

SILK INDUSTRY FLOURISHED ON SMALL ISLAND NEAR CANTON

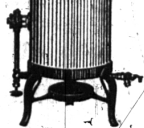
Waste silk is one of the principal by-products of the raw silk industry to enter world trade. Canton silk frustate is sought by a number of Chinese firms operating warehouses or godowns on Honan, an island near Canton, where it is prepared for export. It is sold through brokers in a manner similar to the sale of raw silk to foreign commission merchants.

The usual selling terms in the native market are cash, the seller arranging for transportation and the buyer for delivery. When the cargo reaches the godown it is opened, inspected for percentage or waste cocoons and burnt waste (burnt waste is unsalable material).



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ial, scorched from contact with the boilers in the drying process and weighed. When there is excessive moisture in a lot of waste silk, an adjustment in weight is made between the seller and the godown. The sale is outright and cargo may not be rejected on account of poor quality.

The selected waste is subjected to a "dry degumming" process through the beating of the hand-drawn mass of waste until it is soft enough to open easily. "Opening" girls next pull out the silk into long strands with a knife or nail, the nail preferred, as it does not shred the silk. A girl can open approximately ten pounds of waste in a day. The godowns employ as many as 500 girls.

Religious Creeds, Adjustments

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that when science speaks truly and religion speaks truly they are at one before the great Author of Life. And when we are able to see and to feel Him in life, to tie our lives back into His great purpose for the universe, that is reality in religion that we are needing today and which we must find, each for himself, at whatever cost. This brings religious readjustment. It does not mean that the truth of the past is valueless and must be scrapped. The truth will live on and be interpreted. In the church today there is less emphasis upon dogma and more emphasis on vital religion than in the past. Many who have dropped by the wayside still think of the church in terms of their childhood days and have failed to follow the vision of many of her leaders who are making the very adjustments which they themselves have not been able to make.

These leaders are pointing the way to a new day of vital reality in religion. The emphasis is shifting from creed to loyalty to the Great Master of Life. It means living as God would have us live, not thinking others have told us we must. We can readily allow the utmost freedom of thought, provided there be cultivated that intimate friendship of the Great Teacher who leads us to the heart of God, provides for purpose, and strive honestly to put his spirit and principles into every relationship of life.

And because the church is leading to larger life and is doing the thing that above all else needs to be done in this generation, however inadequate its effort may seem it deserves larger place in the thought and love of parents, who are responsible not only for the material welfare of their children, but also for the character which these children are to build. God cannot safely be left out of account in life. So let each family have its church-home. Not because they have made all their readjustments and hold what the church holds or has held, but because the nurture of the spiritual life in the warmth of fellowship of Christian association and worship will bring the readjustment necessary. One of the words of Jesus was "He that will to do shall know."

Editorial Note: This is the first of a series of articles written by Birmingham clergymen. The second will appear in the next issue.

Kellygrams

By Fred C. Kelly

Human Nature at the Credit Window

It is astonishing how much an expert credit man knows about the average person after taking one quick look and asking only one or two seemingly casual questions.

A well-dressed young man walks up to the credit window and expresses a desire to open a charge account. He wishes to buy some clothes. The credit man has him fill out a little card, with space for his name, home address, occupation, place of business, and whether married or single.

After glancing at the man, and the card, the credit man knows the following facts:

The customer does not own his own home, is living somewhat beyond his means, is selfish, therefore not well-balanced—inclined to be pleased at the expense of somebody else—and should not be trusted too far.

The man's place of residence is an old street just off one of the city's main thoroughfares, and given over mostly to large, old-fashioned houses, except that these have been torn down to make way for apartment houses. He isn't likely that the man lives in that location except in a flat, in which event he is, of course, a renter. And rents there are high, considerably higher than a billing clerk in a small wholesale concern should pay. The credit man knows about what a concern mentioned should pay a billing clerk—let us say \$35 a week. Not more than a fourth of that should go for rent. That leaves so much for groceries, so much for clothes, and so much for other smaller things.

A man's expenditure for clothes should not be quite half as much as his wife's. Woman's clothes cost more. But this young man is

SHAW MAKES AMERICAN DEBUT

George Bernard Shaw, famous English writer, makes his American debut—in a talking movie production shown in New York City. Shaw is seen giving an imitation of the Mussolini scowl.

dressed rather expensively. And he wants more clothes—wants them so much that he is willing to run in debt for them. The one who is doing without clothes must be his wife. If he were a salesman there might be some excuse for him to dress expensively—to carry a look of prosperity and help his sales, or to land himself a better job.

But costly clothes are of little help to a billing clerk. The reason for them must be personal vanity and selfishness of the wearer. This theory is confirmed by the expression of the applicant's face.

All these things flash through the credit man's mind in a few seconds. He does not rely entirely, however, on such deductions. If in doubt he puts additional questions. But more often than not, it is unnecessary to ask any questions at all. For if the applicant has ever had credit elsewhere, his whole record is already on file. Lists and blacklists, from which one may learn of the paying or non-paying propensities of thousands of men and women, are exchanged among the stores in the thought and love of parents, who are responsible not only for the material welfare of their children, but also for the character which these children are to build. God cannot safely be left out of account in life. So let each family have its church-home. Not because they have made all their readjustments and hold what the church holds or has held, but because the nurture of the spiritual life in the warmth of fellowship of Christian association and worship will bring the readjustment necessary. One of the words of Jesus was "He that will to do shall know."

Sports Done Brown

By NORMAN E. BROWN
Staff Writer for Central Press and The Eccentric

Tex Rickard may buy the Giants. That's the latest rumor about the baseball fans. Perhaps not Rickard personally, but Madison Square Garden syndicate.

Offhand this is a startling rumor. But one angle of the suggested step must not be overlooked. That is the necessity of obtaining from the moguls of the National league the ratification of such a deal.

The club owners must place their approval on any transaction of this kind.

In view of Rickard's present activities in the boxing game, they might well weigh the advisability of placing one of the major league clubs in the hands of a man who would be continually torn between two loves—that of drawing a profit out of baseball and that of using the same holdings to promote a pastime that is, in a measure, challenging the popularity of baseball, and which is constantly under fire from many angles.

Major league moguls still recall quite vividly the disastrous results of admitting a theatrical promoter to the ranks of the club owners. He not only wrecked the ball club the moment he was directly responsible for the present power the Yankees hold in the American league, a power that threatens to rock the league's existence.

That man was Harry Frazee. Frazee took them enough from his Broadway show hits to purchase mostly with paper the Boston Red Sox.

The play deals with the New York club followed, and they gave the Yankees the nucleus of the team that started an almost interrupted reign of the American league.

NEW P.O. RATES NOW IN EFFECT

Heavier Business Causes Increase in Box Rental Fees

An increase in the call and lock box rental rates in the post office here became effective Sunday, according to T. C. Hotelling, assistant postmaster. Increasing postal business makes this a necessity, Mr. Hotelling says. Last year a volume of business amounting to \$41,000 was done by the local office, and at a level a 12 1/2 per cent increase, the rate of increase for the past six months, is expected for the coming fiscal year.

The old and new rates, and the number of boxes are as follows:

Five large lock boxes, from 35 to 45 cents.

Two hundred and forty-seven small lock boxes from 60 to 75 cents.

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This makes a total of 473 of the different kinds of boxes, which Mr. Hotelling says, is insufficient. The demand on boxes and the extensive waiting list make the increase rates necessary.

New registry rates are also announced by Mr. Hotelling. They are as follows:

Up to and not over \$50—15 cents.

Over \$50 but not over \$100—20 cents.

Over \$100 but not over \$200—30 cents.

Over \$200 but not over \$300—40 cents.

Over \$300 but not over \$400—50 cents.

Over \$400 but not over \$500—60 cents.

Over \$500 but not over \$600—70 cents.

Over \$600 but not over \$700—80 cents.

Over \$700 but not over \$800—90 cents.

Over \$800 but not over \$1000—\$1.

New rates on postage covering first, second, third, and parcel post class matter, including new rates on special delivery service and special handling service are also included in the notice. An important feature of the new rulings is the return of the post card rate from two to one cent.

DRIVER LIKES OMAR'S IDEA

"A jug, a front seat I vow, and this heaven, now," which will be the chant of Lenais Simons, who gave his address as Roosevelt Hotel, Pontiac, when arrested last Sunday by Hills police.

Patrolman Deles Anderson found Simons, he said, a whisky bottle in hand, sleeping in his car on Woodward avenue. He paid a fine of \$75 in Justice Floyd Buck's court Monday.

LOGS IN WOODWARD CAUSE CAR CRASH

An automobile driven by Mrs. Flossie Bleakley, of Paradise, ran over two logs at Woodward and Flowers street last Tuesday, so badly damaging the machine that Mrs. Bleakley lost control and swerved across the street, striking a car driven by John Francisco, of Pontiac, police report. Donald L. Van Dusen, 15, Pontiac driver, ran over the curb into a tree in an effort to avoid the collision. His car was only slightly damaged. Patrolmen Joseph McGregor and George Stephenson investigated.

Frederick Finch of Boston, who stabbed a girl to death, pleaded that he was insane when the toothache when he committed the crime.

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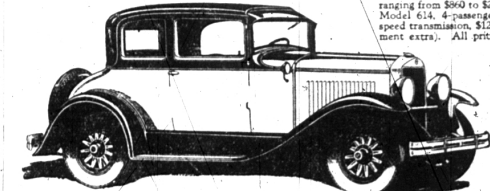
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