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ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S COLOR PROBLEMS

*With wide-flung arm perplexed he stands,
Black, Red, Brown, Yellow, on his weary hands;
Redskins he smeared out, Blacks he ate,
Dragon and Rising Sun, excluded, wait.*

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"Death is the Reckoning of Heaven"
—*Chinese Proverb*

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THE CELESTIAL FEMALE

CHAPTER I

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WHEN Ta-yu's kind friend, the reverend Mr. Kitcat, foreign missionary, chanced to mention the great country from which he, the black-coated one, had so recently embarked for China—



and, in particular, that lanky and benignant individual, Uncle Sam, ruler of its destinies, Ta-yu was all attention.

On speaking further of Uncle Sam, as blending all nationalities into one harmonious and vastly improved whole, Ta-yu grasped his friend's meaning at once; for Ta-yu knew something of blends, whereby color, strength and flavor are greatly benefited. As much may not be said for the missionary's well-meant and repeated efforts at Ta-yu's conversion. For a sufficient small sum Ta-yu would, after the fashion of his kind, have professed all expected reformation and belief; but to make this really part and parcel of