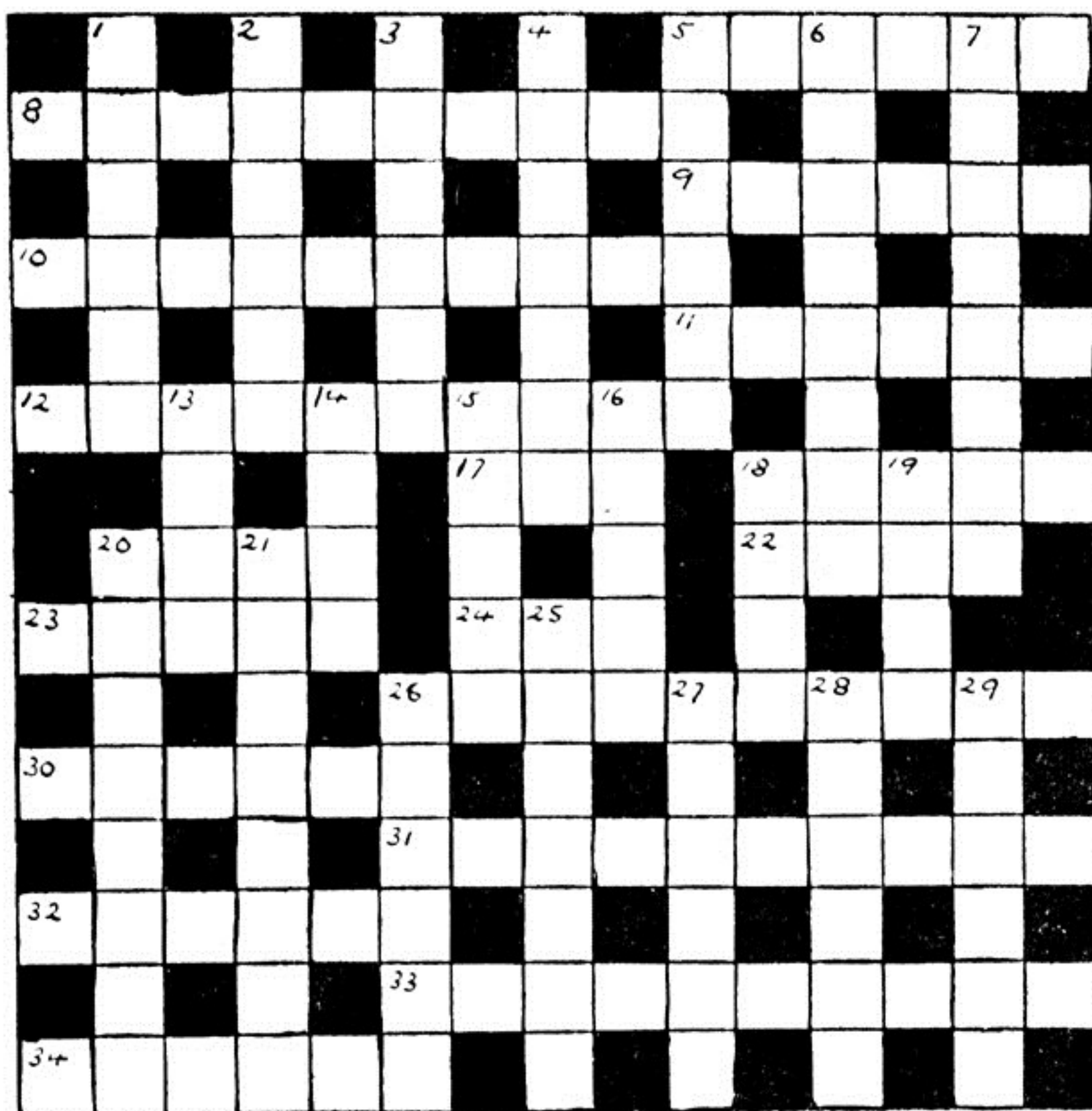


LONDON CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

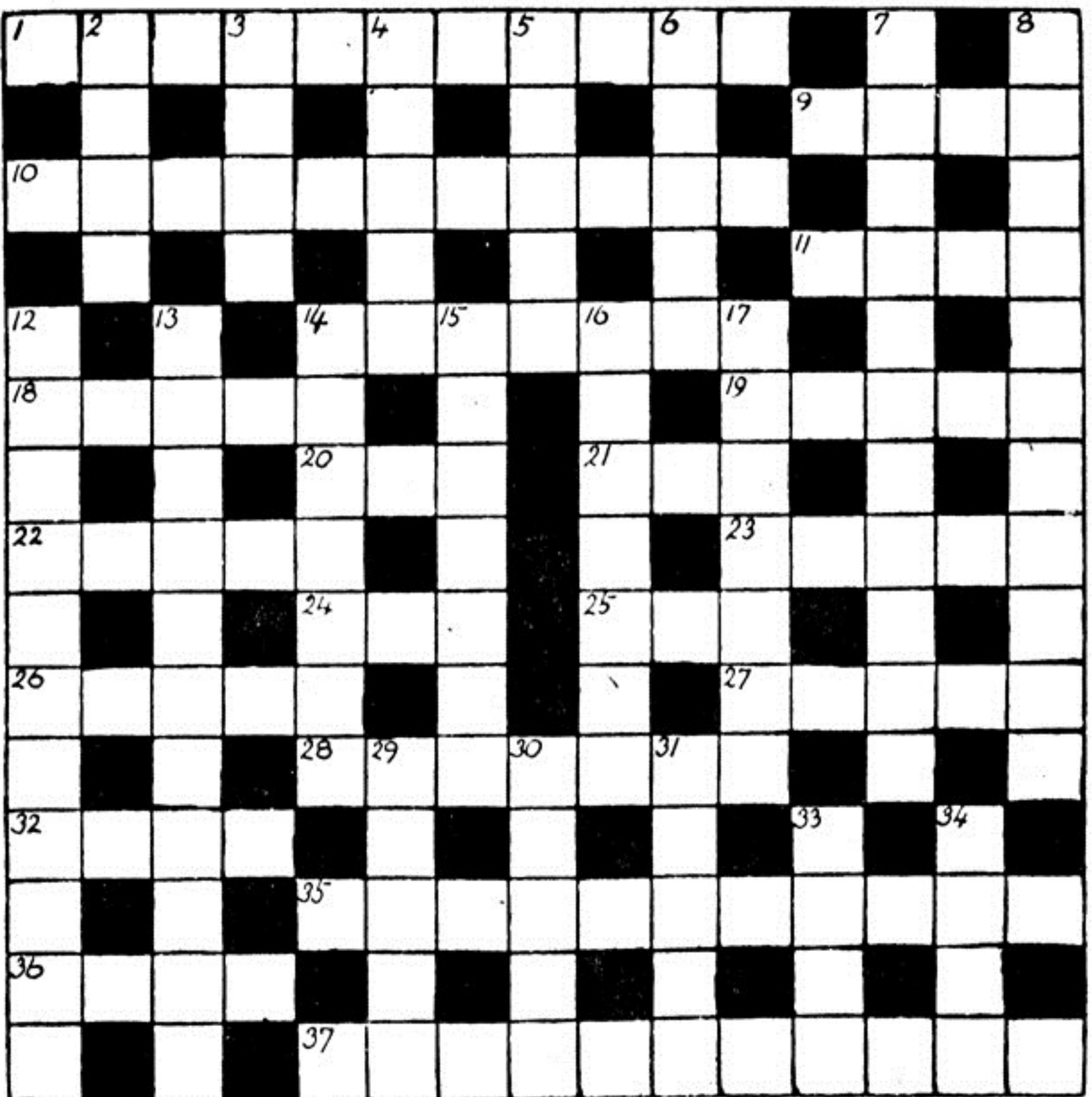
- 5 A vehicle is in a trap
- 8 The outcome of using nicer diets is hardly wise
- 9 A sluggish race at Oxford?
- 10 "Zeal in a rut" (anag.)
- 11 May be the result of divers operations
- 12 Town popular with tradesmen?
- 17 Just a few lines
- 18 This is often executed for fault of its own
- 20 May come from a reptile, but this is more than his
- 22 He can usually please you in

- 23 The fastest traveller we know
- 24 This meal is usually taken early in the day
- 26 This music might provide part of a concert but should make the rest choral
- 30 This coin is robust at heart
- 31 Showing sorry indications
- 32 Slander
- 33 This is probably above the heads of any of our ancestors
- 34 A worse disorder than the end of it

DOWN

- 1 Without reason
- 2 Variation of time in the dance room
- 3 Capers may lead to a discreditable episode
- 4 It's by no means uncertain if one can catch Scotland Yard in the act
- 5 It is necessary to do this at the trial
- 6 A case of breaking in but not of disciplining
- 7 She is apparently a giddy creature, someone has turned her head!
- 13 An unimportant offshoot
- 14 Having no following, obvious-

- 15 Part of your car
- 16 Welsh town
- 18 Many a church bazaar opens and offers this and ends
- 19 A stimulating lob from America
- 21 If you want some money, why not raise your voice around one of the higher places
- 25 His is the turn of turns
- 26 Fruit
- 27 Change 19 down do
- 28 There's more than ordinary pleasure in
- 29 French town



ACROSS

- 1 Motion of the sea that suggests a boat landing satisfactorily on the shore
- 9 Formerly
- 10 Late in to inn (a silly anagram, but it is done on purpose)
- 11 A European
- 14 Supervisors, to make a party for some bridge it sounds
- 16 Musical direction
- 19 Build up
- 20 Freed
- 21 A colloquial success
- 22 Summon
- 23 The right lines for railways to be run on

- 24 Past
- 25 Fish
- 26 One of the great rivers of the world
- 27 Feminine name
- 28 The girl who shows a tendency towards the left in politics
- 32 This in the advertisement of a travel agency does not necessarily suggest
- 35 "Locate grime" (anag.)
- 36 A formal expression of will
- 37 Apparently suggests deduction but is really senseless

DOWN

- 2 This work of Wagner's was four
- 3 Not new
- 4 This is just the same as the last
- 5 Some need to follow this to make them healthy
- 6 This comes into a simple average
- 7 One cannot be robbed of what is this
- 8 The sort of farewell that is popular in the Services
- 12 The choice (that might appeal to a missionary?)

- 13 Disagreement
- 14 Part of the body to get ready for fighting
- 15 Bird that shows the votes cast for the Socialist
- 16 Sporting fish of Asia
- 17 Stung to rashness?
- 29 Men would not expect to find her among their enemies
- 30 A spirit
- 31 Consumed
- 33 Desire that is left by the late
- 34 Trees for the conqueror?

The solutions will be published next week

SOLUTION OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES



Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 9, 1877

The Cutty Sark took 1,341,121 lb. of tea and the Stad Amsterdam 2,311,496 lb. The Hankow sailed from Woosung on Saturday evening, having left Hankow on Thursday. She has a cargo of 5,060 tons of tea, the largest, we believe, on record. There is now only one ocean vessel at Hankow, the Cairnsmuir.

Mr. D. M. Henderson notifies that a fixed white light is now regularly exhibited from a Sixth-Order Dioptric Lens Lantern, hoisted on a mast 120 feet in from the river's bank, and about 500 yards above Mud Port Point, situated on the north bank of the river and a little to the eastward of the river and a little to the eastward of the eastern end of the Nanking Cut-off or Strawshoe Channel. The centre of the Light is 66 feet above the present level of the river; in clear weather the light should be visible seven nautical miles.

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 10, 1877.

The "Cosmopolitan Press" thinks it is all important that the Government should foster and not restrict the tea interest. It is an industry which affords employment to a large number and this fact alone should be a stimulation to development and not to limitation. The principle of taxation which now exists in Japan is one which not only the soundest political economists have successfully controverted, but which is actually proving detrimental to the nation's Exchequer. The "Press" is not aware of any other country inflicting an equal Customs taxation on its exports. Foreigners justly complain of having to pay the same duty on inferior and superior quality, and it would be to the advantage of the country if the Government followed the principle of European nations and assessed *ad valorem*. A report is current which requires confirmation, that the ironclad corvette Riojukan was sunk at Kagoshima by accident, from some of her valves having been left open. The same paper says notwithstanding that many orders given by foreigners for the import of rifles and their accompaniments, it has reasons for asserting that peace will soon be restored. To speculators in the rifle line it says, beware, or they will get their fingers burnt.

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 11, 1877.

It is understood that the negotiations for a loan which the Chinese have been so long carrying on, have culminated in a loan of Tls. 5,000,000 from the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, at 10 per cent. interest. This, we believe, is at last definitely settled, and covers the loan of two-and-a-half millions previously spoken of. That is to say, Tls. 5,000,000 and not Tls. 7,500,000 is the total amount they have borrowed.

Mr. Hennessy has decreed that, as a general rule all appointments at his disposal in the Civil Service of Hongkong shall be given by a system of competitive examinations similar to that which is established for the Civil Service in the United Kingdom. Any young man in the Colony, if of good character and possessing the requisite knowledge and ability to discharge the duties of the post to which he aspires, can compete for such appointment. This says the "Daily Press," is a step which will be generally approved. The system of competitive examination has worked well at home and has even recommendation in its favour. The best and most deserving men obtain the Colony secures the most competent officials, and justice is done to all parties. The first examination of the kind in Hongkong was to take place last Thursday, for a clerkship in the Registrar-General's office. The Right Rev. Bishop Burdon, the Registrar-General, and Mr. Achov were to form the Board of Examiners on this occasion.

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 12, 1877.

The latest news from Szechuen is that Mr. Gill had gone for a trip to Chengtu, where he purposed staying for a month, the view of making some excursions in the neighbourhood. He took the celebrated Fire Wells and Brins Pits of Tselutzing on his way, which made the journey a little longer, but the result quite repaid him. He met with no incivility on the way, though at one or two places he was slightly crowded by people anxious to look at his dog, which seemed to be thought infinitely more wonderful than himself. The examinations were going on (May 16) in Chengtu, which was rather a nuisance as they bring together uncertain temper and behaviour, as students are in other countries, but no annoyance had been offered so far; and Chengtu is otherwise declared to be the pleasantest Chinese town yet visited. The missionaries had news from Tatsienlu that an English expedition had left India for Lhasa and Szechuen. But as we have heard nothing of the kind here, we fancy the story must have arisen in the Chinese mind out of a knowledge of the clause authorizing such expedition, which finds place in the Chefoo Convention.

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 13, 1877.

From Tientsin:—There is nothing of any special interest to relate. The weather, since the two hot days of last week, has been fine, and the almost universal report is of promising crops. The wheat is almost ripe, and with a good wind the famine may be said to be ended in this region. From the more western provinces, we hear that little or no rain has fallen, and there is little hope of a crop of anything. I do not know how reliable this report is, however. The more one knows of this country and its people the more does a mingled feeling of disgust and pity fill the heart. A patient, capable people and a rich and fruitful country in everything that pertains to resources for sustaining a large population and developing great power, China stands at zero almost, in the world's scale. It's very sad and makes one very heart-

A COUNTRY DIARY

June 7.—"It's funny what you see when you haven't got a gun"; and the reverse of this is true; it's funny what you don't see if you take a lady for a walk to show her certain birds! E. G.: on Sunday morning I walked a lady out through the "near vice-country" to try to show her (a) the vast number of Kingfishers in those parts (b) a close-up of Hawfinches (c) both sight and sound of Bush Warblers (d) ... ditto ... of the little Fan-tailed Warbler, he of the jerky flight and the tinkling call. So we walked, and walked, and walked ... eight miles in the steaming heat ... and if the lady was thinking just what I guessed she was thinking, her thoughts were certainly not fit for print. There were no Kingfishers; we heard a few distant Bush Warblers, but could not see them; we got glimpses of flying Hawfinches, but no close-up, and there was not a Fan-tailed Warbler anywhere in the country. So we drove home discussing canaries, because you always know where you have got them. This morning (hot and muggy) I got up early and went out alone! The first bird I met was a Bush Warbler singing his soul out in a Willow tree three yards away; I watched his swelling throat and listened to his little song so reminiscent, at close range, to the early efforts of a Nightingale. A fan-tailed Warbler leapt out of the corn, gave me a delightful display of aerial acrobatics, gave his various calls in correct order, and finished up sitting on the stem of a Hemlock so that I could examine him closely. A family of Kingfishers played beneath my eyes and Hawfinches came out and squatted among the stubble, doing a little gleaning on their own. So I went back home and telephoned the lady, telling her all I had seen ... and she believed me!

Moral: a reputation for veracity is more precious than pearls.

June 10.—Anyone who has an ear for bird-noises must have continually heard a series of curious whining sounds during the past few weeks; these sounds are not to be mistaken for the cat-like calls of the Orioles; they are sounds much more like the human young when they are either tired or hungry, or merely bad-tempered; they are, in fact, the cries of young Red-backed Shrikes demanding food from their much over-worked parents. Young Shrikes are the hungriest and worst-tempered birds I know ... always excepting the young Cuckoo which is incomparable to anything else for greed and crabbedness: these young Shrikes start howling for food at dawn and keep it up at intervals all through the day; their poor fathers and mothers are at their wits end to make the supply equal the demand and my garden Shrike, a well-behaved and fairly quiet bird during

all the rest of the year becomes a raging terror while the young are about: he flies round the garden pouncing on young Sparrows which he hangs in the crotch of a peach tree and tears up to distribute among his howling family. The funny thing about this is that the Sparrows as a whole do not seem to mind this process: as soon as one of them has been chosen for the slaughter, the rest go on feeding quite happily and never think of attacking the butcher. This morning I watched a most interesting example of how Shrikes teach their young: the greatest "howler" of all the young sat on the fence shrieking for food: mother Shrike came up with a big fat grub, but instead of giving it to the baby on the fence, flew up into a tree and called it: three times the baby tried to land in the tree and fell ... and not until it made a safe landing did it get its breakfast. "Mother knows best" is obviously the slogan in the Shrike world.

June 12.—My old friend Maggie has deceived me again—just as she always does: having called her two new babies Crosse and Blackwell, I now find there is a third ... a smaller delicate one which she kept hidden in the earlier days, and which must, of course, be called "Pickles" because there is no other name left. The three of them come to visit me in the early mornings while Father and Mother from the tree-tops keep up a chorus of disapproval. Milk-soaked bread is placed on the steps of the terrace, and while Sparrows and Bulbuls are flocking round to eat it, down come Crosse and Blackwell (and Pickles) to join in the feast ... or really to take charge of it. Nobody must think that I have ever tried to tame these birds or that they have the slightest use for me: I am Public Enemy No. 1 to all of them ... and that is the way I like to have them: I am known as a purveyor of free food, just that and nothing more; my theory is that if you take away the wild habits of any animal you have spoilt its chief beauty and charm. These young birds are "leggy" creatures, something like barnyard cockerels, all legs and no chest: they hop and run, and do the "Trotty Veck amble" in the most amusing manner; and while all this is going on Maggie keeps a maternal eye on the proceedings while Father grumbles on with a series of throaty "Zaaks" but the maternal eye has not been idle ... she swoops down and gathers a bill-full of good food ... Crosse and Blackwell have done too well ... little Pickles comes trotting up and is stuffed full of bread to make things equal, while C. & B. flutter their wings and scream their disapproval. Mother merely gives them the glassy eye and flops majestically back into her tree. Women are like that.

sick to think of it. So much for moralizing. I suppose the application is, let us each in his way do all he can to help on to a better day.

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 14, 1877.

From Hongkong:—The "Mail" says that the first marriage of a Chinese under the civil law in Hongkong took place on the 7th instant, and caused quite a commotion. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Chun Tai-kwong, translator and clerk in the Supreme Court. The bride and the bridegroom appeared before the Marriage Registrar in their nuptial costumes, that of the former being a suit of Mandarin dress, while that of the latter consisted of the usual red robe, and the headdress resembling a crown with strings of beads hanging down over the face. After the ceremony had been gone through, the lady contrary to the usual illiterateness of Chinese females signed her name in good legible Chinese characters.

Mr. Tong King-sing, chief manager of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., is now in Amoy, look after the interests of the Company. He proposes at once to place a line of steamships between Hongkong and Foochow, and will shortly visit Formosa with the view of starting a line of vessels between Amoy and Formosan ports.

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF JUNE 15, 1877.

The weight of feminine attire in our days is attracting the criticisms of interior observers, who declare that the strongest market-porters would break down under the weight of a fashionable toilet, with all its *et ceteras*, to say nothing of its immense inconvenience. What women endure for "fashion" is certainly wonderful, and goes far to justify the declaration of many husbands and brothers, to wit, that "the weaker sex," so called, is very much stronger than the weak creatures who pretend to be the strongest. It is certain that the leading capillary artists were obliged to begin their work, for the great Parisian ball, at nine in the morning so that many of their patients had to "hold their heads" with care for fourteen hours on the stretch, with all the weight of flowers, jewels, and hairpins, without being able to "rest their necks" (or backs) for a single

moment; and it is asked by wondering members of the sex that wears short hair, what man could have come out fresh and bright, ready to dance and to promenade in the heat and excitement of the ballroom for another four or five hours, after going through such an ordeal?

Mr. Lawrence M. Chen is the author of a new pamphlet issued by the Council of International Affairs, his latest effort coming out under the title of "Aviation in China." Mr. Chen presents some interesting details of the development of aviation in this country, which did not actually start until 1912 when two biplanes were purchased from Austria by the southern revolutionaries who had intended to attack Peking from the air. Fortunately for the former capital and the treasures it contained, these did not arrive until the end of the following year. Since then, aviation has made considerable headway until, at the present time the Chinese air force is considered a strong factor in China's defence forces. Apart from the military side, the author deals at length with commercial aviation.

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