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## Pore Old Dad.

Ye kin sca'ce pick up a paper  
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'Cept ye'll see er pirty poem  
'Bout the mother, saintly sweet,  
But ye'll have a time a-sarchin',  
Eyes will be er achin' bad,  
Ere you overtake er poem  
At this time for pore ole dad.

True, our mother watched above us  
Till her dear ole eyes would ache;  
But old dad, he humped to feed us  
Till his back would nearly break.  
Mother crooned above the cradle,  
Gave devotion all she had;  
Still, that wasn't any circus  
At that time for pore old dad!

Do not take one line from mother  
When ye write the soul-sweet song,  
But if thar's a word for father  
Now and then it won't be wrong.  
Pore old soul! He is bent and wrinkled,  
An' I know it would make him glad  
If, while you are praisin' mother,  
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Mr. Peters has bough Mr Robinson's residence and moved in this week. Mr. Robinson has moved into the rooms back of the barber shop.

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Committees at McKinney Collecting Information for Mass-meeting.

McKinney, Tex., July 27.—A mass meeting was held here last night at the court house to hear the proposition of W. J. Hogue and M. Healey, promoters of the proposed Interstate and Great Western Railroad, to be built from McKinney to Isleta N. M. connecting with the Santa Fe there. Mr. Hogue addressed the meeting and stated that if the people of McKinney would subscribe \$40,000 bonus, donate depot grounds and guarantee right of way to Denton county line, the road would be begun here and the general offices located here.

A citizens' committee was appointed to confer with promoters and make a thorough investigation of all matters pertaining to the enterprise and report at another mass meeting to be held Saturday night.—Dallas News.

To kill dogs; get carbon at Gilmore's Drug Store. Tahoka Texas.

Mr. Hill who has been here some time taking treatment has gone on a short trip. His physician advised change of scene after the loss of their little child. Mr. Hill will return later in the summer.

Wells & Welcher will get in a fine assortment of Stetson Hats, you know they can't be beat. Call for them.

Luther Gilmore had singing announced for Sunday night at the court house. There was rather a small turnout, but as there only two books there were more than could sing, so the rest had to put in their time fighting bugs of which there was a splendid supply, the Spanish fly or blister bug as it is called being out in force. It seems to us as though it would be a good plan for the young foks to buy a public organ to use at singing and such affairs why not get together and appoint a subscribing committee to make up money, Why Not.

Mr. Wells of Tahoka cut a crop of fine millet for J. D. Donelson southeast of town, the 28th of June. Mr. Henderson cut the second crop which was eighteen inches tall and well headed on the 29th of July. Mr. Donelson is going to turn the stubble and expects a third crop before the season is over. Who said the Plains wasn't it?

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The Thorp family of San Angelo, gave a musical entertainment at the court house Monday night. Mrs. Thorpe is totally blind, and Mr. Thorpe partially so, on the other hand, at least the business manager says so, Miss Maud has a fine pair and knows how to use them effectually. Tahoka turned out in force and was repaid by quite a musical treat. One feature of the evening was a contest to decide who was the laziest man and the prettiest girl in town. Mr. Woods was unanimously voted to be the laziest man and got the prize which was a pocket knife. Mr. Woods can now whittle to his hearts content while he is taking his ease. Miss Iva Sherrod received the prize for being the prettiest girl. The prize consisted of two pairs of gloves. The music was splendid, and the contests of the merriest, and every one went home feeling well repaid for the trip to the court house.

### Notice

The public are hereby notified that persons turning stock into my pasture without my consent will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—A. L. Lockwood.

Mrs. Charley Brown entertained her young friends at a nice party last week. Mrs. Brown is a charming hostess, and the young people are always delighted when she favors them with an invitation to her home. Flinch and several other games were the order of the evening.

Miss Ida Hart of Floydada went to her school Sunday. Miss Ida has come to Lynn county to make her home among us for some months. She will teach the Lynn school for the ensuing term. The school was to have begun last Monday but a heavy and continued rain prevented.

You can't afford to use that old suit for Sunday, when you can get your own choise in Wells & Welcher's New Line, just in.

C. H. Doak, sheriff of Lynn county, was here last week visiting relatives. He was on his way back from the sheriff's convention. —Snyder, Coming West.

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Mr. Patton and family returned Sunday from a three weeks visit to relatives in Roby.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 1905.

Application has been made for entrance in the postoffice as second class matter.

If you want bargains in dry goods, see Conway.

We are having a rain a week and prospectors every day.

We are indebted to Mrs. Doak for a pleasant chat Tuesday evening

The Thorp family, musicians, played for a very select little dance at the court house Tuesday night.

A. H. Manning of Hamilton county passed through Tahoka the first of the week on his way to Mr. Russells place this side of Lubbock.

The musical Thorp family left for Brownfield Thursday morning taking considerable Tahoka cash with them, but the Folks say it was a fair trade.

The Rev. Gore returner to town from the T— school house Wednesday where he has been trying to hold a meeting but was continually rained out.

Mr. Gregg of San Angelo who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Sherrod of this place, started for his home Tuesday after a pleasant visit of several weeks.

W. E. Harvey of Forney passed through Tahoka Monday. Mr. Harvey is in poor health and is traveling on the Plains hoping the thin pure air will be of benefit to him.

Mr. Chambers and family returned from their visit to Sterling county last Sunday evening. Mrs. Chambers mother Mrs Fore returned with them and will remain until fall.

Mr. Conway's new store is nearing completion. Mr. Nevils is painting the shelves and counters. We shall soon see Mr. Conway sitting on his new porch and smiling at the public in general and customers in particular.

Mr. S. F. Singleton started for Hereford Thursday noon on the hack to join his herd of 200 head of cattle, which he will take to some point in Missouri. Mr. Singleton has entirely recovered from the painful wound on his head.

## Principaly Personal.

Mr. Murry of McDonald was in town Sunday.

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Mr. Millman and Tom Higgins have gone to Big Springs.

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Mr. Russell who has had fever for some time is slowly improving.

Miss May Elder favored the editor with a pleasant call last Saturday.

Mrs. Hampton paid the editor a very pleasant call last Friday afternoon.

Dr. McCoy spent the fore part of the week in Brownfield and vicinity,

Do Quality and Prices in Dry Goods interest you? Then see Conway.

We are glad to state that Mr. Taylor who has been so sick is able to be out again.

The round up to brand the calves began at the T— Monday but was rained out.

Mrs. Millman went to the country Saturday with Mrs Steveson and stayed over Sunday.

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Mrs. Conway tells us they have two hundred and eighty acres of the finest crops you would wish to see.

A lot of Selz shoes will arrive at Wells & Welcher's Saturday. Now is your chance to get your choise.

Misses Georgie Buchanan and Nora Hampton went out to Mrs. Courtney Mellerd's for a visit of two or three days.

It is so convenient to drive up to Hampton's and get all your goods, groceries, dry goods, hardware, everything you want, and go home satisfied with your trading. Try it.

It is reported that some of the married men obtained the consent of their wives to go to the dance Tuesday night by agreeing, not to dance with the, Show Girl.

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T. A. Porter of Lynn county was here Friday and gave a good report of conditions in that county. —Big Springs Enterprise.

Miss Ethel Porter left Friday for her home in Lynn county after a two weeks visit to her friends here. —Big Springs Enterprise.

Some of the old married men who did not dance Tuesday night say that the dancers don't have all the fun at a dance.

### For Sale or Trade

I have two new, and two second hand Organs, which I will sell for cash or trade for cattle or horses. —E. D. Skinner, Tahoka, Texas.

Mr. Gilmore and family who have been on an extended visit to their old home in sterling county returned last Saturday. Miss Mary Windham accompanied the Misses Gilmore home and will make a visit of some weeks. Miss Windham is a sisier to Dr. Windham of this place, the Dr. is delighted to have her visit Tahoka.

R. L. Hudson one of Merkel-commercial men paid Tahoka a visit Tuesday.

Dr. J. B. Whitehead of Hale Center, passed through Tahoka Thursday on his way back East-land where he used to live.

A party of yong folks, consisting of Dr. Windham and Miss Lula Gilmore, Judge Bartely and Miss Mary Windham made a very pleasant visit to Mrs Alley.

"You can almost tell from what country a man comes by the weight of his shoes," said J. W. Davy, of Chicago, who represents a shoe company, to a Milwaukee Sentinel reporter. "You might not believe it," he continued, "but the thicker the soles of his shoes the larger the city from which he comes. In New York it is almost a fad, and the soles of the shoes there are exceedingly heavy. They are almost as heavy in Chicago. Men there wear shoes to protect their feet. They have not time enough, it seems, to bother with rubbers. So they make one pair of shoes do the work for all kinds of weather. Here in Milwaukee and in other cities of this size, I notice, the men wear light shoes and rubbers. I suppose they have time enough to wear the overshoes. Up in the country I find that in many places leather boots are not worn at all for several of the winter months. They wear heavy socks and then put rubber overshoes over these."

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## "THE MANDARIN'S DAUGHTER,"

—BY—

WONG CHIN FOO.

CHAPTER I.

SHO MAI'S FLIGHT.

Sho Mai, daughter of the ex-Prefect Wong Che foo, went out alone from her father's splendid mansion in the city of Paoting to see the world. She fled from a home where every luxury surrounded her and from the care of loving parents. No childish grief nor petty disappointment such as will sometimes weigh down the mind of the young with unreasonable sorrow urged her to this course. She fled from the common lot of her sex, from marriage and the thousand restraints which the customs of the Empire throw around all women. Therefore it was in the guise of a youth, in the garb appropriate to a student, that he left her father's house and sought for knowledge and adventure.

Sho Mai's remarkable determination was not suddenly formed; it grew up steadily in her mind through many years. To her had been given that education which is ordinarily denied to women. She had been trained from childhood under the best instructors, and she had seized upon knowledge with a mind of wonderful brilliancy and discrimination. At sixteen she had a better command of mathematics, of sciences and of the classics than most young men attain during a collegiate course, and she had the wisdom to see that she had only tasted of the spring which forever flows out under the frowning rock of the earth as it is in nature. Her ambition was fixed upon delving nearer to the mysterious sources of this spring with an ardor which is a gift from on high and can not be frozen in the heart. She knew that if her life was molded after the fashion of the time her pursuit of knowledge must cease, and she resolved that this should never be.

Thus it happened that while the ex-Prefect Wong Che foo sat in his library one night discussing with his wife the future of their child, the object of their solicitude was at that very moment asking her future into her own hands.

"I have at last found a young man worthy to be the husband of our child," said Wong Che foo; and in the chamber above Sho Mai shut her white teeth together, and, as if the words she did not hear were still impressed upon her heart, she muttered: "I will have no husband; I will be no man's slave."

"He is poor in fortune," continued the ex-Prefect, in the library, "but what does that matter? We have no son. This young man is of exemplary character and of distinguished mental endowment. I will adopt him, and when he has married our child the estates which I possess will be so disposed that they shall descend upon him and Sho Mai, his wife, when we are gathered with the dead."

"I care not for wealth," said Sho Mai to herself, as she paced her chamber. "I want freedom and the power to pursue knowledge wherever it may be hidden in the great world."

"Sho Mai should be a wife of whom any man may be proud," the ex-Prefect said. "I have caused her to be instructed in the knowledge of books, and you, my wife, have trained her in the gentle accomplishments of women."

And while he spoke Sho Mai was, as one may say, flinging her womanhood from her. At least the garments appropriate to her sex had been laid aside and in their place Sho Mai had donned the attire of a young male student; and as she stood before her mirror she gazed in wonder at the beautiful, strange youth who looked out at her.

"Our daughter has been tractable in all things," said Wong Che foo. "She will see that we have planned wisely for her future. You have already told her that a husband would be chosen for her. Go now to her chamber, and if she be not yet asleep tell her that our choice has been made and bring me word what she replies."

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And while the wife of the ex-Prefect went to do his bidding Sho Mai passed from the house and stole down the dark



SHO MAI'S FLIGHT.

and silent street on her way to see world.

"Our daughter did not answer when I called her name," said Madam Wong Che foo, returning. "Doubtless she is asleep. I did not enter the chamber, for it seemed unwise to disturb her slumbers. To-morrow will be time."

"To-morrow, then, let it be," said Wong Che Foo, and having bade his wife good-night he sat down again at his desk and thought with pleasure how he should do that for which it was already too late.

Thus we lay plans and gaze along smooth highways of the future, which our feet shall never tread.

Meanwhile Sho Mai pursued her way, not knowing whither she was going. She had made no plans, which was perhaps the wisest course, since her inexperience would have prepared for contingencies which could never arise and have overlooked the most natural obstacles. She had taken nothing with her but a little hand-bag, in which were articles of the commonest necessity, and her savings during the past four or five years, amounting to about two thousand taels. The novelty of the new, free life buoyed her up, and she walked steadily though aimlessly until the increasing brightness of the east told her that day was near. As the dawn approached she found herself near the river bank, and before her lay a great junk, on board of which the sailors were carrying the last of the cargo.

It was a lonely place in the outskirts of the city, and she wondered that the ship should be there, far away from the

ordinary place of lading. The river itself, she perceived, was not the large stream which flowed past the city, but a creek which extended like an arm about the eastern border of Paoting. She saw by the hurry and bustle that the junk would sail in a few minutes, and a great longing came over her to go with the vessel down the river and out upon the wonderful sea. She wondered whether the captain would let her sail with him if she agreed to pay her passage to whatever port he had in view. What an easy way, she thought, to escape utterly from the reach of those who would pursue her. She scarcely dared hope that so fortunate a thing could be accomplished. Meanwhile, she was surprised to learn, from snatches of the sailors' conversation, that her approach had been viewed with suspicion and even with alarm. "But it is only a boy," said one of the men, and that appeared to satisfy the others.

Just then four men rolled a great box upon the plank. It was heavy and they put forth their utmost efforts to move it. When they had reached the middle of

the plank they called out loudly for help, saying that the box was beyond their strength; but the other sailors were busy loosening the sails, and none came to the assistance of those who struggled with the load upon the plank. Sho Mai was about to put forth her feeble strength in aid when the box broke from the hands of the men and fell with a crash upon the rude pier. So violent was the fall that one side was broken open and he astonished Sho Mai saw strange articles of gold and silver within.

Alarmed at the great crash, the sailors from the junk rushed to the spot and, surrounding the box, attempted to replace the contents and to bear it on board the ship. At length he whom Sho Mai took to be the captain noticed her, and as he did so he uttered a cry as if enraged.

"He has seen the contents of the box," shouted the captain; "he will betray us!"

He laid his hand upon a sword which hung at his side and seemed about to slay the affrighted Sho Mai, when, suddenly changing his purpose, he made a sign to two of the men, who seized the girl in their arms and bore her hurriedly aboard the junk. She was locked in a little room in the lower portion of the ship, when presently she heard sounds which indicated that the ropes had been cast off and that the junk was proceeding down the creek.

"Truly," thought Sho Mai, "I am now beyond pursuit. Whither these men will take me in their mysterious ship I

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## "THE MANDARIN'S DAUGHTER,"

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know not, but I believe that wonderful sights await me if, indeed, my life is spared to see them."

CHAPTER II.

THE VENGEANCE OF THE GODS.

The little cabin in which Sho Mai found herself was very far from being a luxurious apartment. It was dark, narrow and bare; but had her accommodations been much worse, there would still have been but one thing possible to Sho Mai, namely, to lie down upon the hard floor and fall fast asleep. She had walked many miles during the night, and neither anxiety nor physical discomfort could keep her from the slumber which exhausted nature demanded. She slept as calmly as if in her own bed at home, and when, as evening drew on, the sound of the unbarring of the door awoke her, it was some minutes before she could realize how great a change had come over her life from sun to sun.

The bronzed face of a sailor appeared in the doorway.

"Come on deck," he said; "the captain wants to see you."

Sho Mai obeyed with alacrity. As she stepped upon the deck she saw that



THE CAPTAIN PUT HIS HAND TO HIS SWORD.

the ship was moving down a great river, and the sun was setting directly upon the path over which she had come. The thousand hues of the sky were reflected in the water, and the level rays glanced redly from the vessel's wake as if she sailed over a sea of blood. Sho Mai was enchanted by the picture and she feasted her eyes upon it as she passed aft to where the captain stood. He was a tall, squarely-built man with a face in which a stormy sort of boldness was the leading characteristic.

"Well, young man," said he, "you are aboard my ship, as you perceive. Now the question is how long shall you remain aboard her."

"I beg of you do not set me on shore," said Sho Mai, earnestly. "I was wishing with all my heart that you would take me with you when your men brought me on board. I want to go with you to the end of your voyage wherever it may lead, and I will work hard to pay for my passage."

A look of wonder overspread the captain's face and then he burst into a loud laugh.

"Well, of all things that are extraordinary!" he exclaimed. "I thought to see you weeping and begging me to take you back to your loving parents, and instead of that you are as satisfied as if in your father's house; and as cool, too—" and he fell to laughing again. Then he turned to a man by his side who seemed to be an officer. "What do you say? Shall we take the boy with us?"

"Why not?" replied the officer. "He is a plucky fellow, and he can do no harm here. I don't begrudge him his rice, so let's keep him aboard the junk instead of sending him to feed the fishes."

The thought that such a fearful idea had been in their minds sent Sho Mai's heart into her mouth, but since she had won the first point by courage she was quick to see that weakness would be fatal.

"The fish will do very well without me, no doubt," she said, though her voice almost stuck in her throat; "and if they don't, why, let them starve, then, or feed on towards."

The two men exchanged a glance of wonder and admiration, and in it Sho Mai read the guarantee of her safety.

"Let the cook see that the young fellow has his supper," said the captain, "for upon the honor of my father he deserves it."

From that day on Sho Mai was treated with kindness by all on board. The readiness of her wit appeared to be a source of endless delight to the bluff captain, who spent many hours talking with her, and would laugh immoderately at her quaint comments upon what she saw. She was not slow to perceive her advantage, and she studied her words that they might fit the humor of the man in whose hands she saw that her fate now rested.

No work was required of her, and she spent all her time in listening to and judiciously applauding the captain's wondrous stories of the sea, and in studying the river banks as the junk pursued her way. In particular, her reckless disregard of the future delighted the skipper, who predicted for her a glorious future when she should grow up and command a vessel of her own. In response to his questions she told a preposterous story of her past life, and he seemed all the more pleased with it because he evidently recognized it for a clever and interesting falsehood.

She wondered much concerning the nature of that cargo which the captain had so much feared that she had seen when the great box had fallen upon the pier, but no word in explanation of that occurrence could she win from any one by such questioning as she dared to venture upon.

One day the river widened before her eyes. The banks receded till they wholly passed from sight, and Sho Mai knew that she was at last upon the bosom of the ocean. They sailed northward before favorable winds, and under skies cloudless by day and night. Thus for several days, and then came an afternoon when a lifeless and sullen calm pressed heavily upon the sea. The air grew heavy, and in it there appeared to be a strange pulsation which was not unlike the roll of the glassy billows under the ship. In the west the sun dropped behind a belt of copper bordered with lead, which rose with a slow and terrible precision, darkening the sky more and more. The captain and all the sailors cast anxious looks at the broad belt of cloud in the west, and when the sun sank into it they lowered all the sails but a very small portion scarcely larger than a shawl.

"A great gale will soon break upon us," said the captain. "In all my life upon the sea I have never seen a more threatening sky."

The cloud rose higher, and Sho Mai watched it with curiosity, which had much fear in it. Still, she had never seen a storm and did not know what waves can be when they raise their crests against a vessel.

Suddenly upon the dull surface of the cloud appeared a white fleck as if a light veil, twisted and drawn out, were flung diagonally across it. As Sho Mai gazed at this apparition it began to move rapidly toward the zenith. The great cloud sprang up higher. Under this canopy a white streak was traced upon the water. From afar came a whisper, then a moan, then the great voice of the tempest crying out along the sea: "Beware! beware!" Instantly the air was filled with a fine spray which blotted out the light; the ship reeled under a great stroke from the right arm of the tempest, and then fled before the gale, whose fury momentarily increased.

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