown out because the wrench was useless. in this case every part was carefully made and fitted, and of good material, but it required a wrench of special form to adjust certain parts in case of failure to work properly. Although the article was an expensive one, the wrench was a common cast iron affair, with jaws beveled and unfinished, except for the superfluous japan with which it was coated to hide its imperfections. It would have been next to useless even had it fitted, as it had not sufficient strength, but it was doubly provoking to find that, while it was essential to the proper working of the artiele, and instructions how and where it was to be used under certain circumstances accompanied it, it was perfectly useless when the emergency oceurred. A perfect wrought iron wrench, would have cost but little more and been effective, but it was too small a matter to deserve special attention, apparently, and the neglect resulted, not only in a positive loss to the purchaser, but a condemnation instead of a recommendation, which prevented sales to others instead of influencing them .- Stoves and Hardware.

-Clerk-"Mr. X., our rival, has cut prices on coal so as to get some of our trade, and is now selling twenty-five own game. Advertise a discount of fifty per cent., and then quietly see shoes at \$1.50, the \$2 at \$2.50, the that eighteen hundred weight constitutes a ton on this wharf for the present."-Boston Budget.

-"Still lying in his grave" is an Eastern paper's reply to the request: "Please inform an archæeologist where the body of Ananias now is." A striking instance of the ruling passion throng in death.—Chicago Heraid. THREE POPULAR GAMES.

The writer was particularly anxious; the relative value of these three games

following words: There is not much strain on the mind. of a low order of intellect. I have "In the afternoon we went and were tried billiards, and I know I never could warmly greeted by the old lady. 'I am reach the highest rank, because I am so glad you've come, Brother Lwanting in one of the requisites.

scientific games, yet it is not devoid of know how anxiously ever since Brothchance. It affords more pleasure to er Jones went away, which is nigh units votaries than any other game I to three months, and there hasn't ben know. The element of chance gives a preacher in this house since. I've the excitement. To play a correct got some little things to do that I've game of whist requires brains, or I ben a-savin' till the minister come, and should, perhaps, say memory. The now you've brought Sister L-..... Let's greatest man living, if he possesses a get them off'n our hands and then we defective memory, can never become a can sit down and have a good, long good whist-player. I believe I have talk." mastered whist, and, not to n egotistical, I hold myself to be a player of this reception, not knowing exactly the highest rank. I play whist oftener, what the people on my circuit had been than any other game, for the reason in the habit of saving up for the minthat it is not hard work, and is just ex- | ister to do. However, I was not long citing enough to afford me the sort of left in the dark. The old lady disapdiversion I need.

"Chess is the greatest of all games. wishes to enjoy it he must not attempt at her side. to become a great player. Nine times Paul Morphy will be duplicated in the scientific game, wholly devoid of the to give 'em a good scalding. element of chance. The brain must exercise itself in playing this game. integral calculus. Buckle, the hisdoubtful whether the game will ever be improved."-Atlanta Constitution.

# A CHICAGO ROMANCE.

Mr. Darnelle Wins a Lovely Girl and Makes a Reasonable Request. "It is so sudden, Mr. Darnelle." man, gently.

tice. gether for a dozen seasons? Does not your heart beat responsive to mine?" Wickham."—Chicago Tribune.

"I will not pretend to deny, Mr. Darnelle," replied the young lady, with a rich blush mantling her cheek and There is one sentimental story which strangely."

joy to overflowing?"

beautiful betrothed.

effable joy and made all my future luture, - Chicago Journal. radiant with golden hope, you will not think I am asking too much if I plead for just one favor?"

lovely maiden.

Chicago Tribune. official, when it was indorsed for set- notoriety and spread over the country.

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## A PREACHER'S STORY.

The Late Prof. Proctor's Opinion of Bill- How Good Mother Wickham Received iards, Whist and Choes.

A number of young clergymen, all to get Prof. Proctor's views touching graduates of the Methodist Theological Seminary at Evanston, met down town and he cheerfully gave them in the the other day and were relating to each other anecdotes of their experience in "The game of billiards stands first the various fields to which they had in some respects, in that it affords been assigned. "My most amusing physical and mental exercises at once. experience," said one young brother, "was in a little village in Iowa where however, and I never knew a billiard the conference sent me to begin my expert to be the possessor of a great ministerial work. My circuit includintellect. He must possess a peculiar- ed three or four little villages and as ly-organized mind, but he may know many school-houses, and I tried to nothing of mathematics, and yet may preach a sermon at each place once solve, with lightning rapidity, intricate every two weeks. In the village of problems in geometry-practical prob- Edgewood dwelt a good old lady named lems. A quick and true eye, good Mrs. Wickham, an emigrant from the nerves and a steady hand, all practiced Green mountains and one of the piland disciplined, enable him to make lars of the church. I had just been the shots with mathematical precision. married before going on the circuit, As I said, a great billiard-player may and the next day after our arrival in be a man of little mentality. As a Edgewood Mrs. Wickham sent for my rule, the billiard champions are men wife and myself to come to her house.

and brought your wife,' said she. 'I've "Whist may be classed among the been waitin' and waitin' you don't

"I confess I was a little puzzled at peared into the kitchen and soon called for us to follow. We did so, and found I confess I have never succeeded in the room littered with two or three old mastering it; have never fathomed its bedsteds that had been taken to pieces depths. It is a delightful pastime, and and spread about the floor. In the can not be commended too hightly as a middle of the floor stood Mrs. Wickmental disciplinarian; but if one ham, with a big kettle of boiling water

"Now, Sister L-, jest you take out of ten he would meet disappoint- this here apron of mine, or you'll spoil ment, for only a few men achieve greatness in chess. It is not likely that pesky bugs have been so bad in these bedsteads that I have sometimes felt present century. Chess is a purely- jest as if I couldn't wait till you come

"This, then, was a part of the circuit rider's duties in Iowa, thought I; Jeanisch, the distinguished Russian but the old lady seemed to take it so mathematician, gave it as his opinion entirely as a matter of course that the that chess is more intricate than the preacher should help her with her work that I couldn't well refuse. My torian, held this same opinion. It is wife laughingly put on the apron and went to work and I took off my coat and cuffs and took hold, too. It was a long job and after we had got the bedsteads thoroughly scalded they had to be carried up-stairs, set up, and 'corded,' for they were the old fashioned kind of bedsteads in which ropes "I know it is," responded the young did duty in lieu of springs or slats. But this did not end the work, He stood before her, with his weight for on coming down-stairs the resting easily on one foot, his left el- old lady remarked that the stove bow on the mantel-piece, his right arm | was a little warm yet, but that if I was hehind him, and his whole attitude one careful I could black it without burnof careless, unstudied ease and grace ing my hands. This was a little too acquired only by long and patient prac- much, and I was about to rebel, but my wife whispered to me that we might as "I know it is," he repeated. "Meas- well make a day of it. So we went at ured by ordinary standards and by the that stove and polished it till you could cold conventionalties of society, it is see your face in it, and then helped the indeed sudden. We have known each old lady clean up the kitchen. By that other only twenty-four hours. Until time the sun was down, and our hostess twenty-five minutes after eight o'clock kindly permitted us to withdraw. Did last night neither of us had ever heard we stay to supper? Why, bless you, the of the other. Yet with the heart one good soul in her joy at getting her day is as a hundred years. Could we house cleaned up forgot to say any have known one another better, darling." he went on, with a tremor in his enough to get home without being cultivated B flat baritone voice, "if we asked to dig up the potatoes or build a had attended the theater, the concert, the church, and the oyster parlor to wife and I have always had a prior en-

## Sentimental Nonsense.

brow, "that your avowal moves me rops up perennially in the daily press and in the weekly fiction. It repre-"I knew it-I felt it." he responded, sents the affecting home-coming of the eagerly. "Love is not the slow, vege- middle-aged son in possession of a table-like growth of years. It does fortune, to his aged mother, and sudnot move in its course with the meas- lenly changing the poor old woman's ured, leisurely step of a man working of from one of semi-starvation, and by the day. It springs up like p ireless hearth, and scanty clothing, to mushr-like an electric flash. It me of possession of every luxury-an takes instant possession. It does not degant mansion, horses, fine raimont, need to be jerked in, as it were. It stc. It is false teaching for the boys needs not the agonizing coaxing of-of vho delight in reading such stories a young man's first chin-whiskers, my und imagining themselves heroes of darling. It is here! You will forgive such tales. In many cases of runaway my presumption, will you not, and sons the mothers died of sorrow and speak the words that tremble on your neglect, if not of want. In other cases lips—the words that will fill my cup of the sons never made any fortune, and even when in real life a boy deserted The evening had passed like a beau- his mother for years and returned to tiful dream. Mr. Darnelle, admon- ind her old, lonely, poor and infirm, ished by the clock that it was time to his belated wealth and care could never go, had risen reluc tantly to his be to her what his comfortable supfeet and stood holding the hand of his port and affection would have been in ner middle age. Life is too uncertain "My love," he said, in eager, pas- 'or boys and young men to shirk pressionate accents, "now that you have int duties to parents in the expectation blessed my life with a measureless, in- of doing great things for them in the

## The Mary Who Had a Little Lamb.

The real and veritable Mary who "What is it?" shyly responded the had a little lamb is still living, a vigorous old lady of eighty-two. Mrs. "Please tell me your first name."- Mary E. Tyler, of Somerville, Mass., when a girl, raised a lamb from birth and it followed her like a dog, and -A queer claim was presented and finally died in her arms, having been settled by the Pennsylvania railroad gared by a cow. The three most farecently. A summer tourist came in niliar verses were written by John contact with the projecting screw in Boulstone, a young man living in the the seat of one of the company's cars, neighborhood, but when a fund was and when he arose to leave he left the being raised for the Old South Church, seat of his trousers. The demand for Boston, two other verses were added damages made the round of every de- and sold with bits of the lamb's fleece. partment before it reached the proper In this way the ditty rapidly gained

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