

Out from the broken calyx of the night The new day merges with a slow sunrise...

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY.

We were on our way from Hong Kong to Foochow on the coasting steamer Namoa, when Captain N., my "fidus Achates" of the voyage, looked at the gathering clouds to the westward...

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sampan fare, and my strange acquaintance departed. I turned in, wondering who my mysterious passenger might be...

I woke early, and had hardly begun dressing under a herald came to inform me that the Viceroy of the province desired to see me at his "yamen" at 10 that morning.

Such a thing as a Viceroy visiting in state a merchant vessel was almost unprecedented, and I began to fear that I was implicated in the escape of a political prisoner of high rank.

The Viceroy was ushered into the cabin and, strange to say, selected a chair immediately in front of the door of the closet in which the refugee was concealed.

After a few courtesies had been exchanged I was informed through an interpreter that Prince Ichang, the leader of an insurrection, who had been captured and condemned to be beheaded, had made his escape.

This was subtly put. To refuse to allow it would be equivalent to acknowledging that the man was on board, and would cost me my place in a company whose interest it was to placate the unfriendly Chinese.

The search party went all over the ship, directed by the crew, and after probing into corners and peering in amongst the boxes of silk and boxes of tea, no stranger was found.

The coolie seemed overpowered with joy and was still "kow-towing" his thanks as I moved away and he disappeared in the darkness.

The Viceroy himself was conniving at his escape. The ship sailed on time and Prince Ichang was landed safely in Hong Kong, where he lived under English protection until a severe illness led him home...

Subsequent developments pointed to the fact that the Viceroy was influenced not only by personal friendship but by an enormous bribe with which the rich prince bought his own head, and that, fearing the treachery of any of his subordinates, he had planned and executed the escape entirely alone.

Two years afterward I received from the Viceroy of Kwang Tung a gorgeous pair of vases and some magnificent embroideries, "in gratitude for past hospitalities," and I found that my coolie friend had been promoted to the governorship of one of the largest provinces of the Empire.

Force Expended in Climbing a Hill. The physical energy or force sometimes exerted by the human body under certain conditions is known to be astounding, but no one has ever taken the trouble to put before us that force in figures.

Well, we are to-day at the meeting in Canaan, we are to-day at the meeting in Canaan, we are to-day at the meeting in Canaan, we are to-day at the meeting in Canaan.

Antipodean Cannibals. The savages of North Queensland, Australia, are still cannibals. The normal condition of these savages is inter-tribal war, and, this, no doubt, was the state of the earliest society.

"Nine Tailors Make a Man." The meaning of the expression "Nine tailors make a man," is traced to the singular custom of tolling the church bell a given number of times, at a burial, to denote the sex of the deceased.

The Phenomena of Echoes. Every one is familiar with the phenomena of echoes. In a cave in the Pantheon, the guide, by striking the flap of his coat, makes a noise equal to a twelve pound cannon's report.

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THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "A Marriage Feast." (Preached Near Cana in Galilee.)

Text: "Then has he kept the good wine until now." Standing not far off from the demolished town of what was once called Cana of Galilee, I bethink myself of our Lord's first miracle...

There is no more religion in an old coat than in a new one. We can serve God drawn by golden-plated harness as certainly as when we are dressed in the plainest of homespun. There is no more religion in an old coat than in a new one.

What is the difference between a Chinese mud hovel and an American home? What is the difference between the rough bear skins of the Russian hovel and the outfit of an American gentleman? No difference, except that the bear wears his skin and the gentleman wears his.

On board the ill-fated steamer Scawlanaka was one of the Fisk University students. Before leaving the burning steamer, he carefully fastened upon himself and wife life-preservers. Some one cruelly dragged away that of the wife, leaving her without help, except as she could cling to her husband.

With the song seemed to come strength another and yet another encouragement to renewed effort. Soon in the distance a float was seen approaching. Singing still, they tried and soon with superhuman strength laid hold of the life-boat, upon which they were borne to safety.

How we neglect this duty! There is a plain command in the subject, "Thou shalt in anywise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him." (Lev. xix. 17.) How it would diminish profanity, for instance, if every man a man should speak to the sin on the street, or in the depot, or in the street, or in the depot, or in the street, or in the depot.

Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly. The song seemed to come strength another and yet another encouragement to renewed effort. Soon in the distance a float was seen approaching.

TEMPERANCE is the doctor's wet nurse. After a while the sun, with golden pyre, heaved back the blackness; and the sun laughed to the lake, and the lake laughed to the sun, and from horizon to horizon, under the vast sky, the water was all turned into wine.

RELIGIOUS READING.

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THE TWO DAKOTAS. All hail! to the fair twin sisters Who have entered the Union grand, With the glorious motto regional, "Some are born, some are made."

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