

Street Life in Pekin.

It is scarcely possible to imagine, without having witnessed it, the scene which the commercial streets of Pekin exhibit every day. The busy, bustling crowd, the horses, mules, carriages, hand-barrows and sedan-chairs, all mixed in inextricable confusion, and among them the itinerant dealers, some with hampers, containing the stock-in-trade suspended around their necks, others standing before portable stoves, on which they cook the viands they vend. These and many others are to be seen in the street, not silently offering their wares, but endeavoring to attract the attention of possible buyers by shrill, ear-piercing cries, and loudly vaunting the low price and superior qualities of the commodities. The barber with his little bell summons all who have not performed their toilets to be shaved in the open air. He motions his customer to a low seat, with one turn of the hand lathers his head, and dexteriously performs with his triangular razor; he then paints his eyebrows, and adjusts his queue, brushes his garment, and, receiving a small fee sends him away satisfied. Often a crowd collects to listen to a story-teller, or a singer, to watch the tricks of a conjurer, or to hear of the marvellous properties possessed by certain drugs and medicines sold by a loquacious quack; but suddenly there is a stir amongst the assemblage, which hurriedly disperses or draws to one side, leaving room for the passage of some grandee, who, seated in his chair, and surrounded by a numerous Cortège, expects all inferiors to make way at his presence. Guards of soldiers are stationed day and night in the principle thoroughfares, with strict orders to use their whips on all, without distinction, who are disorderly or betray the slightest inclination to quarrel; besides this, every street is divided into sections of ten houses, which are each under the surveillance of one of the inhabitants, deputed by the authorities, to fill the office of tithing-man. At both ends of the street there is a wooden barrier which is closed at dark, and sentries posted at these barriers will permit of neither ingress nor egress unless the applicant can show good cause for his absence from home. Watchmen patrol the streets during the whole night, who, instead of crying the hour, show their vigilance by striking a tube of bamboo every few minutes, causing a dull, hollow sound, which it takes Europeans some time to become accustomed to and sleep through.

The average schoolboy's essay on a dog generally begins by calling it a "sagacious animal." A certain New York policeman is evidently of the same mind. Whilst patrolling his beat—a very quiet one—the other night, the stillness was suddenly broken by an unearthly noise, and the man rushed past the officer at full speed, pursued, the constable swears, by no less than eleven several dogs, each of which was howling and yelling at the top of its voice. The policeman's mind immediately jumped at the conclusion that the chased was a miscreant of the deepest dye. The fugitive was summoned to stop, which he refused to do, on which the active and intelligent officer fired five shots at the taken-for-granted villian, whom he missed, killing a dog instead. The officer on this with a great crowd of dogs accompanying him, proceeded to the house of the suspect, on which his canine friends, conceiving their object to have been achieved, disappeared. The door was locked, but admission was gained, as policemen best knows how, and the literally hounded man was discovered in bed. He was arrested and taken to the cells, and the next day brought up before the magistrate, when the following dialogue took place.

"What is the charge?" inquired the magistrate.

"Chased by dogs, Your Honor."

"Ah! The circumstance is suspicious. What have you to say prisoner?"

The latter affirmed his innocence.

"Well, dogs don't usually chase a man without a cause; but have you no other witness," (turning to the officer.)

"None but the dogs your Honor."

"Well, as the dogs are not here, I think I'll have to let the prisoner go."

Even a Justice Shallow could make nothing of the charge, though he did his best. In every sense the officer was a worthy successor of old Dogberry.

A Bangor, Me., woman is thoroughly nonplussed. She had a little cherry-rum refuse, which she threw into the yard. Her flock of turkeys devoured the stuff, and apparently died from the effects. She plucked the flock and threw the bodies into a heap on the grass. The following morning she found them walking about the yard in undress. It would be difficult to tell which was the most surprised, the woman or the turkeys.

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JOHN ROACH BOURKE, Plaintiff,
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BY virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias to me directed, issued out of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, at the suit of John Roach Bourke against Michael Hughes, I have taken and seized, as the property of the said Michael Hughes, all the right, title and interest of the said Michael Hughes, in and to the following Property, viz: Fifty Acres of Land on Township Number Thirty-six, bounded on the West by the Road leading from the Monaghan Road to Fort Augustus; on the North by Land in the possession of Thomas Cummiskey; on the East by the division line between Townships Numbers Thirty-six and Thirty-seven; and on the West by Land in possession of Michael Trainor and Patrick Quinn, in Queen's County; and I do hereby give Public Notice that I will, on FRIDAY, the Twelfth day of JULY, A. D., 1878, at Twelve o'clock, noon, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in the said County, set up and sell, by Public Auction, the said Property, or as much thereof as will satisfy the Levy marked on the said Writ, being Two Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Seventy-four Cents, and interest, besides Sheriff's Fees and all incidental expenses.

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