GIRLS SOLD INTO CHINESE BONDAGE been known to the under world, whose itors from the orient in the United women have been regaled by stories States, ostensibly to enjoy vacations

Traffic in Young Women in dark side have visited the city and ica to China at so much apiece. They America Is Disclosed.

BECOME SLAVES OF MERCILESS MANDARINS

Lured to Dens in Chicago on Various Pretexts and Taken to Orient by Ring of Deceiving Females-Astounding Practice Bared by Secret Service Officials.

Chicago Girls Among Captives.

Chinese immigration bureau. The po-

American Consul James L. Rodgers.

many sales of American and Canadian

The authorities have unquestionable

The horror of the situation of the

chattel slaves, may sell them to

others, or may keep them as long as they please, and in event of their dis-

pleasure order their heads cut off, a!!

without incurring the risk of trial or

Prices for Girls Vary.

The fixed price for Chinese girl

slaves at Shanghai is from \$250 to

into their hands by the two women

to \$1,000 apiece. A young woman of

proof of the incerceration in Chinese

traced.

The names of ten more young wom-

Chicago.-Recent astounding dis- for them and sending dangerous witclosures have brought to light the fact nesses against themselves out of the that a traffic in human lives has been | country. going on for some time in this country and that this city has been the secruiting point. Young American en that have disappeared from homes friends under various pretexts and and were shipped to Shanghai are in because of the absence of specific laws terior far beyond the pale of Eurosold into living deaths in Chinese the possession of the inspector of the

They are employed as "secretaries" lice of this and other cities are gath-"traveling companions." with ering evidence against the promoters promises of big wages and the pay- of the slavery and their prosecution ment of all traveling expenses. Once | will follow. On this point the goverawithin China they are delivered to ment agents say they must rely ca those who have paid in advance for the police and state authorities, since them, only to be hurried to the in- there is no national law against exterior beyond the reach of civilization, porting women for such purposes. to pass their lives in hopeless despair. the absolute slaves of merciless mas- at Shanghai, has enlisted the cooperaters free from the restraint of all law tion of the English and Chinese auand accountable to no one for their thorities in that city, and evidence of victims' lives.

Local police and federal secret servgirls to Chinese masters has been proice officials who uncovered the opera- cured. tions of those engaged in deporting the girls were surprised at the extent and ramifications of the harems of at least a dozen of the girls system they unearthed. Instead who were shipped from Chicago. Hilof involving a few women and da Olson, aged 20, is said to have comthe deporting of a few girls, it is now mitted suicide on arriving at Shanadmitted the investigators are on the snai in order to escape the fate of betrack of half a score of traffickers, ing a slave to a Chinese master. and the number of girls lured from Others were shipped to interior towns. home may exceed 100 in Chicago where they were held by one master alone, to say nothing of the extent after another, until they were finally of the operations of the ring in other sold to Chinese, who took them so far sections of the United States and Can- into the interior they could not be

Two of the intended victims of the traffic escaped from their captors after girls, all of whom are young and were arriving in Shanghai. They told an selected because of their beauty, can officer of the American navy their ex- be imagined when it is known that periences and about the fate of their the Chinese purchasers own them as former companions. It is possible demands for the liberation of the young women by the American consul may make the affair international.

Astounding Facts Disclosed. Forty-nine American girls have been punishment. sold into life slavery in Chinese harems. Most of the white slaves delivered into the hands of Chinese masters are lost to civilization and can \$400. The price paid by the Chinese hope for no escape from their bond- men for the American girls betrayed age save by suicide. They are helpless prisoners in Chinese interior engaged in the traffic varies from \$500 towns subject to the whims of mandarins and wealthy Chinamen who special beauty and accomplishment were enabled to purchase them brings a higher price than a plainer through connivance with a woman and less accomplished one.

came as a startling surprise. More than a year ago an inkling of local police, and from time to time local authorities of the nefarious practhe atrocities practiced by the inter-tice which was going on, as there is national band of slave traders caused no federal law under which punisha ripple. Nothing was done, however, ment could be meted out to the ofto investigate the situation and sup- fenders. They can be reached, howpress the traffic until the federal au- ever, under an Illinois law, and if thorities acted in this instance, send- sufficient evidence can be obtained the ing the police of Chicago, New York guilty one can be sent to the peniand San Francisco into action simultentiary on the charge of abduction. taneously.

the treaty ports and the frequently takes periodical trips to China and visited spots of the orient has long receives and entertains women visbeen known to the under world, whose iters from the orient in the United of the palaces maintained by those of during the heated term in the Chitheir kind in the celestial kingdom. nese city. The visitors, it is declared. Year after year a group of women are the women who do the actual work formerly identified with Chicago's of transporting the girls from Amerdeparted with a band of these women, visit San Francisco, New York, Phila who have never been heard of after- delphia, Montreal, and every large city where it is possible for them to pur-Despite all this, the knowledge that sue their nefarious vocations without girls are being sold into actual slav- too much police interference. The ery and that the young and inexperi- woman does not deny her oriental acenced are being lured from home to quaintances, but she does deny that supply the demand for white slaves girls are obtained by her and sent to China.

Hard to Reach Offenders the system and its extent reached the Washington officials first notified the

The difficulty which has prevented It is believed that exposure will of the officials from taking action is itself bring the operations of the slave that the victims shipped out of the traders to an end, save in the cases country never return to tell the tale, of the very ignorant. Punishment be- At Hongkong or some other Chinese fitting the enormity of the crimes that port they are met by agents of the girls have been lured from home and in Chicago and other American cities have been committed is doubtful, both band and sold into slavery in the in-



Pacific ocean between themselves and

to do something before long. The inton first, and I then took the case up they could do nothing. I don't care to state what our next move will be."

One Woman Suspected. One woman against whom positive vidence has been gathered as a cenral figure in this system of kidnaping, abduction and sale into slavery is the wife of a recently deceased bookmaker. Several others are women who formerly conducted resorts in Chicago and now make their homes in Chinese treaty ports.

While 40 cases are charged against the former, the latter are said to have recruited hundreds who have entered upon a living death from which there is no possibility of escape save by suicide.

The wife of the bookmaker, when questioned, indignantly denied the charges. She lives in a splendid apartment and is supposed to be wealthy. 'The charges against me are preposterous," she said. "I cannot imagine how they originated. I have been to China once. Then I visited a married lady friend in Hongkong. There is a delightful colony of Americans in Hongkong. I found life there charming. Most American women who go there do. There is much wealth and money is spent freely. But white women no more associate with Chinese there than they do here. I never heard of any American women being married to Chinese there.

"As for my being connected with a band of slave traders, the charge is absurd. On my only voyage I was dis nigger eber et." unaccompanied. I have never sent anyone there.

"I have told stories of the fine climate and of the splendid times women have there, but I do not know of anyone who has been influenced to go by my yarns.

"Two of my friends have been ware studded with diamonds and pre- as single women and married there. Every summer they come back to Chicago and stay with me at my flat. They make this trip to escape the heated term in the orient. They are

> years and secured wealthy husbands," mobiles." she said. "It is their own business and I don't see why the authorities should raise any objections to their hey would be here."

asked. "Oh, no; they marry white men.

wives from their own lands."

meeting the situation and the fact that | pean and American civilization that

A number of persons have been sent to the penitentiary under the federal "It is true this sort of thing has statutes for importing women into been going on for some time," said the United States, but the authorities Chief Collins. "I have detectives have never been able to reach persons

the Sensation Was Most Unsatisfactory.

country" and 'possum hunting, when just as Wachtel was spotted while sing-Charles Hopkins told this one, says ing on the box of one of his cabs in the Philadelphia Record: "An old Hamburg, and Campanini at his anvil darkey I knew in North Carolina loved in Italy. to go 'possum hunting by himself. He | Raphael Caruske was discovered by always took along a little frying pan a throat specialist to whom he came and a little bag of sweet potatoes, for treatment of his voice, injured by Whenever he caught a 'possum he much shouting of his wares. Scalchi would build a fire right there and cook at one time sold fish, which is as un-

his catch with his sweet potatoes. animal and was cooking it he fell seems to be almost the rule for opera asleep before the fire. Another negro, singers, not for artists of the concert a youngster, who was also hunting, stage. Plain John Clark was famous but who had caught nothing, scen'ed in a Brooklyn choir. They turned the savory dish from afar and followed "Brooklyn" into "Broccolini" for him his nose until he discovered Uncle when he became "Signor." Madame Karey aseep with the 'possum before "Albani" came from Albany, of course, him, done to a turn. The young darky as Mme. "Melba" came from Melsat down and ate the 'possum, while bourne; Lillian "Nordica" was from Uncle Karey dreamed on, and piled Maine and made up a stage name from the bones between the old man's feet. a pun upon the shivery word "North."

the old man's fingers and on his Campanini, Ravelli, Tamagno, sang as mouth. Then he deaprted.

cle Karey and he soliloquized thus: 'possum? Dat 'possum graby on my voice. To save it he twice gave up fingers and dat 'possum graby on my the only jobs he could get; once in a and republican bosses. mouf. I sho' is doen et dat 'possum tailor shop, where the air was close: and nebber knowed it. But, 'fore God, once in a chemical factory where the dat wuz the mos' unfillinest 'possum fumes were stifling.

The Automobile Terror.

There is a certain kindly old lady in an eastern town who scarcely knows what it is to be addressed as "Mrs. Tompkins," the appellation which is hers by right, since for years she has been "grandma," not only tr step within the portals of these houses dragged into this scandal. One is the a flock of grandchildren, but to the is like being transported to the orient. wife of a German banker and the other whole community as well. She lives Rich rugs, tapestry. Chinese and Jap- the wife of a merchant. Both were in a quiet little hamlet where even the anese bric-a-brac, virgin gold and jade Chicago women. They went to China automobile does not often penetrate. Recently she visited a nephew who lives in Newport, where the motor car is, to put it mildly, not unknown. Re- by the hunting set as for a fortnight it turning, a friend said to her: "Well, was by the auto racers. But there's a grandma, I see you're back from New- difference. wealthy women, and left only a few days ago after a month's visit with returned the old lady, firmly, "but I ular with everybody except the hotel that will be theirs in the orient are me. I have never heard of any women tell you one has to be mighty careful keepers whom they enrich and the poldown there. Why, do you know, I ticians in office whom they bribe to "I know of a large number of Chi- reached the point where I didn't get let them misuse the roads. The huntunsuspecting victims really believe the cago women of legal age who have out of bed in the morning without first ers are popular. They destroy crops gone to China during the last few looking around the room for auto- but they pay for them: tear down fences

> Amber in New York City. on Staten Island, now the borough of by tradition. men in the Chinese cities who want that grew on the Atlantic coast in cregrandfather of Congressman "Jimmy" Mrs. Newblood—No. but that grew on the Atlantic coast in cretageous time.—Youth's Companion.
>
> Wadsworth, who is a close friend of a quarterback.—N. Y. Sun.

CONCERNING THE JEFFERSONS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS.

Hunters' Bright Clothes Accord Well with Autumn Setting-Long Island Farmers-Jealously-Guarded Man-Made Wilderness.



EW YORK .- "Joe" Joseph. "Tom" Jefferson, his son, will hardly succeed in being called Thomas if he turns out as good a Rip Van Winkle as he promises. Young Jefferson

in the older Jefferson's part made a hit in Boston and was coldly received in New York. Of the two towns, Boston has the better taste. "Tom" has been on the stage, baby, boy and man, for 33 years, but never until now under his own name. He is the fifth generation of actors bearing the Jefferson name, and his elder brother "Charlie" is his business manager. Why should he not do as well as Sothern, Mayo, Miss Barrymore, John Drew and other theatrical children and grandchildren? He has the roly-poly look of his father, less than his father's inches, andless than his talent? That is hard to say, and the time too early. The public grows more exacting, but never toward an old favorite.

It is a pretty story of modern neighborliness that accounts for Grover Cleveland's public letter of good wishes wilderness, but all the smaller ways to young Jefferson at the outset of his by which men have been accustomed Observation Buffet Library Compartstage career under his father's name. to drive or walk for years are closed Mr. Cleveland early in his presidency became a close friend of Clarke Davis, the able editor of the Philadelphia less limitless and a will less imperious, ways. They are the embodiment of Ledger, who by fate's strange freak is the townspeople could prove on many comfort and convenience and typify better known as the husband of Rebec- of these roads public right of way by ca Hardin; Davis and the father of Richard Harding Davis than as his own learned self. Cleveland was also a friend of Richard Watson Gilder, ed- Vanderbilt, the donor of the recent comfort and luxury which they could itor of the Century. The Gilders and auto race cup, uses four miles of high secure at a first class hotel or at their Davises had modest little summer cottages at Marion, Mass., in the townwas a neighbor. Mr. Cleveland fell in love with the place and bought the modest house there, which he called of fishing as Mr. Cleveland himself, and this road enters his property he brings al color scheme. The card room is to the last of the fishing days of the elder man, the former president and the veteran actor, who is identified in building operations. Natives know the public mind with approximately and the veteran actor, who is identified in the veteran actor. the veteran actor, who is identified in the public mind with "Rip," were the closest cronies. Mr. Cleveland did not share Jefferson's winter trips in Florida: the actor was the feebler in health of the highway authorities to left up. and these winters in a milder climate were necessary to him. There Jefferson painted good pictures, told good at one point where mud lingers longstories and gave a good example of est the wily young millionaire has voted to the observation room, handcourage in disease and pain. On his return there was always the reunion and the swapping of fish stories.



A Tale of a Tenor. ARUSKE" sounds a little too much like Caruso. It is the name chosen by Isaac Routman, a Polish huckster who has just been to become a tenor on the stage. He while singing the to a shoestring. merits of his fruits

and "garden sass:

conventional an occupation as buck-"One night, when he had caught his stering. The adoption of a stage name "When the last vestige was gone he People whose names are Italian do not they were christened.

Routman seems to have had, from the beginning, unlike Wachtel and the "'Now, I wonders ef I done et det others, an idea of the value of his



HE horse show and scason is beginning. Nassau county, the home of the completely overun

but settle; and their bright red coats and handsome hounds and nervous horses are pretty to look at in a set-

THE METROPOLIS the Roosevelts, is the parent and pat-tern of all northern hunts. Up there it is common for the farmers of the neighborhood to ride up on their own orses and take part in the hunt. Gen. esee county figures in David Gray's "Gallops" thinly disguised. It is the breeding place of some of the best hunters this side of Kentucky. By NAMES OF OPERA SINGERS forgivable pun Gray speaks of the rector of the horsey community as of "St.

Thomas Equinus." On Long Island the farmers go Genesee one better and have formed a hunt of their own, which meets a few miles farther from the city than the famous Meadowbrooks. There is considerable rivalry betwen these two, though natunever be known as who are all rich city people and who do not welcome the countryside to ride with them, get all the newspaper ad-

Rockefeller's Iron Fence. HESE same news papers, by theway, to do about John

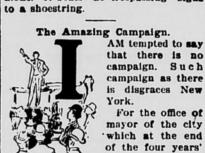
foot iron fence,

the mathematicians say, a considerable tation. Vernon on the Sound, and effectaully

up. I am no lawyer, but it seems to

usage, in common law. tended in mud and broken bridges, and golden brown plush.

in our own land. mont has two miles of such fence; alty arranged for the comfort and contogether I think 100 miles of it have venience of the passenger. been set in two years on Long Island | Luxurious in appointment, well nigh on the stage. He discovered discovered to a shoestring to a sh



term will be very nearly the world metropolis the vot-McClellan, with the untamed Tammany crew behind him blocking all his ef-Ivins, a man of ability, who has been out of politics and in business so long that he is almost forgotten, and who ducks out of the state. has moreover no chance of election: and Mr. Heart. Do not be surprised if the latter gets a considerable vote. have no use for him personally will vote for him as a protest against the

practical partnership of the democratic for several years. Jerome is the most popular man in the city. Both bosses turned him wown. beginning with the gigantic insurance the visit of Prince robbers, at whose depredations the Battenberg and his state stands appalled, and going down fleet full of British to the meanest of small-fry thieves. tars will start the When Armitage Matthews, a bright social winter with young lawyer and secretary of the republican committee, committed suicide | Charles wandered away from his home the long hunting rather than stand trial upon a criminal in this city, and although friends and charge, the very men, older and more officials made every effort to find him. cynical than he, whom the community | no trace could be found. The next day suspects of having profited by his his lifeless body was found near Pratt, president, will be crime, were able that very night to five miles south of here. He was eighjoin in the movement to defeat ty-six years of age and is thought to Jerome's endorsement. Yet Jerome's

name was cheered to the echo in both conventions If Jerome should win against that huge power, if he even gets a consid- a few days later by farmers. erable vote, it will be a victory for respectable and independent public opinion. Circumstances have combined to give Hearst's candidacy the same bined-that is to say, if oil and water could have mixed-it almost looks now as if they could have swept the city against both bosses.

OWEN LANGDON.

Lineage.

Mrs. Oldblood-Do you go back to William the Conqueror? Mrs. Newblood-No, but our boy

ESTABLISHES STANDARD.

The Oriental Limited of the Great Northern Railway a Marvel in Train Equipment.

The hardship and deprivations of an overland trip in the early days of the Northwest are known to all who read. In this early day a trip across America meant tenfold the danger that a trip around the world means today. What wonderful changes have been wrought and what was considered a hardship fifty years ago, which few could combat, is today a pleasurable Jefferson could rally the hunt of the Meadowbrooks, pastime-something to anticipate, something to delight.

Immeasurably more so is this the case since the Great Northern placed in service their regal train, "The Oriental Limited" The fact must be considered that in undertaking a journey of several thousand miles the ease and comfort with which it can be acare making a great complished is a first consideration. In the contemplation of a journey the Rockefeller's traveler selects that means of transputting up a six. portation which affords him the quickest, easiest and most comfortable trip. It is no exageration to state topped with spikes, that the "Oriental Limited" is the fulall around his 6,000 acre estate at Po. fillment of inventive genius in traffi cantico. Six thousand acres are care bestowed, the complicated. pretty nearly ten smoothly working mechanism which sections; lying makes the whole a thing of beauty in irregular shape they "subtend," as and perfection in the art of transpor-

distance in each main direction. What is important, they lie exactly between of a locomotive of the most advanced "The Oriental Limited" is made up Tarrytown on the Hudson and Mount and powerful type, elegant day coaches, senting 84 people; new block not only the growth of these villages toward each other, as the city a feature of the Great Northern overterferred with the obtaining of a water supply and other public necessities. A few main reads transcontinental train few main roads traverse this man-made equipment, a compartment observation

These cars are the first of their kind me that, contending against a purse to be used on transcontinental railthe height of inventive genius in car building. In the construction of the They say Rockefeller uses 20 miles cars the purpose in view has been to of iron fence. Very likely. "Willie K." furnish the traveling public with every ing compactly just on the eastern edge of these cars. The observation rooms "Gray Gables." Jefferson was as fond dles the problem: At each point where ings being in harmony with the generof the highway authorities, is left un- mahogany and all furnishings are

The rear half of these cars is debeen permitted to bring his fences within a rod of each other on either side. Students of the encroachments of the British gentry upon the common lands and highways of Britain and some of the surrounding country. Those who enjoy being in the open air will mon lands and highways of Britain find comfortable seats on the protected

may study such a process now at work | rear platform. Current periodicals, a branch of As for the high iron fence, when it's the Booklovers library and the latest merely a question of keeping out in- newspapers obtainable at starting truders from fine gardens and not of these cars. This car also contains a encroaching on right of way, why not, if the owners like? Mrs. O. H. P. Bellouffet, nicely furnished and pleasing-

light to rear end lantern, there is nothing left to be desired. The operating force will at once appeal AM tempted to say the passenger for the selection of the that there is no attaches from conductor to porter is campaign. Such made with a view to their adaptcampaign as there ability. The placing in service of "The is disgraces New Oriental Limited" has been done with a view not only to retain travel but create it. That this end is accommayor of the city plished is an assured fact to any one whose pleasure it is to make a journey across the continent on America's most comfortable overland train.

Ducks Are Seized

Mankato .- Game Warden H. C. ers have to choose Towne has seized 217 mallard ducks. between the excellent and popular Mr. packed in two trunks at Easton, while being put aboard a train for La Crosse. He states that this was th Wis. forts to be a decent mayor; and Mr. fourth shipment and that warrants will prominent business men of Easton on the charge of unlawfully shipping

Land Sales Ended

Fergus Falls .-- A state land sale oc-Thousands of men in both political curred here and was attended by 150 parties who detested his attempt to buy farmers. The land generally sold for up a nomination for president and who good prices, and Auditor Iverson announced that the list was nearly cleared up and that it was probable

Worry Hastens Death

Mankato.-Thomas O. Jones, a well-It sounds like a Gilbert and Sullivan known local capitalist, died of kidney burlesque, but is the actual fact; he trouble. He was eighty years of age was defeated for a nomination in both and leaves a wife but no children. He parties by a combination of criminals, lost heavily by the defalcation of Judge John B. Ogle last summer, and worry over this is believed to have hastened his death.

Froze to Death

Owatonna.--An aged man named have fallen a victim to the freezing weather of last night. He has been feeble-minded for some years past and two years ago wandered eight miles into the country, where he was found

Not a Show.

St. Paul.-The law prohibiting newspaper men and general spectators aspect of opposition to bossism. If from witnessing executions must be Hearst and Jerome could have comis executed at Elk River, Dec. 5. Gov. Johnson yesterday wrote to Sheriff E. L. Ward directing him to see that the law is enforced literally and that he will hold the sheriff responsible. governor, in his letter, quotes the law witness the hanging to the officiating clergyman, three persons designated by the condemned man, the sheriff and his assistants, the physician and such other persons as the sheriff may elect,

The dealer who delivered the girls into their slavery resides in Chicago

whose identity is well known to the

SELECTING WHITE SLAVES

MANDARINS

FOR THEIR HARENS

government authorities.

agents. These astounding facts were disclosed by the local immigration bureau, which received complaint of the sale of Louise Miller, a girl from Montreal, Canada, to the agent of a Chinese official in Shanghai.

Other evidence obtained indicated that Eva Campeau, Maggie Drouin and Victoria Stamour, three waitresses who were induced to come to Chicago in February, 1901, from Montreal, may have met the same fate. These girls were employed in the Hotel de Villa, Montreal. Two French women stopped at the hotel as guests. They engaged glowing promises that are made. the girls to come to Chicago and lured them to a resort. The young women were rescued from the dive and reported they again disappeared. The wives from their own land." circumstances of their second disapsire to make reparation and then sent the big universities of this country. the girls to China for the dual purpose of getting a price of \$500 apiece

CHICAGO WOMAN WHO MARRIED IN HONGKONG The "levee" section of the North side seems to be the headquarters of the "slave" traders. Detectives and secret service officers have investigated and has a weman confederate in a number of externally unpretentious Shanghai, China, who is also known houses and have discovered conditions to the government secret service they never believed could exist. To

cious stones, greet the eye of the visitor. Lured by Tales of Wealth. It is into these dens of splendor that unsuspecting girls have been lured. Wild tales of the wealth and pleasures poured into the startled ears of the returning to China with them. girls by women so schooled that the

"You will find scores of wealthy merchants and business men in Chinese cities who are far from home," turned to their homes. Later it is re- say the deceivers. "They are seeking

Another story is that wealthy orienpearance from home are supposed to tals want American companions and have been a second visit from the governesses for their children who are French women, who pretended to de- to be trained for college courses in

Traffic a Surprise That Chicago has been used most of the offenders have placed the fringes the seacoast.

working on the case now and expect operating in the other direction formation came to me from Washing- PHANTOM 'POSSUM FEAST. with the government officers here, but The Evidence Was Convincing, But

They were talking about "God's

smeared the gravy from the pan on need to change them. Patti never did;

"The noise of his going awoke Ua-

Large masses of amber have recent- ting of autumnal browns. They also going. They are surely better off than ly been discovered in cretaceous strata show pluck of a sort made respectable "Do they marry Chinese?" she was Richmond of the city of New York. The There are two "hunts" on Long Issked.

Richmond of the city of New York. The deposits are being commercially worked. land, not to speak of one in Jersey It is thought that some of this amber and one up in Genesee county. The There are thousands of single white may be the product of sequoia-trees latter, founded years ago by the great-