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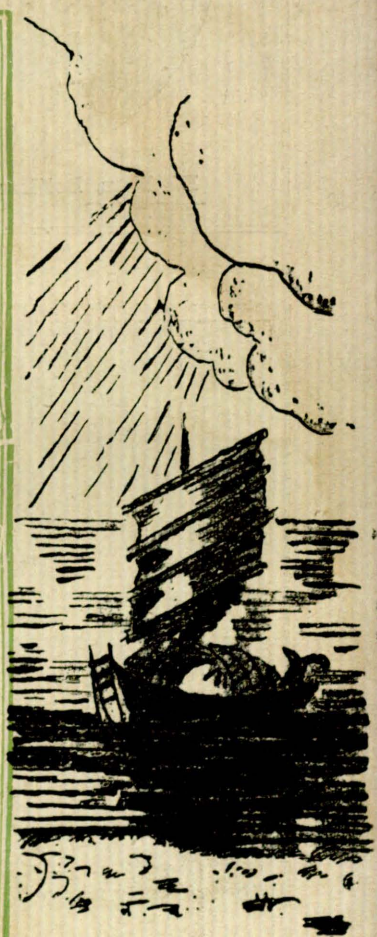
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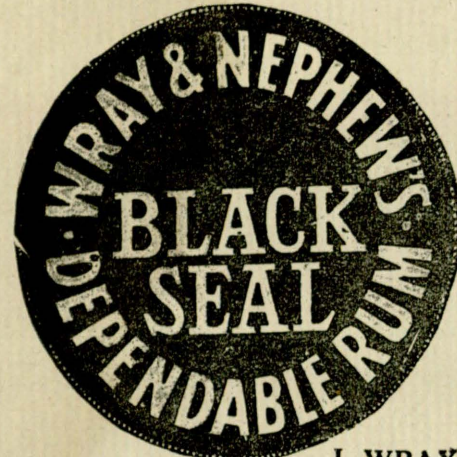
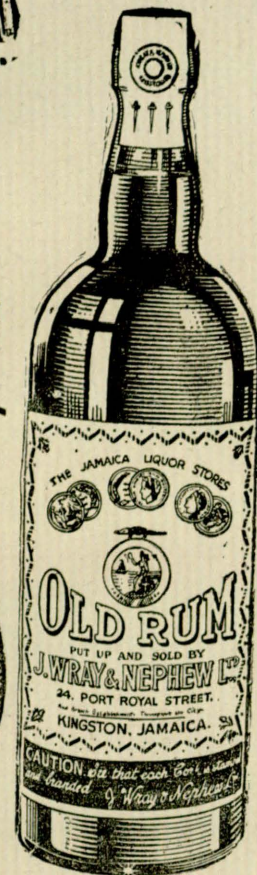
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# THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

By L. Z. Yuan.

THE 15th day of the eighth moon in the Lunar calendar, which falls this year on October 6, is the important Mid-Autumn Festival. It is one of the three important festivals of the year, the other two being the Dragon Boat Festival and the New Year Festival. The Mid-Autumn Festival is a day devoted to the Goddess of Moon, believed the soul of an empress of the Shang Dynasty who died around 1154 B.C.

Observance of the Mid-Autumn Festival in China, probably, is the most poetic of all. The legends and superstitions are all overshadowed by poetic gazing at the full moon, declared to be at its brightest in the eighth moon. The festival inspired many poets to write their immortal masterpieces, many of which dwell on the theme of homesickness because the full moon stands for reunion.

We like to sit in the yard to gaze at the moon and meditate, listening to the symphony of the chirping insects who seem to realize their impending end. We like to stroll on moon-lit paths, gazing at the reflection of the bright moon on a mirror-like lake.

According to a popular Chinese legend, the moon is hostile to the sun. The eclipses are merely caused by their occasional clashes. The reason for the hostile feeling is that the God of the Sun is the soul of the husband of the Goddess of the Moon.

The husband was the last emperor of the Shang Dynasty (1766-1133 B.C.) He was despotic. For his love for an imperial concubine who coveted the rank of the empress, he caused the tragic death of the empress who was made the Goddess of the Moon while the emperor, by virtue of his rank in this world, managed to obtain the post of God of the Sun.

The goddess, however, is almost completely overshadowed in her popularity by her chief assistant, the "Girl in the Moon," by name of Shang Ngo. According to legend, Shang Ngo fled to the moon palace, a beau-

tiful compound occupying the entire area of the moon and paved with crystal and white jade, from her cruel husband. He attempted to kill her when she, to avenge the suffering at his hands, stole a few pills for longevity.

In the moon palace, she lived peacefully with the goddess, immune from her husband, an expert archer who once shot down eight of the nine suns which once threatened to scorch every life from the earth in the ancient days.

The moon is said to be inhabited chiefly by the fair sex, the goddess, Shang Ngo and many court-maids. There is, however, one male—a suffering, starving wood-chopper who for centuries has been trying to cut down a tall cassia tree.

A mighty brawny woodman he is. He sinks his axe deep into the trunk. As soon as he removes the axe, the tree grows and the cut is "healed." The woodman, according to legends, has been cutting the tree for centuries in an effort to obtain a basket of rice hung on a lofty branch.

The only other living beings in the moon palace, it is said, are white rabbits who are busy preparing medicine pills under the direction of the goddess and Shang Ngo.

As is the case in the Dragon-Boat Festival it is an occasion for exchange of presents between friends and relatives. Like all other festivals in China, there is a special delicacy exclusively eaten on or about the Mid-Autumn Festival, this time the moon cake, so named because its round shape is like the full moon.

Like the Dragon Boat Festival, and the New Year Festival it is a settlement day to the Chinese business world. All accounts outstanding since the Dragon Boat Festival should be settled by the Mid-Autumn Festival and the accounts left unsettled at the Mid-Autumn Festival are to be settled by New Year's eve.

About two weeks before the Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated, moon cakes are on sale on the market. There are different kinds of moon cakes, with almost each district having its own way of making that delicacy. The most distinctive of these are those of the Cantonese and Soochow styles, the former famous for their sweet flavour and the latter for the meat flavour. The ordinary ones are stuffed with mashed bean, dates, lotus seeds and sweetened hams. The Soochow style cakes, much smaller than the Cantonese products, are stuffed with shrimps, chicken, pork or ham.

Now chiefly a delicacy special for the Mid-Autumn Festival, the mooncake is not devoid of its historical importance. It was with the aid of the moon cake that Chinese once staged a daring uprising, plotted under circumstances which were more difficult than the famous attack on the Bastille.

It was during the Yuan Dynasty, a regime headed by the famous family of Ghengis Khan, between 1279 and 1339 A.D. The Mongols were afraid of Chinese uprisings and had arranged that in every Chinese family in the principal cities, a Mongol was to enjoy every facility and was empowered to issue orders. Chinese resentment against the breakdown of the family privacy reached a climax when the Mongols thus stationed molested female members of the family. An uprising was plotted.

Secret communications were transmitted by concealing the messages in the moon cakes. The Mid-Autumn Festival was chosen for the day of the uprising and it was a great success. All the Mongolian lords in the Chinese families were killed. Taken up by Chinese forces under a leader who later became founder of the Ming Dynasty, the revolution ended in the overthrow of the Mongol regime.

In the religious phase of the festival, the Goddess of the Moon and others in the moon

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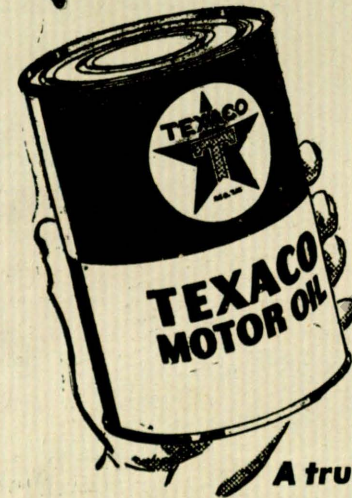
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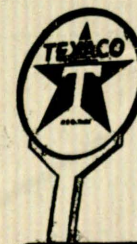
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# "AH SHOO!"

By S. H. C.

AH Shoo is not the name of a person. I grant you that it does sound like one. Nor is it the nomenclature of a place. That really doesn't sound likely. It is the family name of a Power. It is the cognomen of a Force. A very efficient and powerful type of force, if it can thus be described.

In the singular it is known familiarly as a sneeze. In the plural it is called Hay Fever. In the singular it is terrific. In the plural—in the chain or hay form its force can only be calculated by multiplying the force of an average sneeze produced by the person under examination, by the number of sneezes in the chain. It is not a nice thing to be carrying around.

There is very little that can be done about a sneeze. Man has not yet found a way to control it. Maybe some brilliant scientist will find a way to harness it and convert it into electricity perhaps, or motive power. Perhaps the day is not far away when we shall find ourselves propelled through our streets at X miles per hour by a series of rocketlike explosions. It may be too that our grandchildren will whiz through the air at Y miles per hour by a force tamed and brought under man's subjection. But at present, a sneeze is powerful, and it still has man under its sudden, subversive thumb.

I have seen big strong men lie helpless as a newborn babe in the mighty grasp of a sneeze. I have seen smaller persons jerked like puppets on the string of a tipsy manipulator. A sneeze is one of the greatest reducing factors I can think of at the moment. Why, in the grip of a single sneeze an active, intelligent human being is reduced to so much flesh and bone. Thought, word, action except that impelled by the force of Ah Shoo, — everything freezes. Some persons study the thing. Not that they imagine that they can control it — oh, no. They study it the way we study lightning and its effects. We despair of ever learning how to turn it on and off, but we content ourselves with knowing that it can strike a tree or a house and reduce it to ashes. We have also learned to make a feeble imitation of it. And we advance no further. But the students of Ah Shoo are content to make observations of

its effects upon themselves and upon others.

JEEPERS is one of these pursuers of knowledge. He is afflicted with hay fever. Therefore, he can do more lab work, having more specimens to fool around with, than the poor scholar who has to wait for the occasional visits of Ah Shoo.

Sometimes I stand arguing with Jeepers on one of the innumerable subjects in which we have a difference of opinion. As we proceed blithely along, in no particularly excessive chumminess, he would hold up his hand indicating a pause in hostilities, and I would wait, respectfully silent. He chants his theme song then:

"I feel a sneeze coming on." Then he'd tell me the number in the chain. He would tell me whether there would be five or seven in the set. He insists that they only come in odd numbers, and he is usually right. Until the conversation is resumed, for want of something better or more interesting to do, I observe the reactions of my friend as he communes with Ah Shoo.

It proves as entertaining as it is interesting.

The well known physiognomy never in its brightest days a thing of beauty or a joy for aye, now assumes the external characteristics of an over-aged prune. It works more wrinkles into its limited expanse in that fraction

of a second than a centenarian who has been concentrating on the job for ninety nine years.

ONCE he has squeezed his face into the required degree of ugliness, Jeepers goes into a trance that lasts some eight or ten seconds, then his fists begin to clench and unclench. As the wave starts to wash over him, his fists clench tightly, his arms bend at the elbows, his fists rise almost to shoulder height. By this time I too, am in a trance. I can't take my eyes off him. He drags in a deep breath. The whole world seemed to stand still waiting for the explosion. As he estimated there were seven of them, nicely spaced, and his frame rocked seven times, helplessly tossed about on a vast ocean of sound and motion.

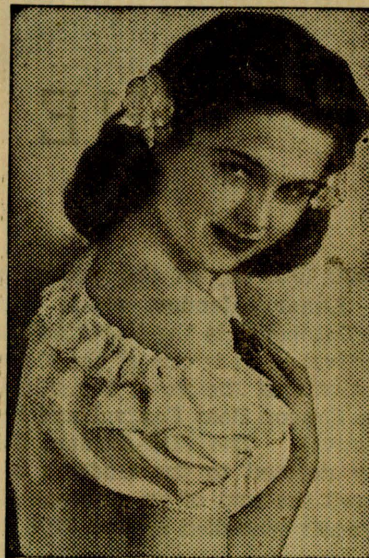
Weakened from the effort, he pulled out his hankie and dabbed his streaming eyes. Turning to me, he smiled weakly and said:

"The Spirit of Ah Shoo passeth as the mighty wind, making playthings of the lofty forest trees."

I nodded; then my jaw fell slack with horror. I felt a familiar tickling sensation in my nose. I rubbed it, but it seemed only to hasten the arrival of the powerful one. I wrinkled up my nose in an effort to kill it before it was too late. In desperation I clamped my fingers over my nose. When it came, I felt as if the compressed air had blown a hole through the top of my head. The whole room rocked like a canoe in choppy seas, and the tremendous blast rattled all the china-ware in the whole block.

Verily the Spirit of Ah Shoo passeth as the mighty wind.

## Reaching Her Goal



Texas-born Martha Hyer always wanted to be a cowgirl but changed her mind and decided on a motion picture career. The cow's loss was Hollywood's gain as Miss Hyer plays an important role in RKO Radio's "The Judge Steps Out," which co-stars Alexander Knox and Ann Sothern.

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## MOVEMENTS OF NOTE

By I. C. Evre Ting

A LIVELY male quartet went driving on the Palisades one day when they suddenly decided to go swimming. Having no bathing trunks with them they perforce had to go in their birthday suits and while splashing in the waves a party of young people, mostly of the opposite sex, came onto the scene. They must have been a little shocked at what seemed to be a nudist colony.

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LIVING near the outskirts of town has its disadvantages, that is if Constant Spring is such a place. A regular homebody who retires early and hates to be disturbed in his slumber was awakened in the middle of the night sometime last week. Seemed like two dashing caballeros who were on a binge went suddenly out of gas and needed some help to bring them out of the deep blue night. Our homebody was the nearest friend to help them out in their predicament and he very reluctantly went out of his way to perform his chore.

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DEVALUATION of the pound caught a few of our students bound for the U.S. and Canada. Most of them were only a day or two late which cost them just about £150. That's a lot of schmozzle as they say in the States. One was caused by a slight mistake in a letter identifying him as an engineering student instead of as a medical student. By the time a second letter arrived the pound had dropped one-third. The others probably just wanted a little longer holiday. Who says it doesn't pay to be in a hurry.

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THE rainy season seems to have come at a time when everyone is interested in sports. Despite the almost certain afternoon showers during the week, the tennis courts, the softball field and the football field were well crowded with old and new devotees. It must be a little discouraging, especially to the newcomers, to make such an effort and be disappointed after a few minutes of play with a heavy shower of rain. It won't be very surprising, someone remarked, if they all stop coming when the rainy season is over.

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A BRIDGE tournament isn't what it used to be. Our last Individual tournament was a headache to the few who decided to see it through. At the last moment it was one thing or another that prevented their taking part. What might be good now, if it is at all workable, would be to have a tournament of some kind in the game of 'hearts'.

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SOME energetic members of the Club are planning to have a social once a month to revive the interest and membership. With a little co-operation it should be a success. It deserves every encouragement. The first is going to be a basket party and that really shouldn't be a burden or expense to anyone.

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PERSONALIA

The annual general meeting of the Chinese Benevolent Society will take place at the Society's Hall as usual on Monday, October 10. After the meeting, voting will take place for the election of the members of the Board of Administration for the coming year.

On Sunday, October, 9 the Society will sponsor a Garden Party to be held at the Chinese Public School. Proceeds of this function will go towards the Society's Fund and charity organizations in the city.

The Mid-Autumn Festival this year will fall on Thursday, October 6.

Mr. Karl Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Hendrickson of Mandeville, left here on Tuesday, September 20, for McGill University, Montreal. Karl is a former student of Jamaica College. He goes to McGill University to take up a Science course.

Miss Lucy Chin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chin Henn Beow, left for New York University on Thursday, September 22. Lucy is

studying for her Master's degree there. Her brother, William, left on Tuesday, September 20 for McGill University, Montreal, where he is studying medicine.

Mr. Rudolph Wong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Wong of St. Andrew, left here on Friday, September 23 for Catholic University in Washington. Rudolph who recently returned from Lingnan University in Canton is a former student of St. George's College. He will continue his medical studies which were begun at Lingnan University.

Mr. Herbert Chin Yee, son of Mr. George Chin Yee, left here on Friday, September 23 for Tri-State College in Indiana. Herbert is in the School of Engineering in Tri-State.

The Misses Gloria and Blossom Lee returned to the Island on Tuesday, September 20, after a two weeks' holiday in Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoochoy and their daughter, Carole, arrived from Trinidad on Friday, September 16 for a holiday. Mr. Hoochoy is in the government service in Trinidad and Mrs. Hoochoy is a niece of Mr. Pat W. Chung. While in the Island they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat W. Chung.

The Caribbean Products Cricket Cup Competition closed its season on Sunday, September 13 with an exhibition match and presentation of prizes. Mr. Ruel Vaz, J.P., member of the Jamaica Cricket Board of Control, was present to hand the Cup to Mr. Horace Chang, captain of the winning C.A.C. team. Other prizes were also given at the function: W. Buddhoo for the batting average; A. Powe bowling average; W. Appleton, special batting prize; R. Bullock, most wickets; Abe Chin, highest individual score; M. Josephs, best bowling feat; W. Bayliss and H. Reynolds, umpires prize, and a special prize to the captain of the winning team, Mr. Horace Chang.

An Individual Bridge Tournament was held at the C.A.C. on Thursday September 15. Twenty-eight persons were entered in the tournament which was won by Mrs. Hubert Tai Tenquee. Next Friday, October 7, it is planned to have a Pairs Bridge Tournament.

There will be a basket party at the C.A.C. this evening for members and their friends. This function which was to have been held last week was postponed due to inclement weather.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Daniel

Lee, well known member of the Chinese community, on Monday, September 19 at his residence, 19, Balmoral Avenue, Lower St. Andrew. Mr. Lee was the first president of the Jamaica Branch of the Chinese Association for the Promotion of Aviation and gained considerable prestige for his organizing ability, both locally and in China, for the work done for this Association. He has also served as president of the Wholesale Provision Merchants' Association and as Chairman of the Board of Administration of the Chinese Benevolent Society. Mr. Lee is survived by his wife, Mildred, a son, Herbert, and two daughters, Mrs. Ferdie Chin Yee and Mrs. Stanley Chin Yee.

PORT ANTONIO NOTES

The annual meeting of the Chinese Sports Club of Port Antonio was held on Monday, September 19, when the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year.

- Vincent Chung — President
- Wilson Leesang — vice-President
- Victor Chung — Games Captain
- Albert Chung — Ass't Games Captain
- Jimmy Lowe — Secretary
- Claude Phang — Ass't Secretary
- Lewis Chin — Treasurer
- V. Leesang — Ass't Treasurer

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PANORAMA

BALLET EXTRAVAGANZA

The Ballet Extravaganza presented at the Ward Theatre by Anatoly Soohih and the students of his Dancing School has been an outstanding success. Mr. Soohih who is a Russian-born ballet dancer is well gifted in this ability and at last year's pantomime showed us something of his talent. In his Siamese Prince and Fire Dance in this performance he exhibited still more of his talent.

The Misses Gloria Taylor and Joyce Blondell-Francis who are the star pupils of the School, and Miss Millicent Chin Yee all gave fine performances and a promise of still better to come under the able tuition of Mr. Soohih and his wife, the former Miss May Phang. On the opening night there was a presentation of prizes to some of the pupils by Lady Huggins, and Mrs. Michael deCordova, as Chairman of the Child Welfare Association expressed the gratitude of this organisation to which the proceeds of the performance was devoted.

VISUAL TEACHING AIDS

An exhibition, lasting only five days during last week was held at the Junior Centre of the Institute, under the joint sponsorship of the Extra Mural Department of the University and the Jamaica Agricultural Society. It was comprised of posters, photographs, charts, cinema, gramophone and radio machines and text books and blackboards etc., all of which are visual aids in the educational system of modern times, and the purpose of the exhibition was to show people in general, and teachers in particular, how necessary and able a part such aids can play in education.

Quotations such as the following stuck up in large letters (for all to see) gave the clue to the show: "To be effective education must appeal to the eyes, the ears and the hands as well as the minds", and again: "One of the great defects of our educational system in the past has been that it lacked life and was too academic. Anything that brings life and reality into teaching is well worthwhile." It was also pointed out that the spoken word is necessary for democracy depends on discussion.

Visual aids are an aid to book learning, in every field, and the display of musical aids, agricul-

tural aids, photographic aids and so on readily made the observer realize this fact. The oldtime blackboard is not despised either, since it is a most effective way of demonstrating teaching. Such an exhibition plays a very able part in making, not only teachers realize the modern trend, but the parents and the public in general, whose children attend the schools.

UNIVERSITY'S SECOND YEAR

The second year at the University College of the West Indies has just started, with an increase of forty students, making a total of seventy now. Of this forty there are twenty more Medical students, and twenty who have entered to join the new Natural Science classes. Twenty-one are Jamaicans, twelve of these having entered to study Natural Science.

Accommodation for this additional forty students has been made by the conversion of more of the ex-Army huts into suitable bedroom-studios. The permanent University buildings are now making a start, with the arrival in Jamaica of the contractors and soon it will be taking shape.

A two-year Drama Course has been arranged by the Extra Mural Department, which also commences now, and this will be held at the headquarters of the Dept. at 58 Brentford Road. The Drama Summer School proved to be such a success and filled so great a need in the theatrical community that it was decided to arrange for such classes on a longer basis.

NEW BUILDING MATERIALS

The high cost of building material and the length of time entailed in the erection of dwellings and other buildings are likely to be still further simplified and made more economical now that two more materials are soon to be on the market in addition to the tested Bellrock. One of these is known as Bypocrete, a light-weight material made of cement, sand and wood-dust or other similar fibrous stuff, chemically treated to eliminate all movement. The Maycrete (Jamaica) Ltd. will be manufacturing this material of which panels will be made.

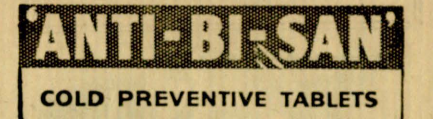
The other building material called Linstone which is also a light-weight cement product is being manufactured by Paiba & Co. Ltd. and will be in the form of blocks of normal sizes designed to give the maximum bonding strength in reinforced structures. A prototype Linstone house con-

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CABDRIVERS' ASSOCIATION

Weekly lectures given on Monday evenings have been the most recent development in the Cabdrivers' Association, and these have been proving to be most interesting, constructive and advisable from all angles for the promotion of the work of co-opera-

"My life was like an Aloe flower, beneath an orient sky, Your sunshine touched it for an hour; it blossomed but to die. Torn up, cast out, on rubbish heaps where red flames work their will Each atom of the Aloe keeps the flower-time fragrance still."

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tion and satisfactory service in the Island's transport services.

Commissioner Munro of the Police Department, Mr. Ferdie Martin of Martin's Tropical Tours, Mr. Carney and Constable Mills spoke very ably on the needs and work of the Association. A book in connection with the lectures is being prepared with Miss Hemming's help, through the Jamaica Social Welfare Commission, and a dance has been arranged to take place on the 15th inst., by the Association, which is being or-

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### Devaluation

The announcement made by Sir Stafford Cripps on September 18th, on the devaluation of the pound sterling by 30½ per cent from four dollars and three cents to two dollars and eighty cents, took the Colonies by surprise. A number of other countries followed suit by devaluing their currencies and the International Monetary Fund expressed its approval of these devaluations in the interest of trade.

Sir Stafford Cripps in his broadcast said that Britain's dollar problem had become so "very serious indeed" that their American and Canadian colleagues had been told of their decision on the devaluation on their arrival in the United States before the start of the North American-British-Canadian Economic Conference. He stressed the benefits of this new exchange rate in relation to trade since a high rate tends to hamper the volume of goods Britain can sell abroad. He went on to impress upon the people the need for Britain to export more and import less in order to get a balance. "We must stand on our own feet in this matter of dollars" he said, if it were not to mean "lower standards and widespread unemployment." Undoubtedly Sir Stafford caused a shock to all and one from which it will take us a long while to recover, because of the continuous effects it will have on our everyday living.

That devaluation is bound to have a considerable effect on the economic life of the countries concerned is easily understandable, and it has been realized that this effect will be felt to a great degree in the West Indies. Still struggling to become more self-supporting and to carry on strict currency regulations, we now find ourselves in a still tighter grip from which we must help ourselves by even

greater accentuated efforts. Our main hope lies in the upbuild of our agricultural and industrial life both as a means of self-support and as dollar earners through export.

It has quickly been pointed out that our most valuable dollar earner will be in the tourist trade at the present rate of exchange, but it must be realized that in order to promote this trade there will have to be more hotels, more transport facilities, more food grown, and such developments cannot happen overnight.

To accomplish a stable, even balance of economy in the face of these added currency difficulties requires time and effort, and a great strength of purpose comprised of a determined will and ineffable patience. Such qualities must be ours both individually and collectively if we hope to rise above the manifold effects which must materialise from devaluation.

### THE FRIENDS SERVICE UNIT IN CHINA

KEEPING faith with the Chinese peasants who, since 1941, have learned to look to the "Kung I Fu Wu Hui" for relief supplies, medical services and assistance in rehabilitation, the Friends Service Unit is continuing its work for the common people of China, despite current unsettled conditions. In fact, it was pointed out here recently, that these very conditions had drastically increased the need for additional relief work by this and other organizations. The spread of the fighting, the dislocations of government, the economic chaos have all aggravated the suffering of the people.

The Friends Service Unit is making an especially important contribution to China at this time, because its traditional impartiality and its non-political character give it the opportunity to serve the people on both sides of the fighting line according to their need. The Quakers, whose members come from Canada, China, England, New Zealand and the United States, have had the support of the British United Aid to China for a number of years, and at present are carrying on their programme of drug distribution in West China, their medical teams in Nanking, Honan Province and Shantung Province. In the last case, the team is concentrating their efforts against the dread children's disease, Kala-azar.

They also have efforts under way towards the physical rehabi-

litation of a town in Honan Province which was badly devastated during the war. This area has changed hands a number of times during the recent fighting, but the programme and neutrality of the Friends have been recognized by both sides and co-operation has been extended. The time of transition has not always been an easy one, however, until the Unit was identified by the new military group. Even though general clearance by high authorities of both the National Government of China and the Communists has been secured, the real test which is usually applied, workers report, is the validity of the programme under way in the area. Careful scrutiny of the programme and resources of the Unit is supplemented by close questioning of the villagers. Only if the people appreciate and welcome the work of the foreigners and feel that they have benefitted economically, does the new regime, especially the Communist one, offer co-operation.

The emphasis on medical services to the community is one which appeals to the common people and to governmental authorities as well. Whenever the fighting approaches this main area of field work of the F.S.U., their hospital is rushed with battle casualties, civilians and soldiers from both sides. Because of the withdrawal of personnel and facilities for many of the other hospitals in the area, the little Friends Hospital is particularly busy, often coping with several hundred cases a day, many of them having walked or having been carried for many miles in serious condition in order to receive treatment.

Although this medical work is perhaps the most dramatic of the present activities of the F.S.U., they also undertake long-term activities related to the training of Chinese personnel in various social and medical services. They carry on an agricultural demonstration centre at their village rehabilitation scheme and have turned the facilities of their machine shop into the production of tools and equipment for the farmers of that area.

Perhaps their most significant recent project of this sort has been the drilling of a number of new, deep wells to provide badly needed, safe drinking water and water for irrigation. The machine shop has also designed and produced hand and irrigation pumps for these wells. The lack of educational facilities among the children so impressed the Quakers that they established a

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## AN AGRICULTURAL STUDENT IN BRITAIN

By WANG AN-MIN

In 1946 Wang An-min was offered a scholarship by British United Aid to China. He gladly accepted this opportunity to visit Britain and study their methods of Agriculture. On his departure after 13 months valuable experience, he made a report of his studies. The following is an abridged version of his report.

I GRADUATED at the National Central University of China in Nanking in 1947. My subject was Animal Husbandry. Chinese students normally aspire to join the Civil Service or to take up teaching on leaving University. I was interested in neither. In some way, not at the time quite clear to me, I desired to improve the lot of the ordinary Chinese farmer whose reward for much labour seemed pitifully inadequate. Later I realized that if I wished to do this it was necessary for me to mix with them, work among them and learn from them their own peculiar problems and how my theoretical knowledge might be used to the greatest advantage. With this purpose in mind I joined the Friends Service Unit (formerly the Friends Ambulance Unit) which operated in rural areas. My two years' service with this Unit brought me into contact with many farmers and proved to be of immense value to me in many ways.

I was working at Chungmou in Honan when I had the good fortune to meet Lady Cripps and Mrs. V. E. Moore, who were visiting the F.S.U. project there. It was largely due to this meeting and to the kindness of such friends as Mr. David Johnstone, Mr. Tony Gibson and Mr. Spencer Cox who led to my being offered a scholarship to study Agriculture in Britain. Here indeed was a great opportunity.

British United Aid to China organized my visit to Britain down to the last detail and even before my arrival I learned that arrangements had been made by Mr. Elmhurst, the Head of Dartington Hall, for me to study under Mr. J. Currie, the Principal of the Agricultural Economics Research Office at Dartington Hall. I arrived there on October 23rd, 1947 from London, twelve days after I had landed at Liverpool.

I WAS anxious to obtain practical experience, but Mr. Currie

suggested that for the first few months I should work in the Research Office, in order to obtain a general picture of British Agriculture from the research point of view. This work was mainly concerned with statistical analysis in relation to milk yield, calving rate, food cost, milk price, labour cost and the general economical value of dairy farming. Later I spent two months on both of the farms at Dartington, working as a full-time farm labourer. At last I was getting the practical experience which I knew I needed. It was very interesting to me as I experienced the feelings of the farm labourer and his attitude to the job and gave me a much better understanding of the farmer's psychology.

At the Old Parsonage Farm, a mixed dairy farm of some 400 acres, I worked as a third cowman in the cowshed. I followed a cowman's routine which included milking, feeding, haying, strawing, bedding, mucking, cleaning, watering and a hundred and one other jobs. It was very heavy work and not being used to it I strained a muscle attempting to lift too much hay at one time. I also bruised two fingers which remained numb for several months. But in spite of the hardship I was gaining valuable experience and I soon learnt that 50 per cent of successful dairy farming depends on a good cowman. It was noticeable how the changing of cowmen affected the milk yield. After a period in the cowshed I worked for nearly a fortnight in the dairy, dealing with milk, bottling, washing and sterilizing the milk bottles, pails and churns.

ON the Dartington Barton farm I did some shepherding and general farming, the former being by far the most interesting. There were about eight ewes and it was just the lambing season. Although it was not a large flock I was able to understand the peculiar problems and it was apparent that without a good shepherd

the flock could lose a great portion of lambs. I had previously studied the practice of sheep crossing and I remember what a waste I thought it was, to have so many fences and hedges around each field. After all the trouble I had chasing sheep and lambs, which broke out through the fence, I began to realize how important it was to keep fences and hedges in good order. Artificial insemination has been commonly adopted during recent years among many of the Western countries as a scientific means for animal breeding. It was included in my studies at University and consequently I became very interested in it. In fact I wrote my graduation ethics on this subject. I have come to believe that it is not only the quickest but also the most economical way to improve livestock in a short period. It would be a very useful thing to China and would play a great part in the future development of animal husbandry. During my stay at Dartington Hall I took the opportunity to increase my knowledge in this subject and to seek methods which could be practically adopted in China.

AFTER several months at Dartington, Mr. Currie arranged for me to visit other Agricultural organizations, which included a general study of the work of the Agricultural Economics Department at Reading University and a visit to Rothamsted, world famous for its agricultural research work, especially on soil. It is the oldest agricultural research in Britain. Later followed a visit to the Agricultural Research Council Field Station at Compton, Berkshire. The size of this Station farm and the layout of the experimental plan are remarkable. The institute is not very old but it is obviously going to be a very large establishment in a few years.

I spent two weeks in Wales and visited three main Agricultural Institutes. I found that the natural environment of Wales is quite different from that of England and that the nature of the agricultural work is different too.

By chance I visited a fish market in Milford Haven. You may wonder where the connection with agriculture is. I did too, until I realized that in Britain it comes under the same Ministry. I remember thinking at the time that my brother would have been more interested in this first market than I, since he is a student

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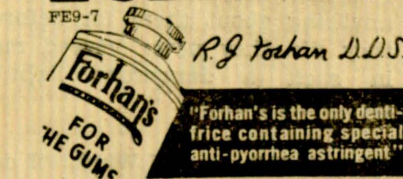
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# MORE WORLDS TO CONQUER

By H. V. Ormsby Marshall

"WHAT in the wide world will people be trying to do next, I wonder?" raged Hurricane. "They are no longer satisfied with killing each other but I hear they are trying everything in their power to kill me!"

"I wish you would keep calm. You ruffle me so terribly when you roar in my ears like this," Ocean waved her hand as she spoke. "If you would only keep calm . . ."

"Keep calm, must I . . . even in the face of death?" stormed Hurricane. "I'd like to see you keep calm if you were so placed. The least thing ruffles you, even a boat on your surface or a fish underneath it."

"The sort of things you've mentioned have practically no effect on me," Ocean retorted, tossing her head, "but you make me positively see the inwardly and feel perfectly wild the way you go on around me. I am certain it is because you behave so badly that people want to do away with you, and really, sometimes I wish they would so that I could be at peace."

"Just the other day after they had made their first attempt upon my life, they were discussing my peculiar behaviour," Hurricane went on vehemently, ignoring Ocean's remarks, "as though anyone would not behave peculiarly in like circumstances."

"It is not only you that people want to kill," thundered Thunderstorm at this juncture in the conversation, "but me too. I noticed the other day that one of those scientists who know everything said that as small as I am I am equal to several atomic bombs."

"Well that certainly explains why they want to kill you," Hurricane declared roughly. "don't you know that they are deadly afraid of atomic bombs?"

"I wish they'd never found out anything about them for before they did they never viewed me in such a dangerous light," Lightning flashed.

"OH-H-H," moaned Wind. "I do hope they don't mean to kill me, too, just because I'm so closely related to you, Hurricane." "Of course they will, for you never look where you're going

and tear along at such a dangerous pace."

"Well, I can't help it, it's so perfectly natural to me," Wind sobbed.

"If only people would try to be as natural as they used to be then they would not want to tamper with us in the way they do," Earth dug in, "it is perfectly awful the things they do and say to me now-a-days. They have no respect left for me and dam my rivers and blast my rocks whenever they wish to. I become so nervous of them sometimes that I quiver and shake all over and even break out into eruptions here and there."

"You should not be so silly as to let them affect you in such ways. If I were you I'd just shake them off entirely and then go your own regular rounds unimpeded."

"Oh, please don't do that Earth," Ocean wailed, "for then they'd all come toppling into me at the same time and I have more of them than I can contend with as it is. They have no respect for me either, but in addition to taking away all my possessions they search to my very depths now and glean all the secrets I thought I had hidden from them so securely."

"It would not be fair to make Ocean bear all the burden of what people are doing now-a-days," Iceberg commented freezingly. "Besides, one never knows again if they will be stayed by the most frozen glances or cold shoulders. During the last war they attempted to experiment with me!"

"I should like nothing better than to shake everybody off me the way they have been fighting over me of late, "Earth said in a tremulous voice. "They grab at me in a most painful way whenever it suits them to do so, and care nothing how cut up it makes me feel."

"They fight over me, too," Ocean said, swelling with indignation, "and there are times when I feel inclined to sink out of their sight forever."

"Unfortunately, they can reach me so easily now that they have learnt to fly, that they are constantly experimenting with me," Cloud burst in agitatedly. "They went so far as to claim the other day that they could make me

radio active if they wished, as though there were not enough active radios in the world already. Then they declared they could make me shower down on their forest fires if it suited them to do so, with the aid of dry ice, as though ice could be dry! The truth is, they became so accustomed to being ordered around in the last war that now they think they can order everything within their reach in like manner."

"You're not the only one they're trifling with I assure you," said Snow coldly. "They are now claiming that they can make me become as artificial as they have become themselves. They have completely ceased to appreciate the natural things of this world and are under the impression that they have conquered everything in it."

"Oh, so this is why they have started casting more covetous glances in our direction than ever before," Moon remarked brightly. "I have noticed, of course, their recent advances towards me. All their lives they have been trying to reach me and just because they have never succeeded they have grown mad about it and I have been given the blame, when no one keeps to a more perfectly sane course than I do. Then too, they keep saying they can see no signs of life about me when I have enough life to drag tides this way and that. I have done everything in my power to encourage love among people, yet now they are hurling missiles at me and say they are coming to spend their vacations with me as though I had ever invited them up here. Oh, I do wish people would keep to their proper sphere in life."

"Your argument is sound, Moon," Mars signalled, "but this is just what they do not seem inclined to do anymore. Many people accuse me of being the cause of their wars, yet in spite of that they are planning to meddle with me the moment they've got the better of you. If they really think I'm the planet of war they had better keep their distance."

"I hate to think I may be inhabited by them some day," Moon said, "and if I thought it would be any use hiding behind a cloud for the rest of my life I'd gladly do so to avoid them, but Cloud has just let me know how futile this would prove."

"LISTEN to my tale," Comet trailed in then, "every now and again some astronomer declares he's seen me all over again

and draws so much attention to me that it makes me feel positively small in the eyes of the world."

"It does not matter how small you appear in the eyes of the world, you have your correct stature in the heavens," old Saturn reminded Comet wisely.

"I have done my best to help Moon in her efforts to teach people to love one another," Venus said, love positively shining in her eyes, "but they are far too intent on conquest for love to make any appeal to them."

"I have endeavoured to give them every opportunity possible to make the most of what they have at their disposal in the best way," Jupiter took the opportunity of stating, "but few of them trouble to use me constructively. It is not my fault."

"Those who are inclined to blame me for creating warfare forget about the tricky ways of Neptune and the deep designs of Pluto," Mars strode in to say again.

"Surely I can play a few tricks without distorting people's lives to such an extent," Neptune remarked, in an injured tone.

"If they haven't the sense to understand me that isn't my fault is it?" asked Pluto, then added, "I think Mercury and Uranus are mainly to blame for much that people are doing now-a-days. Mercury makes them so clever and encourages them to communicate with other worlds, and Uranus does such surprising thing sometimes that he literally whirls them off their feet."

"NOT a bit of it!" Mercury ran up to say, "if people have brains why don't they make the proper use of them. And even if all forms of communications are on the increase surely they should learn to know when and where to stop?"

"I am only trying to build a new and better world on earth," Uranus said in an aggrieved tone, "if in the process some outworn things have to be discarded there's no harm in that surely?"

"So few people believe in anything we do that they are not at all likely to blame us for anything that happens in the future, and more than they have in the past," old Saturn consoled, "the best thing for us to do is to try to teach them how to make use of us constructively the moment they try to get in touch with us."

"All your arguments are like the milky way in comparison to mine," Sun said hotly, as he suddenly entered the debate. "When I think of all the things people

## Jamaican Proverbs

### Their Meaning and Significance

I am constantly gleaning from the "old-time somebodies", whose brood is fast disappearing. My only hope for a continuation of the list lies in the fact that they have passed on to their successors the legacy for witticism and a perception of the ridiculous that characterised their ancestors.

#### One-look and two-see.

That is to say, you must observe keenly; a kind of double vision, in fact, which at first glance appears to be a contradiction of the saying, "the more you look the less you see."

#### De furdur de betta.

The further the better. An English equivalent rendering with much the same meaning runs this way, "Familiarity breeds contempt."

#### Opportunity 'tan' 'pon him toe.

'Tan' means stand; 'pon means upon.

Opportunity stands upon its toe i.e., is ready for a flight. "Take Time by the forelock" is the English version that comes nearest to this crude but sensible reference.

#### Money bruk fren.

Money breaks friendship. Among the Negro tutors of my boyhood days was one who used to sing:—

My dear, my dear; don't you know it to your sorrow,  
Man got no money got no friend?"

Experience teaches that money makes friends. It is also true that many a friendship has been broken through disagreements over money matters. There is also a saying which has often proven true, that if you lend money to your friend you are likely to lose his friendship.

#### Foot caan swear fe road.

The foot cannot swear for road.

The original meaning of the word swear is "to speak", "to answer for." One can never foretell how far one may have to travel in life, literally or otherwise.

#### Wiseman karry foolman tool.

The wise man carries the foolish man's tools. Like the lad who lost his birthright for a mess of pottage. The proverb should be compared with the Hebrew version with much the same meaning, namely, "The fool shall be servant to the wise of heart."

#### Doant 'trow 'tone back o' yuh.

'Trow means throw; 'tone means stone; back o' yuh means behind you.

That is, Do not block the road you may have to retrace. "Don't burn your boots" is the classic reference with a meaning that may bear favourable comparison with this proverb.

#### You mus' pick-an-choose you fren' (friend).

This proverb is often used as an advice, and I am wondering if it is akin to the English dialect term choosy.

The proverb also occurs as **You mus' pick, choose-an-refuse.** That is, you must be particularly careful of the choice you make.

#### If you noh wan' neyger hate you, noh mek embridery house.

This clever and witty proverb reached me from the source to which I referred on a former occasion the woman who told me about the "nine-be-nine bananas." This time she was consoling a friend in distress. Said she, "Ah Missa John, yuh no mus feel bad, after yuh go mek embridery house!"

Embridery house means one with lattice work for ornamentation. The correct rendering of the proverb follows: "If you do not want negroes to hate you, (to be envious of you), you should not have made such an ornamental dwelling house."

#### De more yuh talk de less yuh yeary.

That is, the more you talk the less you will hear. The author of this commonsense proverb must have been thinking of the wise old owl that lived in an oak. The more he heard, the less he spoke, and so the less he spoke the more he heard. Humans would do well to copy such a good example.

#### De day drum knock ah fi me country ah no de day me dance.

The day that the drum beats in my country is not the occasion on which I dance.

Incident: The African negroes were great drum-beaters. When the Chief of a tribe wanted a palaver, the audience would be summoned by the beating of tom-toms (a special kind of drums). Tom-tom is an onomatopaeic word, or one that is formed by imitation of a sound that is associated with this sounding instrument.

"Putting off the evil day" may be regarded as one meaning of the proverb.

#### Pluto.

have had the nerve to be trying to do to me lately, it makes me know they are not likely to learn any lessons you all have to teach them. They keep on saying in a most uncomplimentary manner that I have spots over me, and they have dared to imply that when they have succeeded in conquering the rest of you they will come a little further and conquer me! Their very latest is that they have found out how to sham my specialized eclipses!"

"Really," Moon said sympathetically, "it seems as if people will never reach their limit!"

"Indeed they will," blazed Sun in a blinding temper, "they will reach their limit when they reach me!"

The End.

## AN AGRICULTURAL STUDENT IN BRITAIN

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of fishery. Nevertheless the visit was not unprofitable as I collected some useful information for his sake.

After visiting Wales I completed my Artificial Semination training, a little of which I have already mentioned and Mr. Currie arranged for me to visit Scotland and see some of the research work being carried on there.

I was immensely impressed with Scottish farming, which appeared more efficient than the farming I had seen in England. After visiting Ayr and Glasgow I went to Aberdeen and saw Professor Bywater, Principal of the Manschal College. He is a professor on Animal Husbandry and was extremely helpful in explaining the problem of establishing a breed from native animals. He gave me a valuable insight into British methods of sheep breeding. Through his introduction I had the opportunity to visit the Macaulay Institute for soil research, a similar organization to the soil research centre at Rothamsted. On my return from Scotland I visited the Animal Research Station at Cambridge, and saw the results of years of experiment.

My studies were not confined to Britain alone and I was able to visit France, Holland and Denmark. In Holland I met a number of Chinese students, most of whom came from Indonesia, but in addition there is a small community of Chinese in Holland, numbering about a thousand, who sail in merchant ships and who have made Holland their

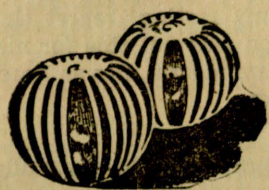
home. At the outbreak of war they found themselves unable to return to China so they settled in the port towns, some married Dutch girls, although I found that most of them are still incapable of conversing in Dutch. They have a strong interest in the Indonesian problem and wished to know the views of the students in China regarding this problem.

There are two things that impressed me in Holland. How well the land is cultivated and the general high living standard of the people. Holland is noted for her horticulture and it will ever be my lasting regret that the season was not ripe for me to see the wonderful flower gardens in bloom.

It is difficult for me to adequately assess the experience I have gained in Britain. Its value will be more apparent to me when I have put into practice all I have learnt. I have met a number of outstanding British scholars and people concerned with Agriculture. I have collected an enormous amount of material dealing with agricultural research, but above all my stay has given me a better understanding of Britain. My attitude towards Western Civilization has undergone a drastic change. I have learnt that China could profitably adopt many of the marvellous methods of agriculture in Britain, at the same time, I have learnt that there are things which China ought to avoid. Mechanization on the land in China can only be adopted through a very carefully conceived national plan. The real cause of poverty in China is not due to over population but rather to uneven distribution of the population.

Undoubtedly my visit to Britain has been a milestone in my life and I shall ever owe a debt of gratitude to all those who by their loyal support of British United Aid to China have made my visit possible.

I shall return to China better able to take my part in her agricultural development. I feel that there is a wide field for animal breeding and grass improvement in China's great North-West and my thoughts are now directed to this part of China, known to man as the "cradle of civilization". It may well be the cradle of China's development is long overdue and mechanization is a reform which will solve the problem of "China's hungry millions."

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**JAMAICA**

"The noise of the people in the market-place oppresses me;  
I feel bewildered, the sun shines fiercely upon my head.  
Yet I love it. I love the gorgeous crotons in the gardens their colour sends a thrill thro' me.  
I love the tiny ferns that grow on the banks by the wayside,  
The cool green coco leaves,—  
The little red things that are found by the side of country paths,  
I used to call them paint-brushes when a child.  
I love Jamaica. There is nothing about the place I do not love."

**Wynn Ruddy:**  
"Jamaica."

**KOREA**

"I have dreamed so often of returning footsteps  
And wakened only to the sound of rain,  
Beating the willow tree, beating the paper screen  
That now I fear to watch for my lord's returning  
Lest I see his shadow fashioned of mist and rain."

**Anonymous:**  
"Korean Love Song."

**CHILI**

"You sing and sing  
And you have an accumulated voice  
You have a voice with certain sad sides  
And certain impatient corners  
And drops of stars lost through its tender heart  
You have cascades in your most thoughtful regions  
You have objects changed into glass in the depths of your eyes . . ."

**Vicente Huidobro:**  
"Prelude to Hope."

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**ENGLAND**

"Who has seen the wind?  
Neither I nor you.  
But when the leaves hang trembling,  
The wind is passing through.  
Who has seen the wind?  
Neither you nor I.  
But when the trees bow down their heads,  
The wind is passing by."

**Christina G. Rossetti:**  
"The Wind."

**SWEDEN**

"O camp of flowers, with poplars girdled round,  
Gray guardians of life's soft and purple bud!  
O silver spring beside whose brimming flood  
My pensive childhood its Elysium found . . .  
Who was the goddess that empowered you all  
Thus to bewitch me? Out of wasting snow  
And lily-leaves her head-dress should be made!  
Weep, my poor lute! nor on Astrea call,  
She will not smile, nor I, who mourn below  
Till I, a shade in heaven, clasp her, a shade."

**Erik Johann Stagnelius:**  
"Memory."

**CHINA**

"Looking into the past I cannot see the men of old  
Looking into the future I cannot see those who are to come;  
Reflecting on the immemorial and unending heaven and earth,  
Alone with my grief I drop a tear."

**Ch'en Tzu-ang:**  
"Song on Climbing Yu Chou Tower."

**RUSSIA**

"Be no word spoken. Hide away Thought and feeling day by day.  
Let them rise and pour their light  
And set like planets in the night,  
Unheralded, unpraised, unheard.  
Watch them, love them, say no word."

**Feder Tyutchev:**  
"Silentium."

**AMERICA**

"I walk down the garden paths,  
And all the daffodils  
Are blowing, and the bright blue squills.  
I walk down the patterned garden paths  
In my stiff brocaded gown.  
With my powdered hair and jeweled fan,  
I too am a rare  
Pattern—As I wander down  
The Garden paths."

**Amy Lowell:**  
"Patterns."

**JAPAN**

"How will you manage  
To cross alone  
The autumn mountain  
Which was so hard to get across  
Even when we went the two of us together?"

**Princess Daihaku:**  
7th Century.

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**PERSONS PLACES THINGS**

By Old Joe

**PERSONS**

**Charles Arbouin Bicknell** was born in Kingston on the 30th May, 1868. Educated at the Old Collegiate School in Kingston, he was, in April 1890, admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court, and a Notary Public for the Parish of St. Catherine, in 1892. He practised his profession in the parishes of St. Catherine, Clarendon, St. Mary and Portland until January, 1902, when he was appointed Clerk of the Courts for Westmoreland. He was subsequently appointed Acting Resident Magistrate for St. Ann; and shortly after Registrar of the Supreme Court, which office he filled until 1912, when he was appointed Resident Magistrate for St. Thomas; and after discharging the duties of a Resident Magistrate in the parishes of Clarendon, Portland and St. James, respectively, until, due to ill health, he went on pension. Some time after his retirement he resumed private practice.

While Resident Magistrate for Clarendon, he received the thanks of the Governor of Jamaica, and also of the Magistrates and gentry of that parish, in an address, for his judicial services in connection with the Vere riots. Upon his retirement from the public service, he was also presented by the Governors of the Institute of Jamaica with the Musgrave Silver Medal in recognition of his work in founding Literary Societies and Libraries in the various parishes where he had been, from time to time, officially stationed.

**PLACES**

**PLACE NAMES IN ISLAND HISTORY**

Half-Way-Tree (as it was written in past days), derives its name from a cotton tree dating from the conquest of Jamaica by the English under Admiral Penn and General Venables in 1655. This tree which existed up to as late as 1866 was situated either at, or nearby the site of the present cotton tree which is opposite the Parish Church. The earliest recorded reference to Half-Way-Tree occurs in the minutes of the 4th January 1696, when the Governor told the Board that he

had been informed that some gentlemen had assembled together "at half-way tree in the parish of St. Andrews;" that they had forced the passers-by to "drink to the health of the late K. James, which was looked upon by the Board to be a great misdemeanour." They were ordered to appear before the Board, but this they apparently abstained from doing. Half-Way-Tree, along with Gordon Town and Stony Hill, were once the only important villages in the parish of St. Andrew, which was originally called Liguanea to distinguish it from the old parish of St. David.

**PARISHES OLD AND NEW**

Jamaica was originally divided into 22 parishes. It was in 1876 that they were amalgamated to form the 14 parishes we now know, in the following manner. Port Royal was added to Kingston to make the present parish of Kingston. St. David was added to St. Thomas to form the modern St. Thomas. Portland and St. George became the Portland of today, while Metcalfe and St. Mary were joined together as the modern St. Mary. The ancient parishes of St. Catherine, St. Thomas in the Vale, St. John and St. Dorothy were all amalgamated to form the present parish of St. Catherine. St. Andrew, St. Ann, Manchester, St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover, St. James, and Trelawny remained unchanged.

**THINGS**

**RICE AS A FOOD CROP**

In view of the reference to Colonies in a previous issue

(Sept. 17) the following notes ought to prove useful and interesting:

**HOW THE CALORIE-COUNT WORKS**

Calories are a measurement of food energy, or fuel units. The proper diet should measure up in energy value as well as food elements. Doctors agree that the healthy adult requires 2,000 to 3,000 calories of food daily, which varies, of course, with the individual occupation. (A labourer requiring much more food energy than an office worker.)

As examples of how calorie-count works I may mention that a half glass of orange juice contains 50 calories, while clear coffee contains none.

A cup of vegetable soup, a small head of cauliflower, a medium size banana, a small serving of fish, and a half pork chop boiled, contain 100 calories respectively.

A glass of skimmed milk has 80 calories, a teaspoon of butter 30, and a teaspoon of sugar 20 calories only.

I call upon the Jamaican rice growers to join in a big rice growing campaign.

The combined effect is expected to increase the rice supplies available for consumption in the programmed areas by about 2 million metric tons per year for the next three years. But even if governments are able to realise their production targets, (a major undertaking in view of shortages of men, money and materials), the results will be inadequate because of the failure of production to keep pace with population growth during the past decade.

In relation to a desirable level of nutrition for the increased population of the programmed areas, the production goals indicate a deficit of more than 14 million metric tons in each of the next two years and of more than 13 million tons in 1950.

Even allowing for the fact that estimates of rice consumption are in many cases rough approximations the Food and Agricultural Organization Bulletin points out that deficits of such magnitudes should serve as a warning that the present laws and programmes envisaged by the governments cannot safely be considered as adequate for the future needs of the rice-eating population.

Although the main effort to relieve this condition of chronic shortage must come in the largest rice-producing and rice-consuming countries, FAO advocates increased rice production on a world-wide basis.

Since writing what appears above the following has reached me from an American source. It states that "world rice production has risen by four per cent since last year to 7,500,000 bushels. This is 2½ per cent better than the prewar average. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said this year's crop—the largest recorded—was due to favourable weather in many rice-growing countries of the world.

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# TALKING IT OVER

with Elizabeth Martin

Dear Miss Martin,

I am thirty-five and have lived alone with my garden and books for many years now. I have a good job and a private income. I have lots of friends and so am never lonely.

Several men have proposed to me but I have never had the slightest inclination to get married. Recently I have been wondering whether I will not regret it later when I am getting old. There is a man I consider as a very dear friend. We have many interests in common and get on well together. Do you think I should marry him. He is very much in love with me.

K. T.

Dear K. T.

You seem to be a very self-sufficient lady. There are not many girls who arrive at the age of thirty-five without experiencing a tender passion.

You realize, of course, that you will have some difficulty in making your life fit in with that of someone else's? This is so much easier when you are in love with that other person, but without love it is a very big undertaking.

The only fair thing to do, if you intend to marry this man, is to make it quite clear to him that you do not love him. If he realizes this and is still willing to accept your companionship then it is quite possible that you might make a success of it. But frankly, if I were of your temperament I would not marry.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I am very much in love with a girl and she seems to like me also. If possible I intend to make her love me and to marry her. Can you give me one or two tips to help me win her, as I know very little about women.

C. C.

Dear C. C.

I don't know about being able to give tips on how to win your

woman. But I can tell you one or two things that apply to most women.

1. First and foremost watch out for the little things. Women try to be practical, but somehow they are very susceptible to the influence of little things. There is the soft remark she may make, which you feel requires no answer, but watch out! In time you will learn that a certain inflection of the voice indicates that it means much to her whether you reply or not.

A bunch of violets, a poem, a song, a little pass word—these all play a part in a woman's friendship and romance.

2. Small gifts—a single flower, a dainty hankie, candy, records, something out of the ordinary, presented when least expected with a nicely turned phrase of tribute—these work wonders with women.

3. Be decisive—be sure to cater to her whims sometimes. Let her choose occasionally where you will go. But let her see that you can make up your mind. Plan a good evening and carry it through.

4. Pay attention to your own grooming, and above all learn to be clothes conscious where women are concerned. When your girl wears a dress that becomes her, be sure to let her know it. If she says she hates a colour and knows the dressmaker has spoiled a particular dress, then make a note—or some day you may say it suits her!

5. Above all, let her know that you like to talk to her, to discuss serious as well as frivolous matters with her, and that you value her opinion.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

My girl friend and I recently had a row. It was really nothing serious; it started about something very trivial and then we just went on saying nasty things. It was her fault but I am willing

to forgive her, and a few days ago I phoned her to make it up but she just hung up. Then I wrote her a note but she has not bothered to reply. Do you think she is really through with me?

S. L.

Dear S. L.

It would appear that you have done everything that you can, but there is one little sentence in your letter that makes me wonder! You say it was "her fault", but you are willing to forgive her.

That's no frame of mind in which to try and bring about a reconciliation. You must both have been at fault. She may have started it, but you said your share of nasty things, so the forgiveness must be mutual.

You might try another note written in a different vein and instead of forgiving, ask for forgiveness. I rather think the results will be different. If you care for her, then don't mind humbling yourself once in a while.

E. M.

Dear Miss Martin,

I have a very quick temper, and am always "flying off the handle". Can you suggest any way in which I can cure myself?

M. S.

Dear M. S.

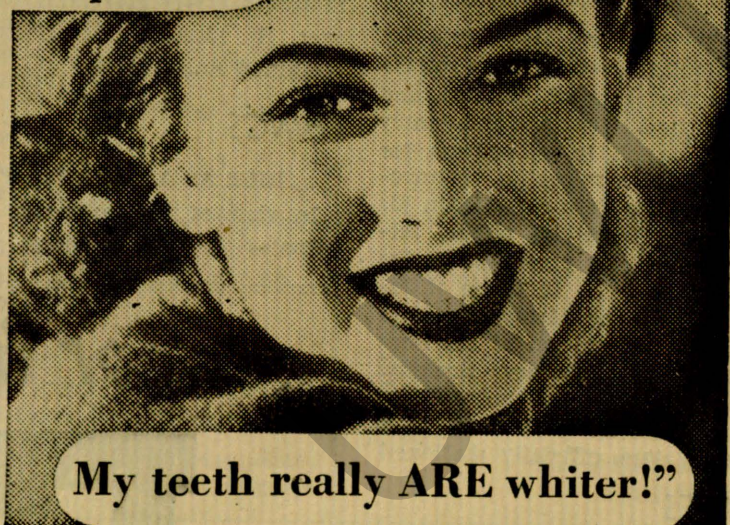
I hardly think you can 'cure' yourself. It is part of your make-up, but you can try to curb this bad temper of yours.

If you find yourself seething inside and know that you are going to say something violent, then get out of the room as quickly as you can. You may say this sounds like running away! It is running away from those you might hurt, but not from yourself. When you are alone you will still have to battle it out, and overcome the storm that has arisen.

One more thing I might suggest, we grown-ups can very often learn lessons from children. When next you are about to say an angry word, try counting to seventy — it often works!

E. M.

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## IN PARENTHESIS

Science works miracles, but thus far it hasn't discovered any substitute for experience.

Two Scotsmen were sitting at a bar waiting for the other to buy a second round. To make conversation, one asked, "Did you have a good hunting trip?" "The best," was the reply. "I shot a tiger between the yours." "What's yours?" asked the puzzled friend.

"Double Scotch and soda, thank you very much!"

Traffic Cop: "Hey, who do you think you are?"

Driver: "Oh, I'm just one of the taxpayers who pays your salary for insulting me!"

Tommy — The cat has had chicken.

Mother — You mean that the cat has had kittens, don't you?

Tommy — Was it chickens or kittens you brought home today?

Mother — Chickens, of course.

Tommy — Well, that's what the cat has had.

"Is this the Fidelity Insurance Company?"

"Yes, ma'am, it is. What can we do for you?"

"I want to arrange to have my husband's fidelity insured!"

An electric fan salesman was travelling through Iceland calling on Eskimos, and as he visited each igloo trying to sell one of his fans, the residents would exclaim in amazement, "Fan? What do we want with a fan? Its 60 below zero here now." "Sure, I know," soothed the salesman. "But you never can tell about the weather. Tomorrow it may jump to zero."

When a jolly young fisher named Fisher

Went fishing for fish in a fissure,

A fish, with a grin,

Pulled the fisherman in.

Now they're fishing the fissure for Fisher.

A tenant had not paid his room rent for several weeks. Something was always happening that took his ready money, and tomorrow was going to be the day. Finally came the breaking point. "See here," said the landlord. "I'll meet you halfway. I'm ready

to forget half of what you owe me."

"Great! I'll meet you!" replied the impecunious one. "I'll forget the other half."

A distinguished visitor to an insane asylum went to the telephone and found difficulty in getting his connection. Exasperated, he shouted to the operator:

"Look here, girl, do you know who I am?"

"No," was the calm reply, "but I know where you are."

"Hello, hello?" shilled a spinter-ish voice over the phone. "Is this the S.P.C.A.?"

"Yes."

"I want you to send somebody over right away."

"What's wrong?"

"There is a horrid magazine salesman sitting in a tree teasing my dog."

A young boy, jingling two pennies in his pocket, walked up to farmer and pointing to a tomato hanging lusciously from a vine, said,

"I'd like to have that tomato. How much will you charge me for it?"

"Five cents," replied the farmer.

"But I have only two cents," said the boy hopefully.

"Well, you can have that one over there," said the farmer, pointing to a small, immature specimen.

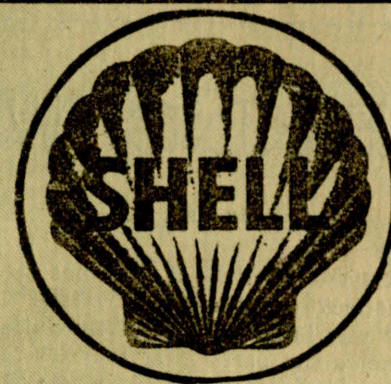
The boy plunked the two cents in the farmer's palm and said, "Okay, I'll buy that one and come back in a week for it."

A shabbily-dressed man wearing dark-coloured eyeglasses stood near a street corner. He had a cane in one hand and a tin cup in the other and obviously was soliciting alms. A pedestrian dropped a couple of coins in the cup. Something prompted him to turn his head after he had gone a few steps. He was astounded to see the man lift up his glasses, look at the coins, and then pocket them.

The man went back to the fakir and demanded to know why he was posing as a blind man.

"Oh, I'm just substituting for the regular blind man," exclaimed the beggar. "It was his afternoon off so he went to the movies. Me, I'm a mute."

Man is a make-believe animal — he is never so truly himself as when he is acting a part.



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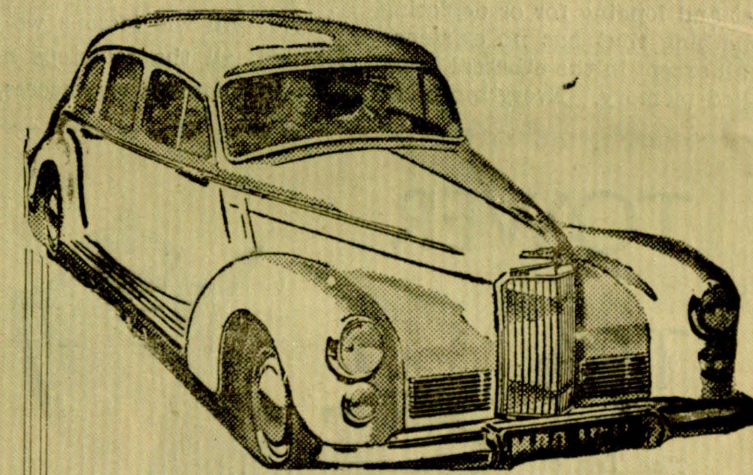
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# REFRESHING WINDS

By Gay.

HAVE you ever considered the damaging effect of the two expressions: "it was," and "it will be"? One denotes the past, the other the future. One is often said in a nostalgic or pitying voice: "Yes, it was. It used to be like that, but not any more. I once had that, but not now. The past was happy or sad — or tragic — and I'll never forget."

The other is said in a dreamy, inactively wishful tone: "It probably will be. All I can do is hope for the future. I will do it some day. Next week or next year, this will work out. We'll have what we want by next spring or next autumn."

This habit of delayed living in the past or postponed living in the future robs a human being of his most precious endowment: the wonderful fullness of now.

Why waste these precious present moments by delving into the past and longing for or deploring something that has no existence at all except in the ethereal thing called memory. Everything that

is past has no life or reality any more except the reality we give it. Why clutter the mind by giving realities to mere past phantoms, when the earth is full to overflowing with realities going on right at this moment all around us?

IT is not necessary to "try to forget." No, that is not the scheme of life at all. Life is just a sequence of events, coming and going, but always going forward, forward. When one thing is done, you move automatically on to the next. If regret over misfortunes actually repaired the evil, then regret would be advisable. But since it cannot repair, then it is a useless mental activity and should be relinquished in favour of some more constructive activity. Each moment is so full of the richness of present events, that there is no room for anything else. There is nothing to forget from the past simply because there is no past, in actuality. All the lessons we have learned, all the footsteps necessary to maturity or success, all

the circumstances of the so-called "past" have become a part of our minds, blending into it for good or bad according to our own attitudes. So there is no forgetting to be done, but merely a blending of experiences into our minds that makes us the full-souled mature individual we are NOW. You don't try to forget; your mind has already accepted all the attributes of desirable events as they happened, and rejected the undesirable as they happened (except for the lessons learned, perhaps and here we are at the threshold of NOW again.

AND as for the future, all our worrying or wondering or dreaming about the future is as silly as the story of the old spinster. The spinster was sitting by the stove one day, weeping. When asked why she wept, she said, "Oh, I was just thinking how awful it would be if I was married and had a baby and when the baby grew up to be around three or so, she might sit before a fire like this and accidentally fall into the stove and burn herself to death!"

Every time we worry about the future, we are building up spectres as wild in imagination as that of the old maid. There is no foundation at all for the majority of our worries and fears about the future, and even if there were, we are only adding

fuel to the fire by filling our minds with tension. In most cases if the present is lived wisely and well and fully, the future automatically takes care of itself.

Just as there actually is no past, so there actually is no future except what reality we give it in our own minds. For the future is not yet come and when it does arrive, then it magically turns into now. In fact, there is only now. When we think of something out of the past, we are bringing it into now, this present moment. When we think of the future, we are doing our thinking in this present moment, too. There is no other time except now. The past and future are merely words given to events that happened or will happen in the now of our present living.

But shouldn't there be plans for one's future, someone asks. Well, as little as possible. Too much planning is usually futile, for how often does anything work out exactly as planned? No, laying down set and rigid rules for one's future is usually wasted effort. To take the best first-footsteps for today is enough. The second and third and subsequent footsteps will more than likely work out in sequence, without too much plan. But wisdom and enjoyment for one day at time is fullness enough, meeting each

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## CHINESE MYTHOLOGY

# THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD

By Chang An-Chih

As in the mythologies of other peoples, the question how the world was created came also first into the mind of the Chinese, and various explanations were attempted.

According to tradition the universe was at first a great lump of vapour. Gradually this undifferentiated mass split into two parts. The light and pure air, which we call Yang, rose up and became the sky, while the dull and heavy air, which we call Ying, sank down and condensed into what is now the earth. Before this process was quite complete, the first man came into existence. He was known as Pan Ku, a superhuman giant. He helped in the separation of heaven from earth and of land from sea. He took the essence of Yang and made of it the bright sun, and of the essence of Ying he made the moon. He sprinkled the remainder across the sky and made stars. It took him 8,000 years to complete the work of creation, after which he was exhausted and died.

But he lived on after his death. His breath became the winds and the clouds, his voice the thunders. Rain was his perspiration, and dewdrops his tears. His eyes dissolved into numerous lakes and his blood filled numerous rivers. His skeleton formed the mountain ranges, and the highest of all mountains, the K'un Lung Mountain, was made of his skull. His flesh was transformed into the soil. His hairs and beard became the forests and trees, and the hairs on his body became various plants and flowers. His teeth and nails became the various minerals, and his descendants, the human being, are but parasites of his body just like the other living creatures. However human beings were the only creatures who inherited the soul of this giant, and that is why they are the most intelligent of all creatures.

As one would expect the prehistoric world was a world of physical force and men were giants. There took place once a fight between two giants known as Kung Kung and Chu Jung. It shook the whole universe. The sun was said on that occasion to have been so frightened that he hid his rays, and the moon wrapped herself up in layers of clouds. All the wild animals took refuge

in their caves, trembling. The fighters up-rooted gigantic trees and used them as spears, and threw huge rocks at each other. And finally they came into close combat. The wind caused by their movement became hurricanes, their foot-falls caused an earthquake throughout the world, and their breath drew up billows in the sea. It looked as if the whole universe were about to collapse. The fight lasted three days and nights. Kung Kung was the stronger of the two, but Chu Jung was the more cunning. He tried all sorts of ways to tire out his opponent, and when his opponent was exhausted he hit him hard on the head and sent him swirling backwards until he fell heavily on the ground and crushed his skull against a gigantic mountain. When Kung Kung fell, the earth quaked for the last time, and the fight came to an end.

Though peace was restored a serious damage had been done. The mountain against which Kung Kung crushed his head and which was known as Pu Chu Shan (the Mountain without Boundaries), collapsed. It was the only support of the sky. With its collapse a big part of the sky fell off and the whole sky was thus in danger. The ruling empress then was called Nu Huo. She was a woman of great virtue and power. Seeing that the whole sky was in danger of falling down, she hastened to collect thousands of pieces of rocks, of various colours, and by her magical power softened them into a pliable mass. Then she began to throw the melted rocks up to the sky and filled up the big hole.

Lest the sky, now that it had lost its prop, should still be in danger of falling down, she took a giant tortoise out of the Eastern Sea, cut off its four legs and placed them under the four corners of the sky. As a result the sky has remained firm, and the part that was patched up never fell off again.

To her was also attributed the invention of the wind instruments, Sheng and Huang, which were made of bamboo-tubes. She is also said to have instituted monogamy and marriage ceremonies.

There was at her time a black dragon which ravaged that part

of the country which is now the Ho-peh Province, and caused floods in that area. It was she who killed it and brought prosperity to the people. In short, she is remembered as the first wise ruler of China, and everything we enjoy is accredited to her.

## MOUNTAINEERING EXPERIENCES IN SINKIANG

MR. ERIC SHIPTON, who has twice served as British Consul at Kashgar and is renowned for his participation in mountaineering expeditions in the Himalayas and Pamirs, recently delivered an interesting address to the Royal Geographical Society in London on his mountaineering experiences in Sinkiang. He gave an illustrated account of his journeys throughout the province during the years that followed. A large collection of beautiful and spectacular photographs was shown to the audience. Many of the photographs taken by Mr. Shipton were of country which had hitherto been unexplored and which he was the first foreigner to enter.

Discussing the size of Sinkiang, Mr. Shipton told how it takes a month for lorries to travel along the road from North West Sinkiang to Kashgar. He described the scenery as being very charming, much of it of extraordinary beauty and in many parts similar to Tibet. The people, culture and architecture also strongly resembled those of Tibet. The Mountain ranges he said are probably the greatest concentration of mountains in the world. Describing South Sinkiang, he said that it is an oval shaped basin, completely surrounded by mountains and water, which disappears in the Taklamakan desert. The oases which extend right round the basin are very fertile and although Sinkiang has hardly any rain, there is adequate water supply. He said the vast majority of people in the province are farmers who make a good and easy living with a moderate amount of irrigation.

He said he thought that there must be more donkeys in Sinkiang than anywhere else in the world. The people do not walk if they can ride a donkey. In his opinion the finest melons in the world are to be found in Sinkiang and he had counted 26 varieties.

Apart from long tours all over Sinkiang, Mr. Shipton frequently visited an interesting range of

rock peaks situated only 25 miles from Kashgar. The beautiful photographs shown revealed an extraordinary narrowness of gorges and, most interesting of all, one of the largest natural arches in the world which he estimated to be just under one thousand feet. The audience applauded the remarkable slides which illustrated how difficult for climbing is some of the previously unexplored mountainous country. Mr. Shipton said he had attempted to climb to the summit of mountains as high as 24,000 feet and in the North he had climbed to 18,000 feet.

## THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

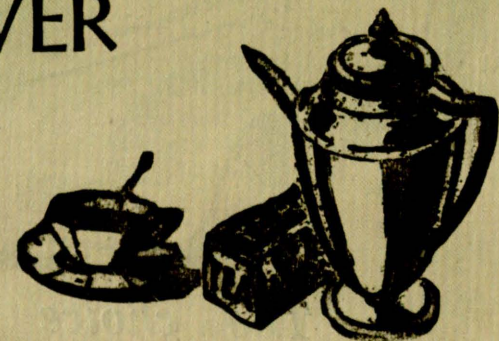
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palace are honoured with the incense vases. The vases are made of incense sticks, with a long stick planted in the middle. Around the vases are placed many paper flags. The upper end of the long incense stick is lit. The vase is placed on a table on which are also fruit and eatables.

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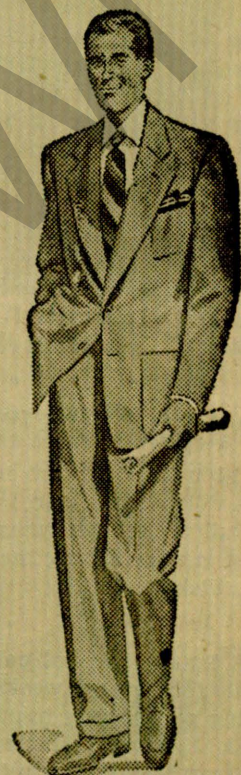
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# FAR EAST BOOKS

## THE CURSE OF IGNORANCE

By Arthur Findlay

Many theories designed to put an end to war, suffering and human misery have been advanced throughout the ages and man has given much thought to such problems.

The Curse of Ignorance is a history book, but—history with a difference. It is a clear and detailed analysis of world events from the prehistoric age until the end of the last war and the present uneasy peace, but, with one theme predominating — that ignorance and obscurantism have been the main causes of human suffering.

Its interest to our readers lies in the fact that China is seen in perspective. The growth of her civilization is compared with that of other nations. Until 300 years ago, China was well in advance of Europe in both literature and art and yet we see that China's culture remained static so that, at the end of the last century it was very much the same as it was 2,000 years ago. This stagnation is attributed largely to the difficulty of China's written language and the fact that, until comparatively recent years, only the Mandarins could read and write. This vesting of the media of education within one section of the community resulted in the opposition to new ideas, a large percentage of illiteracy and—ignorance.

Ignorance is the constantly recurring word in Mr. Findlay's book. Only increased knowledge, wisdom and a higher ethical standard can teach us to live at peace with our fellows — an opinion with which few of us would quarrel, yet *The Curse of Ignorance* is a highly controversial book; a world history through the eyes of a Spiritualist. It is a book many will criticize, not a few condemn, but which none can read with complacency.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Findlay has expressed his views on the Christian religion in such scathing terms. It is unfair to judge a religion by the dark pages of her Church's history. He must antagonize his Christian readers at the outset, whereas a more sympathetic approach to their most cherished beliefs would make his book more acceptable. It is well to remember that none

of us have all the truth, and the institutions held sacred by others have claims on our respect. Still, it is a book to be read and pondered over. However much we disagree with Mr. Findlay's criticism of Christianity, we cannot doubt his sincerity. This is his contribution to mankind's quest for peace and today, with half the "civilized" world living in dread of atomic warfare, let us, at least, give him a hearing.

E. H. in CHINA REVIEW

## PERSONALIA

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The marriage of Miss Cynthia Leesang and Mr. Sydney Chin took place at the Parish Church in Port Antonio on Sunday, September 18. After the ceremony a reception was held at the J.I.C. Parlour and a dinner at the Sanghing Co.

## REFRESHING WINDS

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day's event with clear mind is courage enough.

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## THE FRIENDS SERVICE UNIT IN CHINA

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primary school to help meet the need. This has continued even after the area has changed hands and seldom have the children missed more than one or two days of study.

In all aspects of their work, the Friends Service Unit has tried to maintain a calm, normal programme even during times of stress and uncertainty and this has had a steadying effect on the Chinese. For many Chinese, who see in their own long history, hundreds of revolutions and conquests, this gives encouragement to face the future with more confidence and courage and hope that the situation will stabilize sufficiently to permit them to carry on her normal livelihood. The expression of goodwill from

the common people of the Western countries to the common people of China as expressed by the Friends, continues to be appreciated. —Lewis Hoskin.

## Beauty On The Beach



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